

Thomas Poreh

Sworn to & subscribed in Open
Court this 2nd March 1823 }
Ezra Myrick C.C.O.

John C. Smith's Will

Georgia } I in the name of God Amen —
Jones County } I John C. Smith knowing that it is appointed once
for all men to die and being weak in body but of sound memory
and disposing mind do make and constitute this my last will
and Testament in the words following to wit —
1st I will and bequeath my soul into the hands and care
of God who gave it. and my body to a Christian like burial —
2nd I that all my just and lawful debts be paid. — 3rd that
my Executors herein after appointed, proceed to sell the land where
on I now live immediately after the present crop should be
gathered or as soon thereafter as they should think an advan-
tageous sale could be made and in what manner that
they should think to be of the most advantage to my estate
and the money arising from such sale together with what
money may be collected on note and bonds and such part
the crop as may be sold or so much thereof as my Execu-
tors may think proper to be laid out in purchasing of an-
other settlement of land which said settlement of land
when so purchased I will and bequeath to my loving
wife Elizabeth Smith during her life and if at any time
my wife Elizabeth Smith should marry the said settlement
of land is not to be subject to any debt or debts of her hus-
band so as her life estate in said settlement of land
should be sold there for and after her death to be equally
divided between my children.
4th I will and bequeath my big and harness to my loving
wife Elizabeth Smith.
5th I will and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Smith
all my household and kitchen furniture including beds and
their furniture also all my horses that I have at the pres-
ent and such other horse or horses that should be bought by
my Executors during the present year to assist in tending the
present crop. Also all my cow hogs and stock of every kind
together with the utensils and working tools during her
life or widowhood
I will and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Smith

in conjunction with all my children ^{Jones County Georgia Wills}
negroes and all of their increase to be kept together on such ¹⁸⁹⁹⁻¹⁸³⁵
plantation or settlement of land which may be purchased ^{www.georgiapioneers.com}
by my Executors for their use raising and support during the
life or widowhood of my wife Elizabeth Smith and in case
she should marry it is my will and request that my Ex-
ecutors immediately after her inter marriage to advertise
and sell all the houses, cows, hogs and all other stock of
every kind whatsoever together with the plantation uten-
sils and working tools house hold and kitchen furniture
beds and their furniture and an equal division to be made
between my wife Elizabeth Smith giving her a child's
part and my two children Jonas Shivers Smith and Colum-
bia Washing Smith and such other child or children which
my wife Elizabeth Smith is now pregnant with if it or
they should be alive at the time of such sale of all the
negroes assigning to each an equal share according to
valuation also dividing all the money arising from such
sale equally between my wife Elizabeth Smith and chil-
dren as aforesaid.

It is my will and bequest that in case my wife Elizabeth Smith
should not marry she keep together under the Guardian-
ship of my Executors all the negroes and all other kind of
property heretofore enumerated for the joint support and profit
of the family until one of the children should arrive to the
age of twenty one years old or marry then in that case
it is my will and request that my Executors proceed to
sell and divide my Estate in the same manner as is ^{now} describ-
ed in case of my wife inter marriage and the child so arising
to the age of twenty one years old or marrying to draw his
share out of the Estate so divided and the balance or remain-
ing shares to be left and remain in the possession of my wife
Elizabeth Smith for the support of the family and remaining
child or children until each child should come to the age of
twenty one years old or marry and as they arrive to that age
or marry for them to draw their parts out of my estate as
above described.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother Ezekiel F.
Smith and William Shivers Senr my Executors to act upon
this my last Will and Testament and to attend to the settling

