

in the name of God, I, John C. ... and ... of Virginia being of sound mind and mature
memory, remembering the uncertainty of life, having acquired
by industry and frugality property, do make, constitute
and ordain this my last will and testament, for the
distribution, hereby revoking and annulling all wills, testaments
by me made.

Item 1st. After the payment of my funeral expenses, and all
just debts due by me, the remainder of my property both
real and personal I lend to my beloved wife, Melinda Kendal,
during her natural life, for her use and support, saving
and excepting any right or authority for her to sell or dispose
of any one of the negroes I may leave at my death or their
future increase, and it is my wish and desire that they
remain in the county of Culpeper, and not to be removed from
the same, during the life time of my wife.

Item 2nd. After the death of my wife, I will and desire
all my Negroes, to wit, Folia, Ruthy, Martha & their present
and future increase, to be free, and desire that they may be
so free pursuant to the laws of Virginia, in such cases made
and provided.

Item 3rd. I will and bequeath after the death of my beloved
wife, Melinda Kendal, all the property that may remain
at her death both real and personal to the aforementioned
Negroes, and their future increase, which I have devised
to be emancipated by the second item of this my last will
and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of June, 1833, at Culpeper, Va.
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Negroes living and emancipated.

Item 4th It is my will and desire that the Negroes thus set free and emancipated, should all move and settle themselves together in Liberia in Africa, with the colony formed under the management of the American Colonizing Society, the money arising from the sale of property before bequeathed to them, I wish may, if necessary be applied towards that object, and my Executor hereafter named, I authorize and request to have carried into effect as far as may be practicable this my request and desire.

Item 5th I authorize my Executor in the selection of property to pay my debts, to use such; as in his judgment may be best spared by my wife and Negroes, and do not wish him to sell any of the Negroes for that purpose, unless it should be necessary, to procure a sufficiency of land and stock to support her and the remainder of the Negroes.

Item 6th I appoint my esteemed friend Mr. Walden of the County of Hampshire Executor to this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of January 1838

legue sealed & delivered in the presence of, and published and signed as the last will and testament of Francis Mendenhall

Francis Mendenhall
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Rappahannock County Court

of March 1833

The last will and testament of J. W. Smith deceased, was this day produced to the court by the oath of Eph. Sumner and John Savage the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And at a court held for said County on Monday the 11th day of May 1833 William Warden the executor named in the said will came into court and refused to take upon himself the burden of the execution thereof, and thereupon in the presence of George Jackson, who made oath, and together with Benjamin Littell and Henry Miller his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Five thousand Six hundred dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and power is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the said Decedent's Estate with his suit officers and counsel in due form. —

Teste Wm Warden cc

Account of Sales of the Estate of Jeremiah Smith deceased sold on 10th October 1833.

Cecily Jenkins (Dr)				
1 cutting hair 13¢	1 Rec. Steel 26¢	1 Hair Comb 10¢	11¢	3.50
1 Hair Needle 1.10	1.5¢	1 Cribbage 45¢	1 Shovel 1.5¢	1.75
1 Torking Clasp 55¢	1 set plates 75¢	1 Bottle 6¢		.59
1 Shives and Forks 1.50	1.5¢	1 Candle 1.00	20	1.50
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