

Mr. Leaster will

State of Virginia In the name of God Amen. I Charles H. Smith of said State and County being of
Sufficient age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life I give it right
and proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property with
which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby Repealing
all other Wills made by me.

I then

I desire and direct that my body be Buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my
Circumstances and Condition in life. My wife I trust I shall return to rest with her who I have

I then

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter appointed
and I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights.

I then

I have bequeathed and given to my beloved wife Mary for and during her natural life (Widow)

Lot of Land Church Two Hundred and fifteen Three Hundred and fourteen One Hundred and fifty One Hundred and fifty Eight, Two Hundred and thirty, and the south half of One Hundred and fifty one of the twentieth District & third Section of Polk County Georgia my negro woman Nancy my negro man David my negro boy Joseph and negro boy Andrew Jackson I also give and bequeath to my wife Nancy during her natural life, only, the following retulids used on and belonging to said plantation of every thing I also give and bequeath to my wife Nancy during her natural life (only) one slave known by the name of Kit One cow such as she may choose from all my stock of Cattle all my Tools and Kitchen Furniture belonging to and used on said plantation after giving my children one and

And clothing I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy One years provisions
I give and bequeath to my son John Lawson my negro girl Pokashentaa to him forever
I give and bequeath to my son Robert McIntosh the South half of lot of land Church One Hundred and twenty seven in the tenth District of Carroll County said Lot of land containing One Hundred two and a half acres with all the rights members and privileges to said half lot of land in any way appertaining or belonging forever Except ten acres including the parcel known as the Copper Mine which I wish to be equally divided between all four of my children

I give and bequeath to my son Edward Christopher my negro boy George to him forever
I give and bequeath to my daughter Joanna Miller my negro woman Mary my negro girl Lucy to her forever

It is my will at the death of my wife Nancy that all the property not given to my four children in this my last will and testament be sold and the proceeds of said sale be divided between my four children so that they may all be made Equal in the gift that I have given to them in this my last will and testament. And in view of the situation of my children I have given to some more than to others But it is my will and desire that each should receive the same amount

I hereby constitute and appoint my son John Lawson Executor of this my last will and Testament this October 12th 1857
Rowley W. Carter (Sd)

Warrant dated declared and published by Rowley W. Carter to his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and of each other this October 13th 1857
Charles H. Wood
Nathaniel S. Cook
Henry Kingberry

Georgia
Polk County I John Lawson Carter do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will and Testament of Rowley W. Carter deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will and truly execute the same by first paying the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will so far as the good and Chastle will thereunto extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels to help me her
John L. Carter

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