

William. J. Smith's Will.

In the name of God amen. I William J. Smith of the County of Johnson and state of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength so to do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made, and first I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and my worldly estate I dispose of as follows.

- Item 1st & 2. I desire that all my just debts be paid. Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Smith the tract of land on which my buildings stand containing five hundred acres to have and to hold during her natural life time, at the expiration of which time it shall belong to her children.
3. - Third - I desire that all the remainder of my lands be equally divided between my beloved children and when inferior lands fall to one heir let it be made up to that heir from other property or money.
4. - Fourth - I desire that my yoke of Oxen remain on the premises for the use of the family, and the stock cattle I dispose of as follows. I leave in the care of my beloved wife all my stock cattle for her and her children to support on until the oldest heir is of the age of twenty one years, at which time she shall give him two cows and their calves, and as each heir comes of age or to twenty one years to have a like portion, and in the event that my wife die, then an equal division to be made between all the heirs.
5. - Fifth - I leave in the care of my beloved wife my three head of horses and all my hogs and all my sheep with household and kitchen furniture with plantation tools and rifle gun and my buggy for the use and benefit of the family during her natural life time, after which time they may be sold and an equal division be made between each heir.
6. - Sixth - I desire that my timber wagon and chain belonging thereto be sold and the proceeds to go to use and benefit of the family.
7. - Seventh - I desire that my beloved brother George Smith execute this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said William J. Smith to this my will consisting of one sheet of paper, have set my hand and seal this May 5th 1863.

William J. Smith. 

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named William J. Smith as his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

George Smith
Wm. Barwick
Joseph Henderson

Decision of
Court.
of
Ordinary

I S J Bellam, Ordinary said County, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy of the last will of William J. Smith duly proved before me in solemn form of law term 1863 at a regular term of the Court of Ordinary; that George Smith so named therein as executor duly qualified before me at said term; to vest him with full authority to execute said will I have duly issued to him the letters testamentary annexed to said copy of will.

In testimony whereof I, the said Ordinary, have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office 1st day of June 1863.

S J Bellam,
Ordinary of Johnson County,
and Ex-officio Clerk.