

If the said amount of my Estate will not be sufficient to pay in full all such expenses after the other parts are employed with I hereby direct that there may be an equal deduction agreeable to the intention. - }

I hereby empower my Executor to sell and convey titles of Estate as he may judge proper and necessary. I hereby appoint my father Robert Kelsa of County of Prince Edward my Executor and desire that he will not be required to give security for his Executorship. In testimony whereof I have written with my hand and seal the twentieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Teste Mary H. Henry (sister) Samuel H. Henry (brother)

Conno Judge

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Alleghany County Court October Term 1828. The last will and Testament of Mary H. Henry deceased was proved by the oath of David Hunt Samuel H. Henry and Conno Judge, and the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste Oliver Callaghan C. J. C.

John Dawson By the permission of a Knight's Exor. Amos. I John Dawson of the County of Alleghany and State of Virginia; do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. First I desire that my Executor herein after so mentioned shall as soon as practicable after my death have all my personal property and slaves appraised in the usual manner - my personal property may or may not be sold as my Executor may think best

And yet be not sold I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly one third of all my personal property to be divided by the appraisement; and if sold she is to have one third of the proceeds of such sale; and that she shall have one third of my other personal Effects after the payment of my Just debts which are

Second I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth (wife of Thomas Smith one bar and half which are now in her possession to be held in Trust by my Executor for the Benefit of said Elizabeth and her Children and not be in any wise subject to the payment of her said Husband's debts; and she is to have no other part of my personal property or effects of any kind or slaves. Third I desire and intend that my said Daughter Elizabeth Smith shall have the third of land on which she is including

in fact for younger Thomas, next to the dividing Ridge between Doers run and Snake Run in said County of Alleghany containing one hundred and twenty Acres, for and during her natural life, to be held and enjoyed in the following manner to wit. It is my desire and wish that my said Daughter Elizabeth Smith and her said Husband Thomas Smith shall go upon the before mentioned piece of land as soon may suit them after my death and improve and live upon it during her natural life, and at her death to be taken and went out to the best Advantage by my Executor or his Representatives, unless my said Daughter Elizabeth's Children come of lawful Age, and the way during such time to be laid out by my Executor or his Representatives, towards educating her Children and then to be by him or them equally divided between said Elizabeth's Children; or also to be sold to the best Advantage by my Executor or his Representatives, and the proceeds of the sale to be equally divided between said Elizabeth's Children.

But in the event the said Elizabeth Smith and her
said Husband Thomas Smith shall refuse or neglect to go
upon the said land in the foregoing manner within
the expiration of three years from and after my
Death then my Executor or his Representatives to
lease and use the said land to the best Advantage
of my said Daughter Elizabeth. Children. Come
of lawful age, at which time the said land is
to be divided or sold as aforesaid and the profits
during the intermediate time to be expended as
aforesaid; but in no case whatever shall the said
Elizabeth Smith and her said Husband Thomas
Smith or either of them or any person for them
or either of them have any power or authority
whenever in any way or manner whatever to sell
or dispose of said before mentioned piece of land
in the slightest degree possible and to have no
other control of the same as if they had never gone
upon it, as this precaution is to prevent an improper use
or waste of the said land; and in the event the
said Elizabeth Smith and Thomas Smith should
remove from the said land after having gone upon
it, my Executor or his Representatives to have the same
control of the said land as if they had never gone
upon the said land; and the before mentioned use
or manner of occupation of said land not be
further extended than will be for the immediate
Benefit of my said Daughter Elizabeth and her family
in a prudent manner. — but notwithstanding if
my said Daughter Elizabeth should not live her
said Husband Thomas Smith, then in that case I
desire, I desire that she shall have the said
before mentioned land her and her heirs forever
to dispose of as she may think proper.

Smith I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Polly one third part of the Plantation on which

I now reside for and during her natural life; and
at her Death to descend to my sons Joseph John William
Christopher and Andrew and their heirs forever. I
also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly
one third part in value of all my slaves for and
during her natural life and at her Death to be
divided equally between my said
sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew
and their respective heirs forever together with the
further increase of the female part of said slaves;
and in the event the part of the slaves which my
said wife may get for her part can not be suitably
divided in kind at or after the Death of my beloved
wife Polly my Executor or his Representatives may after
having the said slaves with their increase appraised
sell them on a reasonable credit and the proceeds
of such sale to be divided equally between my said
sons Joseph John William Christopher
and Andrew.

I give and bequeath unto my said son Joseph John William
Christopher and Andrew and their respective heirs forever
all my slaves both male and female Peter Coy Charles
John & John; and Eliza Semina Maria Eliza Nancy
and Mary Anne with their further increase; to be
except as to the part which my beloved wife
Polly may get by virtue of the fourth section of this
my last will and Testament; which is therein provided
for, divided equally between my said son Joseph John
William Christopher and Andrew by the Appraisalment;
and in the event the division can not be suitably
equally made, it is to be made equal in the division
of my personal Effects.

