

Will of Edmund Smithwick
Martin County

In the name of God Amen. The Eleventh of May 1774.

I, Edmund Smithwick, Sr. of the county of _____ and province of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thans be given to God Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die domake and ordain

this my last will and testament. That is to say principally and foremost I

give and reccommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that give it, and my Body I reccommend to the Earth to be Buried in a decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at

the General Ressurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power

of God. And taking what worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased Godto bless

me in this life I give and dismiss and dispose of the same in the following

manner and Form

Imprimus I give and Bequeath to my son Edmundson Edward Smithwick three acres of land, to be laid of _____ out of the land I bought of James Smithwick Gardner lying on Gardner's Creek to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Smithwick three acres of land on

the creek aforesaid to be laid out to him out of the land that I bought as

abovesaid to him and his heirs forever provided that none of the land abovesaid interferes with the House or the cleared Land.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Beloved Son Edmundson Smithwick the rest and Reside of the said tract I bought of Smithwick Gardner, to him and his

heris forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Edmundson

Smithwick a certain tract or parcel of land in the Island, he brother Edward's land containing by Estimation six and forty acres more or less beginning at the old Polar Bridge and running up the middle of a branch on

the South side of the Plantation called the Poffin Field running up the meanders of that branch to a corner white oak formally William Robeson and

William Stancins Dividing line thence southerly throught the pocoson a straight course to the mouth of the deep Bottom to Gardner corner.

Thence

up the Swamp along the Line of Chapp Land to the upper corner at Teems line

thence northwardly across the pocosn with Jacob Teems lines to the middle

of Robeson Swamp thence down the said Swamps various courses to Edward Smithwick corner a Maple thence by hi! s line southwardlyl across the nect

to the Poplar Bridge the first K_____ to him the said Samuel Smithwick and

his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Edmundson Smithwick the N_____ Plantaion whereon I now dwell the land herin ordered beginning at Gardner's Creek at Edward Smithwick corner thence up the various courses of his line to the old Poplar Bridge Samuel Smithwick corner thence with his line to the mouth of the Deep Bottom thence up the Branch and the courses that branch will give to Mizell line and down Mizell line to Gardner's line and down Gardner's line to his corner to the great swamp and down the Great Swamp to the Creek and down the Creek to the first station containing fifteen hundred acres of land more or less as his and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son Edmundson Smithwick all that tract of land I bought of John Hoildy Hudson to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my daughter Hannah Jordan a tract of land on the west side of Smithwick Creek bounded by the land of Timothy Lilly, Hardy Hollins and John Bowers by Estimation three hundred acres more or less to her heirs forever.

Item I give to my granddaughter Sarah Carkeet a tract of land in _____ County called Pine Log Cowpens containing one hundred twenty acres more or less to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Edmundson Smithwick a small tract of land on the South side of the Devil's Gut known by the name of the Fury Island to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my granddaughters Lyddia and Clony Carkeet all that tract of land in Beaufort County called the Pungoe Cowpens containing one hundred acres more or less to them and their heirs forever. Item I give to my four sons all that tract of land in the Great Island on the north side of Devil's Gut to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Edmundson Smithwick a small tract of land on the west side of Devil's Gut containg fifty acres more or less to hima nd his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my grandson Edward Blount all that tract of land below the Scuppernong River that did formerly belong to James Turnball deceased which I bought_____.

Item I give to my son Edmundson Smithwick a tract of land I Bought of James Gorton. Item. I Lend to my daughter Mary Carkeet three acres of _____with the warehouse on Gardner's creek during her continuance on the said land. Item I lend to my daughter Mary Carkeet one Small Bay Horse,

one Feather Bed and Chest three charis and one table for the time aforesaid. Item I leave my daughter Mary Carkeet ten Shillings Sterling money of Great Britain to be paid to her out of my Estate. Item I give to my son Edmundson Smithwick all my House Garden adn working tools together with all the other thngs on the plantation that is not already given in this my will.

Item I give my son Edmundson Smithwick a Tract of land on the Eagle Swamp containgn one hundred acres more or less to hima nd his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Edmundson Smithwick all my stock of horse that is not already given except one mare valuable to ten pounds prov money to him the said Edmundson and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved daughter Africa Blount one ridng mare worth ten pounds prov money. Item Whereas I have a deed for the land wheron Issac Gardner now lives as surety for th sum of forty-two pounds with interest my will is that he may have one year to payt he debt or onhis failure the land to be sold for the most that can be had to pay the Debt and the overflow of the money be returned to him the said Issac Gardner. Item I give to my son Edmundson John Smithwick a Tractk of land knwon by the name of the Pine Log Cowpens containing one hundred twenty acres to him and his heris forever.

Item I give to my daughter Mary Carkeet one cow and calf as abovesaid.

Item I give to my son Edmundson Smithwic all my stock of cattle, Hoggs, and Sheep that is not already mentioned inthis will. Item my will is that all my outstanding debts that is justly due be collected to pay debts Justly due from me since the ____ of certain deeds of Gifts made to my four sons and the remainder of the outstanding debts be equally divided between mh four sons. Item I ratify and confirm certan conveyances of certain negroes made by my four sons Edwar, John, Samual and Edmundson Smithwick they complying with the conditions of such conveyances.

Item I will that all the Residue of my estate as well real and personal be Equally divided between my four sons above named that is not mentioned in this my last will and Testament and I do appoint my four sons viz. Edmundson Edward, Edmundson John, Edmundson Samuel, Edmundson, Executors of this my last will and testament utterly revoking and making null and void all other and former wills by my heretofore made, willed, or bequeather.

Ratifying this to be my last will and testament as witness whereof I the said Edmund Smithwick, Senior have hereunto pronounced, published, and disclosed by the said Edmund Smithwick as his last will and testament in the presense of

Issac Gardner
Jesse Dugan
Mary Carkeet

Edmund Smithwick