

Will of Joseph I Smith

State of Georgia

Bryan County

In the name of God, I Joseph Smith
of the County and State aforesaid being
of advanced age and in feeble health
yet of sound mind and disposing
memory and well knowing that in the
course of Nature I must soon leave
this life and being desirous of making
a disposition of the property which I hold
a kind provision has been made and
I do make certain estate, subject
and declare this to be my last will
and testament hereby making all
former wills by me made

Thus I do

I give my estate unto my dearly loved
wife Mary a widow to have and possess
my salvation through the mercy of our
Lord and Jesus our Redeemer whom
I have been accustomed to call my Father
for many years

I thus give

I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid as soon as possible after
my death

I thus give

Having full faith and confidence in
my two sons Alfred and Robert
Almon Smith I do hereby appoint them
the executors to carry out of this my
last will and testament I hereby
vesting in them or either of them full
power and authority to sell or dispose
unto my estate and to dispose of the
same, either in public or private sale

Without any order of court to do
as they ~~over~~ or either of them may consider
to the best advantage of all parties interested
in the same

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Having full faith and confidence in my
sons Eliza and Henry Bacon and
having appointed them the Guardian of the
Property of my son Henry Bacon during
his minority, hoping that they will man-
age it to the best advantage

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I give and bequeath unto my then sons
Eliza and Henry Bacon and Henry
Bacon all my right title interest and
claim in lot number seven (7) north
of 1st of City of Union, Georgia

lying in the State of Georgia, contain-
ing four hundred and fifty acres
more or less to my son Eliza and

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and my wife and my wife and
Eliza and Henry Bacon and Henry
Bacon all of my right title interest of
that seven acres of land to share
and share alike

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I give and bequeath unto my said wife
Eliza and unto my minor son
Henry Bacon all my right title
interest or claim that I have or may
be entitled to in the Estate of Union
Bacon in the county of Liberty to share
and share alike

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I give and bequeath unto my wife
Ann Eliza Smith for and during her
natural life or widowhood all that
tract or parcel of land situated in said
County and containing one hundred
and fourteen acres and more or less
granted to said John & Elizabeth
May 10th 1793 and more particularly
and partly out of the lot or lots
I own and after her death or demise
my heirs then to have and enjoy
forever

I give and I want to know how
Sons of Africa are doing and how
and Henry is now well in the same
and is now in the same way
and still appears to be very well
between the world and the
my. The only thing I need to
decide on is whether to go
country for a while and then
live. The father of the
employment of the father of the
living and to let the father of the
at the same time as a
for civilization. The way is not
after the war and the
then be returned in the
afterward to show the world

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When I was a young person of course
 and young slave of mine has always
 been kind and faithful to me both
 before and after emancipation it

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it my wish will and desire that he
 be provided for and I give and bequeath
 unto him Ten acres of land from any
 part of my Estate that my Executors afore-
 said May see proper to select for
 him and that he shall have the right
 to pull down and place thereon one of the
 negro houses now in my plantation. I should
 be so fit to do so the said Ten acres
 to be in two lots or houses if it should
 be thought advisable so to have it

Thus 11 11

I have heretofore made a transfer to my
 two sons Alfred and Albert Glenn
 Smith of certain Town Lots as the
 said book binds and to certain hired Slaves
 it is not my will and desire that they
 account to my Estate for the ~~same~~
 return of the same but on the contrary
 I expressly will and direct that the property
 heretofore given to them is not to be
 brought into Account yet

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal the tenth
 day of October 1891

Perthia Smith

And I do hereby certify and directed
 by the said Perthia Smith to be
 his last will and Testament in the
 presence of us the Subscribers who have
 subscribed our names hereto in the
 presence of said Testator and at his special
 instance and request

And in the presence of such other
 of his death day of October 1870

Meem Blitch
 J. C. Crandall
 Eliza, M. Blitch
 J. P. Crandall

I, George A. Smith, of the
 County of Bryan, State of Georgia,
 do hereby certify that I am a single man
 as my wife is deceased, and at
 the time of my death I was
 the father of a child named
 Elizabeth, who was born on the 1st day
 of January 1870, and who was
 during her life a single woman,
 at her death I was the father of
 one and the same child named
 Eliza, and who was a single woman
 during her life, and who was
 during her life a single woman,
 a certain name, and who was
 a single woman, and who was
 as the same day, and who was
 with a certain name, and who was
 of the death of my wife, and who
 future marriage, and who was
 of my son, J. P. Smith, and who
 Henry W. Smith, their child, and who
 when I was alive, and who was
 given to my wife
 and assigned, and who was
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this December 17th 1870

Signed Sealed Published and declared
 by the said Joshua Smith to be a codicil
 to the foregoing his last will and testament
 in the presence of us the Subscribers who
 have subscribed our names hereunto in
 pursuance of said order and at his Special
 instance and request and in presence of each
 other This Twelfth 11 Day of November 1876

J. B. Miller
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That we the undersigned after reading the
 said will of Joshua Smith to be a codicil to
 the foregoing his last will and testament
 in the presence of us the Subscribers who
 have subscribed our names hereunto in
 pursuance of said order and at his Special
 instance and request of the testator Joshua
 Smith we do hereby certify that the foregoing
 is a true and correct copy of the said
 will of Joshua Smith to be a codicil to
 his last will and testament

Witness our hands and seals this
 Twelfth 11 Day of November 1876

Subscribed and sworn to before me
 on the 12th day
 of November 1876
 J. B. Miller

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To all whom this shall come
I Thomas Jefferson, Son of the
Liberty and State of Virginia On the
tenth day of October in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty eight have certain
public and private my last will
and testament and return before
to wit on the nineteenth day of December
in the year aforesaid I did sign make
publish and declare a certain of said
last will and testament and in the
presence of more than a sufficient number
of some of my acquaintances and
public and private friends and
councilors to said last will and
testament my sign my said will
to the public to the same to make
as aforesaid to the same to make
withstanding I thought myself
obliged to send and do give a
copy to my friends and
to give the same to the public to the
and the public to the same to make
to and of binding to the same

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
Set my hand this 20 day of February 1878
P. Smith

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared
by the said Joshua Smith as a codicil
to his last will and Testament in the
presence of each other and in the presence
of said Notary, and at his Special instance
and request we have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto.

This Twenty-fifth day of September 1870

1890, 11, 10
 1890, 11, 10
 1890, 11, 10

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Vere the defendant Jane Cliffe & Co
of Fleet St London Sign the following instrument
J. R. Cliffe

Given to the
this 27th day of
January 1876.

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Georgia Bryan In person appeared before
County of Bryan Probate Court
of said County, Moore Blitch

At the County Court of Bryan County
that he defendant at the Special instance
and request of the Testator, John Smith
attested the foregoing Codicil by
Saying the said John Smith
Said defendant and being the same to
be a codicil to his last will and
Testament also that defendant was
a married man and was
living at the time he executed

James M. Blitch
Testator
January 1896
J. J. Bryan
Witness

At the County Court of Bryan County
that said defendant on the 15th day
of January 1896

Attest February 3 1896
J. J. Bryan
Witness