

Enjoin. In the name of God Amen, I compare myself of Henry
of Chatham and that of Henry, being of sound mind and perfect
mind and memory and being desirous of settling my worldly
affairs, I make, publish and declare, this my last will &
testament (revoking and annulling all former wills
made at any time before made), in manner and form following
(that is to say) It is my will and desire that all my just
debts be paid, and that my funeral expenses shall be met only
as to give me a decent and respectable burial.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Maria (if
she survive me in company of eight hundred dollars per
annum during her natural life, payable quarterly or otherwise
as my executors (hereinafter named) may deem convenient
after my death during her natural life the services use and
time of the following negro slaves who were from a part of
my house servants, naming Betty, Sappie, and Captain John
the daughter of Betty, who are about thirteen years of
age and under her to have the services of the children of Betty
Sappie and John until they of the said slaves children shall
separately arrive at the age of fourteen years, when they
are to go into the possession of my executors to be by them
placed on my plantation or at work with the rest of my slaves
or to be sold or disposed of in the event of the death of Betty,
Sappie or John or either of them another female servant shall
be selected and given to my executors from the plantation
or by hiring, so as properly to fill the place or vacancy oc-
casioned by such death. And further I give and bequeath
unto my wife absolutely all my household furniture
everything else which is used in house keeping that may be
want to me as well as bed and table linen and all
articles of clothing.

My daughter Eliza and the children of my de-
ceased daughter Mary, who survived only to what might
have been their mother if she had lived, being provided for
under the marriage Settlement and if allowed to come in
as joint heirs with the rest of my family would receive more
than their share. I leave it but fair and just to be them
from my share of my own individual property; and in
fact to myself assign this as my sole reason for so doing.

presented the same, viz, I give and bequeath the sum of
Fifteen hundred dollars, for her own further use, benefit and
subsistence, and as her separate property, not subject to the debts of
her present or any future husband, payable in a reasonable
time, after my Executors shall have fully paid & discharged
all my debts.

The following negro slaves together with their families and increase, namely, London Sam, London Sam's wife, Betty, George, Jane, Dick, Cyrus, Robt, Madison, Thomas, Betty Ann, and her children Isaac, Washington, Estlin & Eldon, Joseph the child of Jane, Daniel and her children Mary Ann and Joshua. The said child Joe, of late and her child David, Eliza and her children, Kinah, William, Sarah, Mary and Isaac. Best and her child, Mary, Lot and her child, Esther, Della and her child, Phyllis, Betty and her children, Mary, Isaac, Gabriel, Hannah, Abner and Harriet, Hope and her child, Samuel, Ephraim, Peter, Rachel, Emily, Jan, Sarah, and Titus. Also a lot of land containing two hundred and fifty acres known as Lumber purchased and bought five feet of depth situated in the County of the State of Georgia consisting of my share of the residue of the Estate of Gilbert Merville Taylor my deceased Brother, to be divided among his heirs in America after the demise of his Widow then also all other my Estate of lands and property whatsoever and wherever of what nature or kind moveable and personal wherever a abroad I shall be in any ways possessed, interested in or entitled to at the time of my death, I do give devise and bequeath unto my Son Charles Taylor and my Son in Law George Smith their heirs Executors and Administrators for and for the payment of all my debts the legacy is to be given in this my last Will and Testament mentioned and also for the purpose of settling a fund to secure the annual payment of eight hundred dollars to my wife during her life as appearing in

It is my will and desire that after the payment of my debts and legacy or legacies apportioned on my estate and property shall unite together and undivided, and after the annual plantation expenses, &c. of the said community of eight hundred dollars shall have been paid; then the surplus revenue of the prop^y shall go if necessary to increase

