

with Bond and good security. And my Negroes to be divided out under one of my Children  
marries or becomes of age at which time there is to be an equal division  
there. My desire is that after paying my just debts and calculating my children the balance  
of my Money to be put to interest until the division of my property between my children  
reserving enough to pay Deed, Clearing and Taxes.

Then my desire is that William Knudle, Peter Knudle, & Edmund Knudle their my bro-  
thers now living in Georgia. Bring my robes and sole executors to this my last Will  
and Testament.

Then I wish my son Edmund brought up to some Profession agreeable to his abilities  
Then I do make all other Wills, be it before or any other instrument touching of my  
Property. Ratifying and Delivering this to be my last Will and Testament  
In witness whereof I have caused set my hand and affixed my seal to this  
the second day of December Eighteen hundred and four

Attest,

Willis Knudle

Samuel D. Birns  
James Hatchett  
J. Vaughan

The foregoing Will was this day produced, viewed  
and recorded D. 2. 3<sup>d</sup> day January 1824

Baxter Smith's Will.

The State of Alabama In the name of God. Amen. I Baxter Smith of  
Dallas County, the State of Alabama and County of Dallas aforesaid, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in Manner &  
form following. First. I resign my soul unto the hands of Almighty God, hoping  
and believing in a remission of my sins by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ  
and my body I commit to the Earth, to be buried at the direction of my execu-  
tors after named.

1<sup>st</sup> Item. I give and bequeath to my adopted son Batty Smith, illegitimate  
child of Cynthia Smith, thirty two Negroes viz: Big S. d. Rebecca, Cato, Jack  
Porter, Anna, Nelson, Little Pet, Bitty, Mary, Cupid, Cherry, Susan  
Lucinda, Silvy, Little Ted, Artie, Jim, