

Georgia Randolph County

28th Sept. 1838

In the Name of the State & County of Randolph

I do hereby declare this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following
first I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God, Hoping and relying
in a remission of sins by the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ and
my body I commit to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors
hereinafter named, and my Worldly Estate I Give and Bequeath as follows
first I Give and Bequeath to my Wife Nancy Cotton all that part of my
Land Lying on the East side of the Branch known by No Eighty one
in the Eighth District of said County of Randolph Leaving her
lifetime and at her Death to go to my Son Seth Cotton: heirs provided
my Wife Nancy Should not bring forth an heir unto me if so the said
said heir or heirs second I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson Andrew
Cotton all that part or balance of said Lot Eighty one in the Eighth
of the County aforesaid Lying on the west side of said Branch two
acres & halves to have and to hold to my Grandson his heirs and assigns
for Ever I desire that Samuel Carter shall be my Grandsons Guardian
to take charge of said property. from and after my Death until he shall
arrive to the age of twenty one years - Thirdly all the rest of Stock (Cattle
Hogs and Horses) I Give and Bequeath to my Wife Nancy Cotton during her
life thence to the heirs of my Son Seth provided as above provided Nothing
shall be so construed as to prevent my Wife Nancy from having all
my Household and Kitchen furniture and the Increase of Cattle hogs
and Horses from and since the day we intermarried to have and
to hold for Ever after my Just Debts is paid my Executors will
first sell of the Old Stock and if there should not be a sufficiency
to the Discharge of my Debts then the Increase I Give and Bequeath to
my Son in Law James I Smith the husband of my Daughter Sarah
the sum of five dollars to be paid in Cash as soon as convenient
after my Death. I do hereby constitute Ordain and Appoint
Samuel Carter my Executor together with my Wife Nancy
Cotton Executrix to my Estate - in Witness - Signed Sealed
published and declared by the said Testator as and for his Last
Will and Testament in presence of us who at his request in his
presence and in the presence of Each Other have Subscribed our
Names as Witnesses Therunto

William Cotton

Georgia Randolph County } Personally appeared in open Court Ethelred Pitman Benjamin
Pitman & John R. Mc Keel who being duly sworn deposed & said that he saw the
named William Cotton the Testator to the above Will sign said Will that he was of sound mind
memory & that they signed the same as Subscribing Witnesses in presence of Each Other
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