

Copy of the Will of Richard H. Smith

In the Name of God Amen, I Richard H. Smith of Eastern Town
County being possessed of all my mental faculties but of feeble
body do make and publish this my last Will and Testament
by Revoking all others.

First. I desire that all my just debts be paid in the
most judicious way that my executors can adopt.
Secondly. I bequeath and devise to my Son John Lewis eleven the sum
fifty, Hundred or that amount of Slaves property. And I
bequeath and devise to my youngest daughter Margaret Farley
the sum of twenty five, Hundred dollars or that amount in prop-
erty, exclusively in each case, of Lewis and Margaret.
They of equal shares with my other children in the rest and residue
of all my estate of every kind. Who being young without education
which the rest of my children have had the opportunity of ac-
quiring is the reason & motive of making the difference.

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... favors.

...ally. I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Margaret
... before, mentioned as an additional, giving the negro girl, Polly
... daughter of Caroline (a former woman)
... fully. I give bequeath and devise all the rest and residue

of my estate, both real and personal, land stocks of all kind
... horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, negroes, household, and other
... nature, to be equally divided among all my children to wit:
... William C. Richard H. Mary Elizabeth Ann L. Lewis
... and Margaret Louisa.

... fully. There is attached to my estate whereon I reside known
... called Eastern View on the Western side of the yard seven or
... eight acres or more of the land of the above-mentioned being the
... estate which was inherited by my late wife from her
... father the late William Cunningham and which
... was inherited at my death by my children

from the deceased, mother, the said seven eight or more
acres, included in the enclosure of the yard of my residence
Custom, View, and is separate from Bloomsbury Street
by the public road as it now runs. And the same my barns
Stables, and many other houses are situated. Now it is my
wish and determination that the same to wit the 7 or more
acres spoken of and above described should continue as they are to
remain as they are to my estate called Custom View, therefore
I should any one of my children, or more than one raise
any objection to the arrangement, and seek in any way to
separate the said, seven, eight, or more acres from the Custom
View estate, as they would otherwise have a right to do that it is my
will, and express command, that such child or children seeking and
endeavouring to sever this, shall forfeit & pay to the rest of children
out of the property, I have herein devised to them three times the
value of the said home, of eight or more acres.

Lastly, I herein appoint my son William C. Smith the Executor

of this my last Will and Testament: Witness my signature this
the 31st day of December in the year 1853.

Rich^d G. Smith.

In presence of
J. H. Earnest
P. H. Clapton
C. M. Johnson.

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Hancock County
at the Court house on Sunday the 28th of February 1854
This last Will and Testament of Richard G. Smith died
was proved by the oaths of J. H. Earnest and P. Clapton Witnesses
thereof and is ordered to be Recorded.

Teste Wm. D. Winston C. J. C.

Richard G. Smith

J. H. Earnest

P. H. Clapton

C. M. Johnson