

In the County of Greene being sick and expecting to die, but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this to be my last Will and Testament.

I will that all my just debts be paid as early as circumstances will admit it to be done.

I bequeath to my son Elmer Smith full (and) bequeath a tract of land in Jackson County containing two hundred eighty acres (and) half acres lying on the bank of Currys Creek to possess all and every benefit arising from said land without delay. Also a negro boy (whom ever shall be born) by the name of Bettie provided he pay to my son Jedediah whatever sum may be required (and) equal the sum to be estimated by three Arbitrators chosen one by Themselves and one by Jedediah the two choosing the third.

I will (and) bequeath to my son Jedediah the tract of land on which I now live, also a negro boy named Caleb to become his at the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Smith (and) provided he shall marry before the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth he shall have right to settle on the land, to cultivate a part of the farm and shall receive the negro (and) Caleb I will also that he shall have a horse worth Eighty Dollars, and a gun before the death as soon as it can be gotten.

I bequeath to my daughter Abigail now Abigail Olding a negro girl named Lucy now in her employ provided however that if the (and) Lucy ever bears children the two first children shall be the property of my two daughters Lucretia (and) Cecilia that is to say one to each to be theirs at the age of five years.

I will (and) bequeath to my daughter Jane a negro girl named Henah provided that if she ever bears children the two first shall go to my two daughters Polly (and) Cecilia that is to say one negro to each of them to become theirs at the age of five years (and) will to my beloved wife Elizabeth Smith all the Stock Consisting of horses cattle hogs and sheep all the household and kitchen furniture (not now belonging to some of the children) the use of the house (and) plantation also my negro man Henry to work for her and the children yet to be born until he shall be of the age of Fortyfive years. And then to be free provided he is faithful honest (and) true (if however he cannot be free by reason of law and manners or statute prohibition he shall be the property of either of my bondsmen provided he shall pay the other half the amount of valuation). The property given to my beloved wife Elizabeth she is to have the sole right of during her life (and) the disposition of her death with the exception of the negro man Henry already disposed of (and) the plantation also disposed of.

In this will I will that provided any of the legatees die without issue that so much of the Estate as would by the distribution of the will fall to (and) Legatees, be equally divided among the surviving legatees and this to be the case in every such event.

I will that in ~~the~~ case the negro girls Lucy and Henah given by this will to my daughter Abigail (and) Jane die without or never have Children or have only one tree then so that my daughters Lucretia Caroline Polly and Cecilia or any of them still living (and) cannot receive according to the will that the (and) negroes Lucy and Henah and any other children if there be not enough to meet the object of the will by dividing in fourth (and) fifth articles be eliminated (and) all my daughters then living their lawful issue receive an equal amount of the whole value.

I will (and) bequeath to my son Elmer Smith Executor and my beloved

Elizabeth Smith my last will and Testament

Worthy & agents my soul to the memory of my Testator - Made and  
I dated this 27<sup>th</sup> of March 1817. In witness whereof I subscribe Causa and name  
to be affixed in presence of.

(Daniel Cornell)

James Smith

Attest: John Smith  
(Daniel Pierce)

Greene County of Ordinary July Term 1817

Personally appeared in open Court Pompey Pierce and John Smith subscribing  
to the foregoing Will who being duly sworn say that they saw the  
same signed for the Testator James Smith at his particular request and that they  
each believed him to be of perfect sound mind and memory at the time of his  
so doing and that Daniel Cornell was also a subscriber witness to the same  
document in open Court

Pompey Pierce

John Smith

This 7<sup>th</sup> July 1817

Elmer Torrence CLK

Recorded 10<sup>th</sup> July 1817

Elmer Torrence CLK