Sixthly I give and bequeath unto my said son
Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew and
their respective heirs forever all my personal
property money Bonds & Accounts and all personal

Filed
in the
office of the
Recorder of
Deeds
for the
County of
Allegany
this 29th
day of
June 1828.
John C. Cameron, Clerk

Effects of every kind whatever except the Disposition made in the second Section of this my last will and Testament to my Daughter Elizabeth of one Cow and Calf - Also one and seven which is the property not before mentioned, which I desire shall be held in like manner with the Cow and Calf for the same purpose, said personal property money notes &c. and personal Effects subject to the foregoing provisions of this first and second Sections of this will to be equally divided between my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew -

Sixth I give and bequeath to my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew and their respective heirs forever, the Plantation or lands on which I now reside on Gunpowder Creek joining the land of the heirs of James Brown deceased James Brown and the heirs of John Pitt deceased to be equally divided between them and to be subject to my beloved wife Sally's legacy of one acre during her natural life then at her death to vest entirely in my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew, and their respective heirs forever -

Also I give and bequeath to my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew, and their heirs forever, all my other lands lying on Snake River joining John Stones land and the part devised for the benefit of my Daughter Elizabeth in said County of Alleghany to be equally divided between them my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew -

Eighth I desire and require that my Executor shall as soon after my death as may be convenient and advantageous to sell my House and Lot in the Town of Covington upon a credit of one or two years, and take Bonds with good security for the payment and the proceeds of such sale when collected to be equally divided

Between my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew -

Ninth I desire that whatever where it may be virtue of this my last will and Testament, necessary to sell any part of my real estate or regains I hereby fully authorize and empower my Executor to make deeds and conveyances for the same -

Tenth I desire that my Executor sell my Tobacco in that way he thinks best whether public or private -

Eleventh It is my will and desire that should I depart this life before the crop which may be on the place shall be finished that my slaves remain on the place to finish and complete the crop, and then my beloved wife to have one third of every kind of produce raised on the place, and the other two thirds to be equally divided between my said sons Joseph John William Christopher and Andrew -

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son Joseph Samuel Executor of this my last will and Testament -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3 Day of June 1828 -

Signed sealed published and declared by John Samson (deceased) as and for his last will and Testament in the presence

and hearing of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed

our names as witnesses
Isaac Steele
Geo. S. Payne
Elisha Knox Jr

Alleghany County Court October Term 1828 -

The last will and Testament of John Samson deceased was proved by the oath of Isaac Steele

And George H. Payne one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded - And on the motion of Joseph Danner the Recorder named in said order was made oath thereto as the law directs and together with Oliver Callaghan Joseph D. Mayner George H. Payne Isaac Miller and J. P. Danner were sworn into and acknowledged their Bonds in the penalty of \$2000, Conditioned as the law directs a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat in due form -

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Oliver Callaghan Clerk

September 21st 1837 Inventory of the Estate of
Inventory of the William Humphries Dec^d Appraised by the undersigned
attested for me

Wills and Inventories Bk No.	Ex ^{am}	Y ^r
One Bed and Bedstead	16	"
Two Beds and one Bedstead	6	"
One Bed and Head	10	"
One Bureau	"	50
Two 3 puler Basins and one Dish and Table	"	75
One pair of iron bars	2	"
One pair of shutters	20	"
One Gun and Shot Bags	7	50
Three Spinning Wheels	"	50
Four Books	1	75
Three Augers	"	75
Three Drawing Nives	1	62 1/2
Two iron and sundary old Irons	1	37 1/2
One Saw and Ball	"	75
One Box of Shumaker Tools	1	"
One Sinker	1	"
Two Chisels	1	50
Three ploughs and blades		

Three Axes	\$ 2 50
Two Axes	1 25
One Bag and Sack	3 11
One Miller and Ball	4 "
Two Axes	" 75
Two Axes and Sacks	2 "
One pot and Hacks	1 34
13 1/2 of Meal	4 50
One Miller and one Tobacco Hogshead	5 25
Two tubs and salt and one pair of Gang	1 62 1/2
Two Colours and one pair of Hames	1 00
Three buckets and one pigger	" 87 1/2
Two Hogs and one Grindstone	" 87 1/2
Three Bee Hives	2 "
One Sundary old Iron	" 25

One Milk Pail	8 "
One S ^o	8 50
Two yearling Calves	4 "
One Axle	4 "
One iron Cow	8 50
One field of corn	13 50
One pump	10 "
One field of Tobacco	4 "
One Stone House	60 "
One ellaw	5 "
One bath	11 "
One Gray Mare	30 "
Two Scales and one Cutting Box	2 "
Three Sals	1 25
So one Lapp of a Rye Stack	5 62 1/2
Seven Shotes	3 50
One lot of Tobacco	1 50
Nine plank 13 feet long and 8 inches Broad	1 25