

Will of Matthew Smith, decd.

State of Georgia. In the name of God, Amen,
County. I, Matthew Smith being of said State and
County, & being of advanced age, and knowing
that I must shortly depart from this world,
deem it right and proper, both as respects
myself and my family, that I should make
a disposition of the property with which a kind
Providence has blessed me, & therefore make
this my Last Will and Testament, hereby re-
voking and annulling all others heretofore
made by me. - Item 1st = I desire and
direct that my body be buried in a decent
and Christianlike manner, suitable to my
Circumstances and Conditions, my Soul I
trust shall return to rest with God who
gave it, as I hope for salvation through the
Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose
Religion I have professed, and as I humbly
trust, enjoy, & profess. -
Item 2nd = I desire and direct that all my just debts be
paid without delay by my Executors herein after
named, as I am unwilling my Creditors
should be delayed of their rights, especially
as there is no necessity for delay, -
Item 3rd = I give and devise to my beloved wife Ar-
dillays with whom I have lived in the strictest
quiet, and loved for six years. One Thousand
Dollars in Cash, One negro man named
Simow, aged about Thirty three years, one negro
girl named May, aged about Seventeen
years, also one horse Buggy and Harness,
such as she may select from all my stock, -
also Ten dollars in cash, in lieu of dower, in
my Real Estate, at the death of the said Ar-
dillays, my wife, I desire and direct that
the negro man Simow shall belong to her
Son William Bridges, and the girl May
shall belong to her daughter Susan Bridges my
wife having the use of said negroes during

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Her lifetime; also One Bed and Bedding, -
 Item 4th - The rest of my property, both Real & Personal
 (Excepting One Hundred Dollars, in Cash, which
 I devise and bequeath to my) Son-in-law,
 Jeremiah Bratton; whenever and whatever it
 may be, I leave to be divided equally between
 my two daughters' Children; that is Eliza
 Culppepper's Children, and Zephra Bratton's
 Children. Zephra, to have the use of her
 Children's share during her lifetime, and
 her death, said share to be divided equally
 amongst them; -

Item 5th - I constitute and appoint my worthy
 friends John Henry, and David H. Culppepper,
 Executors to this my Last Will & Testament,
 This January 28th 1860.

Lee County Wills Matthew Smith, (Seal)

Signed, 1854-1891 and declared by Matthew
 Smith, as his Last Will and Testament in
 the presence of us, the subscribers who
 subscribe our names herunto in the pres-
 ence of said Testator and the presence of,
 each other, This January 28th 1860,

Lemuel Adams,
 J. M. Bullington,
 J. M. Corry,
 H. A. Black,

Will of Darling Sikes, Decd.
 I Darling Sikes, of the County of Lee and
 State of Georgia, being of sound mind &
 memory, and considering the uncertainty of
 this life, do therefore make and declare this
 to be my Last Will and Testament, that is
 to say, First after all my lawful debts are
 paid and discharged, I give and bequeath
 the residue of my Estate Real and personal
 as follows: (to-wit:) First, I give & bequeath
 to my beloved wife Sarah Ann Sikes, all that