

Henry
Smith's
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Smith of
the County of Northampton and State of Virginia being
of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form
following, In Premis I lend to my wife Betsey D Smith
the land and plantation on which I now reside with
all my lands adjoining the same, and also the planta-
tion I purchased of Britton Browne for and during the term
of her natural life in lieu of her dower in the whole of my
lands both in the state of Virginia and North Carolina
also I lend her three Negroes Wm. Ex. Abel, Jimmy & two da-
ughters for and during the term of her natural life
Then I give to my son Abraham Smith the following lands
to wit the low ground plantation on which I formerly
lived: the land and plantation I purchased of Edmund
Turner lying a part in Virginia and a part in North
Carolina: the land and plantation I purchased of Archd
Chatham and Obusha wife known by the name of
Diloches plantation & my girl Abell living in the County
of Northampton & State of North Carolina and all my lands
adjoining the same to him and his forever also of our
Negroes, namely Ben, Phill, Miles & Cuff
Then I give to my daughter Polly D Smith my land and
plantation on Potoway River which I purchased of John
Mason to her her heirs & assigns forever also two Negroes
namely Great Moses & Harry
Then I will & desire is that my Negroes, Manuel, Charles
and Lucy live with either of my said children that they
may choose, and be under the Control and manage-
ment of them they choose to live with, and in case
they should become chargeable to be supported of my estate
Then my Will and desire is, that so soon after my decease
as may be to the interest of my estate that the whole of my
Negroes not heretofore disposed of be divided in three equal parts
so as not to separate any child under ten years of age