

State of Georgia Chatham County
October 26th 1799

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I know all men by their
parents That I John
Smith being in perfect
health of body and Mind make this my last Will and
Testament Resolving all Other Just I leave my beloved
Wife Ann and my Brother Aaron Smith to Execute this
my last Will and Testament second I give and bequeath
unto my beloved Wife Ann all these Negroes left to me by
bequeath by their Grandfather John Barnwell Bequeath named
1. her and Liza Martha Deaux with also all the pro-
perty devolving to her by the Death of her Mother and her
Share of fifteen Negroes more Out of all my Other Negroes should
she think proper to let the Negroes remain together until all
my Lawfull Debts are Extinguished then she is to take five
more making in all twenty exclusive those left by her
Grandfather and Mother also all my Bedding and House
hold Furniture a Good Horse and Chaise to ride in
to her and her Heirs for ever Lastly the proceeds Rents and
Profits from my Mount Hope plantation in S. Carolina
during the Natural Life of my said Wife and after her
Death the said plantation to go to my Brother Aaron
Smith with all the Evidence of my Estate real and personal
after paying my funeral expenses and all my Lawfull
Debts except one Negro Give or bequeath I give to my
Wife Eliza Ann Smith Daughter of Aaron Smith
Grown under my hand and Seal
At a Court of Ordinary held on
the 5th May 1800 Aaron Smith one
of the Executors in the above Will
appeared and qualified agreeable
to Law

John Ann Smith

Chatham County

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Personally appeared before me
Richard Heating who being duly
Sworn that on Friday Evening the 14th Instant he
mentioned to Capt. John Cab Smith that he had told
him some time before that he had made his Will and
wanted him and Mrs Heating to be witnesses to it
that as he was then Sick he thought he had best
sign his will he said it was signed I answered him
no it was not signed he said it was signed I then
took the will from Mr Smith and found it was
signed I told him yes it was signed and requested
him to look at it to see if he knew it I then asked
him if it was his will he answered yes and ack-
nowledged it to be his last will and Testament
for the purpose therein mentioned and that the Answer
is the essential paper that was acknowledged by
John C. Smith as his last will and Testament

Sworn to 25th March 1800
before me Edw White

Richard Heating

Ch. C. O.

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On Friday the 14th Instant in the afternoon I was called
to visit John Carraway Smith Esquire a physician
when I arrived I discovered great Alteration from what
had appeared the day before at which time I also visited
him in the course of the Evening I discovered evident
Signs of Approaching dissolution and as it had been
mentioned to me before that he had made a Will but
had not signed it I advised that it should be produced
that he might have an Opportunity to do so before he was
too weak it was brought but desirous to satisfy myself
whether he was in his Right Reason I asked him
several questions I do not recollect what they were but
he answered them Correctly The Will was then presented to
him I asked him if he would sign it he replied he
had signed it already the lay Steward told him he
had not he said he knew better On examination
we found he had signed his Name but there were no
testimonies I then took the paper heunto and asked him if it was his desire that it
should be considered his last Will and Testament
and if it should remain as it was he said Yes

Sworn in open Court

5th May 1800

Edw. White

W. C. O.

George Aspinwall

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Chatham & County } personally appeared before me Sarah
Heating who being duly sworn said
that she was present on Friday Evening
the 14th Instant and heard Capt. John E. Smith Acknow-
ledge a Certain Instrument of writing which was then
shown him by Mr. Heating to be his last Will and
Testament and for the purpose within mentioned

Sworn to 25th March 1800
before Geo^d Justice

Sarah Heating

W. C. O.

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