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My Father's Wills

In the name of God Amen

I, My Father Pauls, of the county of Laurens and State of Georgia being in bad health of body but of sound disposing mind and memory. Thanks to God for his mercies Call into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that I must shortly depart this life have thought it right and proper to make this my last will, and testament disposing of the effects where with it has pleased a kind Providence to bless me in this life having revolved and disavowing all other former wills by me heretofore made and ratified and confirming this and no other being last will and testament. That is to say,

I give recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition. Resting in the cooperation of the bene through and blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as touching such estate where with it has pleased God, to bless me in this life,

I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form

My self it is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid without delay in my exchequer as there will be necessity for me to say, I also I give and bequeath to my said needs
My the said children of my daughter Elizabeth Smith (being) to sister one half Samuel Pauls James Pauls & Pauls Lucy Pauls and Mary Pauls the following property I give one third of my land including my present residence three negroes I have a man called a team and a horse a woman with as much household and kitchen furniture plantation tools and stock of all kind as my wife Elizabeth Pauls may want for her use during her life the above named property to remain in the hands of Samuel Pauls wife Mary Pauls during her natural life and then to be equally divided amongst my said children the said Elizabeth Smith being one also I give and bequeath to my said children the children of Sarah Elizabeth Smith being one Samuel Pauls Erisk Pauls Rebecca Pauls David Pauls Ania Pauls Luz Pauls and Mary Pauls to be equally divided amongst them all the residue of my estate both real and personal to deliver to them or their representative as a destination

Arthur Hawks

can be legally made and I do hereby nominate and appoint Arthur Hawks as my sole executor to this my last will and testament This 27th day of December A.D. 1846
Arthur ^{his} Hawks

Witness sealed published and declared by the said Arthur Hawks as his last will and testament in the presence of us subscribers who subscribed the same as witnesses in presence of each other and of the Testator This 27th day of December 1846

Levi Shults
Ezekiel Whitlawer
Hemariah ^{his} Brother
James ^{my} Wells

Georgia
Lawrence County } Court of Ordinary May Term 1847
Arthur Hawks and wife and testament of Arthur Hawks having been duly proved at this regular Term in open court Upon the oath of James H. H. Christian and John A. Court of Ordinary September Term 1847 Levi Shults appeared in open court at this regular Term & having proved the same to the satisfaction of the court a decree was entered that the same be now admitted to record
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William S. Smith's Will

In the name of God Amen
I William S. Smith of the County of Johnson State of Georgia being in a low State of health but of sound mind and memory thanks to God for his mercies calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that this appointment all men once to die have thought it best to make a disposition of the property wherein with a kind Providence has blessed me in this life
I therefore make this my last Will and testament and utterly revoking and by these presents disclaiming any former Will and Testament heretofore made by me and principally and first of all I desire that my body be buried in a Christian decent and Christian like manner by my executor herein after named