the Hyphant force of the plantation and divide them, or be
divided into two equal parts in line of which both go to them.
I think my son in law, and the other part to my son with
right to aid them in the better; though economical support of
them further. And after the death of my wife when becoming
ill ease, and my estate is charged debt, my will is that my
estate shall be divided into two equal parts One part or moiety
thereof, I give and bequeath unto my son with right his
heir executor, Administrator and assigns forever free from any
burden. The other part or moiety I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Charlotte Smith the wife of George Smith he has
heir executor, Administrator as her separate property, for her own
use and to keep not subject to her present or any future husband
debt or contracts, with this exception that her present husband
George Smith during his life shall have and enjoy the
income and profits arising from such his wife's property in
the support of himself and family. And if at any time it appears
that the property of his wife can be altered and changed for the
greater benefit of both parties, George Smith is hereby empowered
with the consent of his wife Charlotte so to change it or any
part thereof selling and re-investing whatever property is pur-
chased or secured in exchange as above mentioned on and in
his own wife Charlotte in her own right and as her separate
estate. I do not mention the children as I believe every
parent would be willing to take care of his children in their
respect, and if in possession of a hazardous nature, would not
neglect to make a provision for them without their becoming of
age at an improper age. Whilst William is not only
cause the expressions and jealousy between children, but a man
is his power to keep the property productive or not, when he
wishes at times to afford a sum more than double the value
of such property when locked up in his possession and not
it when there would be too many and more profit.

Mr. Sumner and Francis Pickens is
entirely to every consideration in this way or any other.
He has been a friend to me in every sense of the word.
His systematic penmanship and neat style, have enabled me to
get rid of difficulties, that otherwise would have compelled me
to sacrifice propriety.

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wrote in his favor, not only for his great affability, long
experience and his steadiness of character in business but also
as my family's representative and the only one in charge of
the name of Taylor, and as such it is desirable he should get
into business on his own account, which, by the assistance of
his property he may be able to accomplish. And if he should
in consequence thereof make a fortune for himself, I know
his kind and generous feelings, would lead him to assist his
Sister, should they ever stand in need of it.

If I should sell any part of my property, the
money arising therefrom is to be considered as a part of my
Sister, should I depart this life before I have made use of it.

Now my last of Land and more of my land at this time
and not sold, except any tract or tract of land purchased
to be purchased for me in one of the two counties in which
my planting concerns are to be carried on. My Executors
have after no way no body authorized to sell and waste
the money as a part of my Sister.

My Executors are hereby fully authorized to take
any imprudent negro or negroes and replace them with
others.

And by this last Will and Testament I appoint
my Son in Law Samuel Smith and my Son Smith High
Guardians of my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
all former Wills.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Samuel Smith
to this my last Will and Testament have hereunto set my hand
and seal at my dwelling in the State of Georgia, this
day of _____ 18____
Samuel Smith

Witnessed by _____
Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named _____
as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of _____
who at his request in his presence & in presence of each
other subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

J. H. Smith

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State of Georgia

Chatham County

Chamberlain & Son

Just of the Peace

Present their names John Wiley & Francis Smith Justice

Personally appearing John Wiley a subscriber's witness to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of J. Doyle late of Chatham County deceased who being duly sworn depose and swear that he was present and did see the said J. Doyle sign & seal and did hear him publish and declare the same to be and contain his last will and testament and did formal further with that at the time of executing the said instrument of writing the said J. Doyle was to the best of deponents' knowledge & belief of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that he & the deponent of and E. A. Mitchell and Joseph Bell in the presence of each other and of this said J. Doyle and at his request did sign our names as witnesses to the due execution of the said instrument of writing.

J. Smith

Subscribed before us this 10th February 1841.

John Wiley

Francis Smith J. J. Bell

Charles O. French D.D.

Georgia, Chatham County - Whereas on the last 5th day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Twenty three Maximine Buffel being then weak in body and mind and incapable of understanding the nature & effect of any instrument of writing was moved and persuaded to sign seal and deliver a certain instrument in writing bearing date the day and year last aforesaid and said instrument was expressed to be before the execution to have no other or greater effect than to make free my slaves named John George & Nancy therein named which was then my desire as far as the same could be done agreeably to law, and which said instrument in fact & in truth purports to convey said three above named to Dr. Edward Coffey in trust for his children therein named forever, contrary to my understanding of the same at the time of the said Coffey as far as I was then capable of understanding the same, and whereas on consequence of such mis-understanding of the contents nature & effect of said instrument by me the said Edward Coffey although the same appears to have been delivered and received up said original deed of trust