

Peter P Smith

In the name of God Amen

I Peter P Smith of the State of Georgia and County of Washington being low in health, but of sound mind and disposing memory, having the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of this mortal life, and that it is appointed unto man once to die. Therefore I do make and sign the following to be my last Will and testament in manner and form following, First I command my Soul to God who gave it and my body to a common Christian burial. As it regards my worldly good which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I wish to dispose of as follows.

Item 1st I leave to my beloved wife Nancy Smith for and during the time of her natural life, the land and plantation at which I now live containing one hundred and ninety five acres more or less on Limestone Creek, abutting Land W L Taylor & Wm A Smith and others following name Slave twists Bitter Jordan Thomas Jane, also Child Elizabeth until my Daughter Amanda L Smith marries or comes of age, Two Horses, such as she may choose, work Horses and Cart, Four Cattle and Culus, My new Waggy and all the Hogs that belongs on the place I now live on, And my old marts to be kept up by her, All the Household and Kitchen furniture except what I may thereafter dispose of two pair plow gear, two 4 fur plows, two shovil plow, two beater plow ten bags two sweeps two axes two weeding Hors two Club Hors and three hundred and fifty Bushels Corn, enough fodder for two Horses weighty sixty pounds of Coffe one hundred and fifty pounds of Sugar, three Barrels of flour and fifteen gallons Syrup, for my wife and her family's support for one year after my death, and for my Executors to pay over to my wife at my death twenty five Dollars to buy cloathing for herself and family one year, I also leave my old servant woman Mary in the care and charge of wife to be supported after the first year by my Executors out of my Estate.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto my beloved Thomas P Smith a Slave boy Mitchell, four hundred acres Pine land, lying on the South side of the little Creek lying on line of Emanuel County formerly, now Johnson County, taken upon head rights by myself and One hundred Dollar in addition to what I have already given him

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha E Bryan and the heirs of her body a girl Slave Caroline and at my wife's death Betsy and their increase in addition to what I have already given her

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son William P Smith James a boy Slave, and the land wherein I now live at my wife's death in addition to what I have already given him

Item 5. I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughters Mary White and the heirs of her body Isabel a girl and her increase and a boy John and two hundred Dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given her

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Nancy G Williams and the heirs of her body Nancy a girl Slave with her increase, Andrew a boy, and one hundred Dollars in addition to what I have heretofore given her

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Anna

born, and the Queen of her body Martha a Girl Slave which she now
was in her possession, and at my wife's death, Thomas, son unto
this increase in addition to what I have already given her.

Item 8 "I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Amanda
P Smith and the heirs of her body, Elizabeth a girl when she Marries
or Comes of age, and the increase of said girl Elizabeth, and a
boy Jordan at my wife's death, the bed and Master Bedstead
and furniture, Melodion, five hundred Dollars in Money, which is to
be kept at interest by my Executors till she Comes of age or Marries
or till my Estate is settled and ready for Division at which time I
wish my Executors to take the money that is due her or so much of it
as is required and buy her a negro girl and place it with her,

Item 9 "And I do further will that my Executors after my death
sell my old place containing about four hundred and eighty acres
adjoining lands of J G Smith, W G Setters, and others also one
lot at Reddellsville, containing about one acre, beginning ^{land of} of S Peters
and the Estate of J J Page, also one half of a four hundred and
ninety acres lot in Apling County N MS, and fifth District, And
I further wish them to dispose of my and all property that I
may be possessed of at my death, that I have not disposed of in
this my Will, and after paying all my just debts, bequests, and
legacies, all the money that my Executors have of my Estate, I wish
equally divided between my children or if they be dead and have children
living, they to receive their proportionable share.

Item 10 "I wish my Executors ^{to have} after my death Marble head and
foot posts placed to my former wife, Grace and my Grace with suitable
inscription thereon and a substantial iron fence made around them and
if there is room the Iron fence to be large enough to inclose a place for
my present wife to be buried and if not when she dies my Executors to have
a good Iron inclosure placed around her grave with Marble posts and
suitable inscription thereon, I also wish my Executors appropriate
fifty Dollar to help build a good substantial enclosure around the Grave
yard at New Hope Church out of my estate.

Item 11 I give and bequeath to my Grand Child Peter, & Bryan my
Gray Marks youngest Coll that she now has, I also give to my Grand Child, Mr
Peter Williams my Sons Marks youngest Coll, that she now has.

Item 12 The Slave property with their increase that I have divided
in this my last Will and Testament to my children is not to be sold taken
or held liable to their, or their Husband's Contracts in any manner or form
whatever, during their life, and at their death to be equally divided between
such ones children.

Item 13 I further direct and Ordain that if any of these my children
should die leaving no issue of their body, then and in that case the Slave
divided off to them, shall return back to my estate and be equally divide
with those that are living or if any be dead leaving Children they to
receive their proportionable shares.

Item 14 I Constitute Nominate and appoint my two Sons
Thomas P Smith and William P Smith Executors and Trustees to
execute and carry out the provisions of this my last Will and

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Testament, hereby ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the twenty third day of August in the year of Our Lord thousand eight hundred and Sixty

Signed sealed and published

in the presence of us

James W Taylor

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Peter J Smith

Robert Whitfield will

Georgia Washington County, June the 15th 1853

In the name of God Amen

I Robert Whitfield being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and Ordain this as my last Will and Testament, principally and first of all I recommend my soul in to the hands of God who gave it me and my body I recommend to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my friends and executors, and as touching my worldly good as it hath been please God to bless me with in this world, I give and dispose of them in the following manner, and form by

Item 1st I leave to my wife Rebecca Whitfield during her natural life or widow hood the Lands wherein I now live adjoining Williamson and Roberts and lands loaned to Amilia Parades and others supposed to contain twenty five hundred acres more or less, Also the following negroes Since a man John a Moon and Betty a Nonsen and her increase and at her death to be equally divided among my children, on the same footing and under the inspection of the Trustees I may appoint hereafter to manage agreeable to this intention to their lawful children forever,

Item 2nd I give to my wife Rebecca Whitfield one negro girl Ellen to dispose of as she may think proper, only in my family, two horses to be selected by herself, Two Cows and Calves, Thirty head of Stock Dogs, two feather Bed, Heads and furniture, One Roof Cloth, also one year pasture the quantity to be left to the judgement of my executors to her and her heirs forever

Item 3rd I give to my son in law John W Tate five Dollars to him and his heirs forever,

Item 4th I leave to my Daughter Cherry Tate wife of John W Tate during her natural life and for her sole proper use and benefit, the undivided property not subject to the debts made or to be made of her present Husband John W Tate or any future Husband nor to be sold from her as life estate but to remain in her possession through life, so she may always realize the benefits of the same, the property so leave to consist of the following wherein she now lives, Containing One hundred and eighty eight acres of land adjoining Full Harris & others, also a negro woman called Anna, and a man Gibon a woman Anna a boy child, Ben a man, Fatherless