

December Jan 1874

See Person came before me in open Court George J Chalfield & John L. Doyle of the Subscribing witnesses for the above & within last will and testament of Joseph Smith late of said County deceased who after being duly sworn deposed & says that they were present with the Testator Joseph Smith at the Making & Publishing the within will that they saw him sign & publish the same and in presence of Testator and the other Subscribing witnesses they signed the same as witnesses at Testators request sworn to & Subscribed before me the 7th day of December 1874

J A McConnell
Ordinary

John L Doyle
J Chalfield

Georgia
Clayton County
Clayton Court of Ordinary

September 1875

It being shown to the court that by the Petition of Silas A Harris Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Silford Harris deceased late of said County that the Original Will of which the annexed Copy purports to be correct by the Certificate of C A Dollar Late Ordinary of said County has been lost & destroyed and due notice having been given to all parties interested to show cause at this term of said Court if any they saw why said Certificate Copy should not be established & recorded in place of and made original to all intents and for all purposes and there being no cause shown why it should not be done it is therefore ordered by the Court that the aforesaid certified Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Silford Harris late of said County be and the same is hereby made an original Will in place of said Original as lost or destroyed and that it be admitted to record in place of and used to all intents & purposes as the Original Will of said Silford Harris

Witness my hand and Seal of Office Sept 6th 1875

J A McConnell
Ordinary

State of Georgia
Clayton County

In the name of God Amen

I Silford Harris of the County and State aforesaid being of Sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have the strength to do so make this and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made

And first I bequeath my soul to the Lord who gave it and my body to be decently buried and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows

1st I Will all my just debts to be paid
2nd I Give and bequeath unto my wife Mariah A Harris all of my property both Real & Personal during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or intermarriage I Will that all my property be sold and if my wife Mariah I Will my property be equally divided between her and my children and if she dies before marriage to be equally divided among my children viz Frances & Eliza Mariah A Harris Rebecca A Harris Silas A Harris Oliver A Harris Mariah E Clark Sarah A Harris Mary A Harris and Sophronia A Harris in the following manner I Give to my daughter Mariah A Harris & Clark Sarah A Harris Mary A Harris & Sophronia A Harris one hundred & twenty Dollars one hundred and all of the

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Ordinary Since presented by Executors is the one that is signed as
aforesaid, sworn to and Subscribed.

This 25th January, 1892
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Richard T. Harris,

J. T. Hammett,

Ordinary

Georgia

Clayton County

To the Hon. the ordinary of Said County
The Petition of Selous A. Harris Shows that Elford
Harris late of said County, departed this life testate
on the day 1864 leaving your Petitioner as one of his Executors
having disposed of all his Property real and personal & when in return
said and proved by him as a or shown by Copy of his Said last
Will and Testament hereto attaching your petitioner further Shows that
on the first day of July 1867 your Petitioner & the other Executors to the
Said will named refusing or declining to act - duly and in fear of
the Law presented and filed said last will in the office of C. A.
Dollas then Ordinary of Said County for probate & Record as required by law
to do that said will was in due course of Law & probated and
attested & testimony thereupon caused to your petitioner all of which will
be more fully shown by Reference to the Record of file in the office
of the Ordinary your Petitioner further Shows unto your Honor that
said C. A. Dollas then Ordinary suggested and caused to Record said will
and Testament as in discharge of his Official Duties he ought to
have done and in consequence of such failure by and on the part
of said C. A. Dollas Ordinary as aforesaid there does not appear
on the record of Ordinary any record of any last will & Testament
of said Elford Harris deceased. Your Petitioner further Shows that
C. A. Dollas either lost or mislaid said last Will and Testament
so that it cannot be found & that C. A. Dollas has since expiated this life
Petitioner further Shows that C. A. Dollas at or about the time of Probating
said last Will and Testament made and delivered to your
Petitioner a certified Copy of said last will & Testament of said
Elford Harris deceased under the Seal of Office as ordinary of
County which said Copy is now here to your Honor shown
Now in order that the said last Will and Testament of said
Elford Harris may be executed in fear of Law Petitioner prays
that your Honor will issue such order as may be necessary under
circumstances requiring all parties named in said last will
and Testament and interested therein to show cause at next
September Term of your Honorable Court if any they have why
said certified Copy will should not be made and admitted to
admitted to Record as or in place of the original & last will
include as a fore said and your Petitioner will ever pray &c
Wm. L. Hamilton
Attorney for Petitioner

Georgia

Hall County

I Selous A. Harris do solemnly

Swear that the facts stated in foregoing Petition
so far as they concern within my own knowledge are true
and as far as they are derived from the knowledge of others
I believe them to be true Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this July 25th 1892 at Dawsonville Ga

M. T. Calhoun

Notary

Hall County Georgia

S. A. Harris

State of Georgia In the Name of God Amen
Clayton County 3rd District Harris of the County and State of Georgia
King of Israel Clayton County Wills 1859-1892
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do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby testifying
all wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I commit my soul to
the God who gave it and my body to be decently buried and my worldly affairs
and estate I dispose of as follows

First I will all my last estate to
Second I like and bequeath unto my wife Mariah H Harris all of my property
both Real and Personal during her natural life or widowhood and at her
death or marriage I will that all my property be sold And if my
Wife Mariah H Harris my property be equally divided between her and
my children and if she dies before marriage to be equally divided
among my children viz Frances J Harrison Robert A Harris Rebecca J
Mettley Silas A Harris Oliver H Harris Mariah C Clark Sarah
W Harris Mary J Harris and Sophronia C Harris in the following
manner I give To my Daughters to wit Mariah C Clark
Sarah H Harris Mary J Harris & Sophronia C Harris one hundred
dollars each and one bed bedstead and all of their fine bed clothes to each
of them To make them equal with my other children the money to be
paid at the time of their marriage or leaving their mother and the
beds and bed clothes to be divided at the same time and they are to have
an equal share with the rest of my children. To Mary J Harrison
& Rebecca J Mettley I give an equal share of my estate for their own
proper use and benefit and not to be subject to the debts or
control of their husbands I also desire that my Wife shall have
my surplus lands or stock which she may think proper to sell and
divide the money equally among my children as described above
and I will that my Daughters viz Sarah W and Mary J and
Sophronia C Harris shall be supported out of my estate as before
free of any charge for board or clothing as long as they remain
with their Mother

I do constitute my Sons Robert A Harris Silas A Harris and
Oliver H Harris my Executors but give them none of my
property whatever during the life of my wife Mariah H Harris
unless she marries only to see the property is not wasted and
wish no Court Expenses as long as my wife lives or remains a
widow In Witness whereof I Sanford Harris have to this
my last Will set my hand and seal this 25th Day of February 1864

Signed Sealed and Delivered & Published
by the above named Sanford Harris
as his last Will & Testament

as witnesses of his last Will & Testament
& unexpressed of each other have
subscribed our names as witnesses

Witnesses
Amy Chapman
C. A. Thomas
Elizabeth Duffey

Signed & Published
by Sanford Harris

I do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the last
will and Testament of Sanford Harris and that the same were duly proved in this Court
at July Term 1864 and Silas A Harris his true and lawful Executor of said
Will this July Term 1864
C. A. Thomas ordinary