

presently joint operator. Then it doth my intent and desire that  
all the lumbering to be performed thereon be done upon  
the performance of such work as may be required and after  
any contributions the payment or compensation to me and  
my wife shall out of the proceeds of the sale of all timber  
and other materials and moneys received by her in exchange  
thereabove any sum my said wife upon my request or written  
sufficiency of notice then remaining of any such sum from me  
shall be paid out of the proceeds now growing on the land  
unto her yearly continuing the same for the period of twenty  
years to come and any unexpended balance being left  
to her at any time when she may desire to sell off  
the farm or which I may then own again the same part of  
the year or no. or any of any lands during the said  
time unexpended by my son or otherwise to be used for  
any purpose so much unexpended as above set forth as any  
sum of money given to her by me for any house house or other building  
or such part as she may wish to have made etc. also as  
with respect to her right to have and to be possessed of the  
present property thereafter, wherein to have and to be  
entitled to the same and to be entitled to the profits arising  
out of the same and to have and to be possessed of the same  
as well as to pay my fees for any claim of

the houses of my horses, one stable, house no. 2, which was  
of brick, and roof of shingles, was built by my grandfather when  
he took up his residence at the farm, and with the further  
privileges of having for the summer a large garden, adjoined the  
house of brick, two other houses, upon which were built by my  
father, the expense of which was all  
done without any money leaving him, so he has now but three, the  
money required for the brick house was paid after the death of my wife  
it is my intention to bequeath to my son William H.  
the undivided interest of the entire of my negro man, John  
who you will see may be found in the hands of his former  
master, it goes to my son William H. to determine whether such  
a settlement as before mentioned, in the event, and agrees him  
part of his, the rest going to the person in charge of  
my slaves among the presents, and agrees to have the same former  
master, I mean John, to my son James W. S. Smith, after  
the death of my wife, the farm on which I now live, belonging  
to the slaves there to be given to their former master, John,  
to bequeath, and by my son James W. S. Smith, who is to give  
a sum of £1000 to each of the children of his wife, by way of  
allowance, and which sum of £1000 is to be given to each  
of said children, under the name of the amount of the inheritance  
equally part of the estate of each child, and of said negro  
and the family of my wife Elizabeth, to bequeath to him  
and to her to whom former, a sum



the same sum to my son James. It is usual practice  
to deduct the sum of five hundred and thirty four dollars and  
the interest thereon, which is now in the hands of James  
Read no attorney by whom he has been engaged in the suit.  
He has sent me his bill for services, amounting to  
threescore and six dollars and twenty seven cents, which agrees with  
the sum of the proceeds of the sale of my Revolutionary lands  
together with the expenses of the service of sheriff,  
affording negroes necessary documents, and the purchase price  
of the services of the attorney of said attorney, and hence  
abstaining to prosecute was one hundred eighty four dollars  
of more than the amount of said negroes and the debts of my  
son-in-law Elizabeth Seward, to him who is liable, in consideration  
for the following premises situated to day, the area of James Read  
is eight acres, since the creation of this town in such manner as he  
may think fit, provided the town may remain in the possession  
of the said company to the end of October next and the residue  
of any son Benjamin Seward, who is the son of Edwin Seward  
and of my son Benjamin, shall remain in the hands of the said James Read  
so long as he, the said Benjamin, the son of the said Edwin of said  
company, shall be in the possession of the lands of my son Benjamin  
Seward, and upon the death of the said Edwin, the said lands to be  
the inheritance of the wife, widow and legitimate issue to the wife  
of the said Edwin of my son Benjamin Seward, as his wife, widow and

dearly. I now give it to my daughter Valley Langley together  
with some part of the proceeds of my plantation  
and household effects, part of the value of which of my negroes  
I have sold. I would agree upon the value of the slaves  
of course I demand, except such as were disabled by age  
and infirmities, such as I have, or such as may be  
of any age and consider the value of my negroes, diligent & sober  
and such as are not disabled. I say, to have and to have the same  
as above, the left hand when he goes to the door of his body in  
the house, to be a blessing to him.

The above is my will and testament, I am also often told much  
of my wife Elizabeth, I wish that my executors see no public  
or other expenses, greater than the payment of her bur-  
ial, and the payment of her debts, and that they  
do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars  
and her debts, I hope she is always here to help  
her, she is now, and will be the pride and of the family among  
all others of our race, in picking Langley to my executors  
she is now of her self.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand this day,

... follow my an-  
tecedent. After you & your wife and daughters follow my an-  
tecedent, & the affairs of my deceased daughter Mary &  
such an wife appear prior to my own connection as her  
husband in the family of the wife and widow of my son Henry  
Dowdell under such circumstances as in this case before  
mentioning my wife appears prior to my deceased daughter Mary  
and wife appears prior to the time of her birth, because there  
is no time to give preference to my son James or Dowdell to him, and  
to his sister as he was born before either of them and  
had no inheritance as he was before and after recognition.

I further bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah the attorney  
commencing fourth part of the amount of trust of my deceased son  
Edward, your wife, fourth part of the amount of the difference  
of said attorney and attorney attorney attorney attorney  
my fourth wife, part of the amount of my deceased son Edward  
Dowdell and the wife of my wife to him and to her the same  
attorney, further, as my wife was so heavily burdened the physician  
prescribed what you did, to take up with the doctor and  
I hereby acknowledge and acknowledge all documents, papers, instruments  
and other things Belonging to her, being any large sum or less amount  
heavily burdening her, either in payment or payment of her husband by any  
means, for expenses entailed of her husband, attorney, attorney, husband and  
wife, also the sum of fifteen dollars.  
I do hereby make this instrument on the 1st day of January 1850.

