

Georgia  
Peach County Court of Ordinary May term 1855  
Present J. Law Judge

The foregoing Instrument having been presented  
in the court by Edmund S. Smart one of the  
Executors named therein for probate, as the last will  
& Testament of Edmund Smart deceased. & proven in  
Common form in the Court of Ordinary & one of the  
Witnesses to the said will being called at the time of the court  
It is ordered that being no objection that said will be  
Recorded— J. Law Judge

Georgia  
Peach County Mr being called on by Joseph S.  
Merchant on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1855  
to witness his last Verbal Will and desires me as  
Certify that he being in his proper mind did request  
that after his decease that his wife Harriet S. Merchant  
should be left his sole heiress to have and to hold the whole  
of his Estate after the payment of his just debts. to use  
as her judgment may dictate to the use of herself and  
to the best for her three children. to sell or buy and  
Contract for herself and her children to the best of her  
judgment. And whereas he owned a parcel of land in  
the State of Illinois Jackson County. that she should  
be caused the said lands to be so improved by building  
and otherwise as to make her comfortable. and to remove  
to and settle on the same and that she should not  
be compelled to suffer all the rotine of the expenses  
of the Court of Georgia to justify her removal to the  
said State of Illinois. But that she the said  
Harriet S. Merchant should have the management  
of my Estate under the jurisdiction of the Court of  
Jackson County to wit to provide for the support of her children

all the Estate be it what it may under  
the Supervision of the said Court of Jackson County

State of Georgia } In sum appeared before me  
Piscataway County } Richard Sims a Justice of the  
Inferior Court in and for said County. William Simons  
Henrietta S. Michaux and Harriet S. Michaux who being  
duly sworn says that this within paper contains the  
last request and verbal disposition of all and singular  
the property and effects of Joseph S. Michaux late of said  
County deceased and is just and true in all its parts  
sworn to and subscribed  
before me this July 2<sup>d</sup> 1855  
in open Court. J. Larr. ordy

Wm Simons  
Harriet S. Michaux  
Henrietta S. Michaux

Georgia } I Harriet S. Michaux do  
Piscataway County } solemnly swear that this writing  
contains the true last will of Joseph S. Michaux  
deceased as far as I know or believe and that  
I will well and truly execute the same by paying  
first the debts and then the legacies contained in  
said will as for his goods and chattels now then  
extend and the law charge me. and that I will  
make a true and lawful inventory of all such  
goods and chattels so help me God  
sworn before me  
this July 5<sup>th</sup> 1855  
J. Larr. ordy

Harriet S. Michaux

Georgia } In Court of Ordinary of said  
Piscataway County } County July Term 1855.  
The monition will of Joseph

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been at this term of the Court. produced by  
Harriet S. Michaux the Executrix to the same  
and having been pronounced at said term of  
the Court for probate and no objection urged against  
the probate of said Monseignat's will, and on motion  
to admit the same to record and the Subscribing Witnesses  
thence Jas. Henrietta S. Michaux Harriet S. Michaux  
and William Brown being examined and it appearing  
to the satisfaction of the Court by the oaths of the  
said Witnesses. that the paper produced contains  
the last will of said Joseph S. Michaux. It  
is therefore ordered by the Court that the same  
be admitted to record, as the last will and  
testament of said Joseph S. Michaux deceased  
July 2<sup>d</sup> 1855

J. Larr Ordinary

Georgia

Decatur County

{ In the name of God Amen:  
I Robert Hamilton being in  
sound mind and feeling the  
uncertainty of life desire to make a disposit-  
ion of the property with which a kind  
providence has blessed me; I therefore make  
this my last will & Testament hereby  
revoking and annulling all others  
heretofore made by me -

(Item 1<sup>st</sup>) I desire and direct that all my  
just debts be discharged as soon as  
possible -

(Item 2<sup>d</sup>) I desire & direct that all my prop-  
erty Real & Personal be kept together during  
the life of my wife Louisa C. Hamilton  
(except the property designated in the four  
following items I.e. items third fourth fifth  
sixth & seventh)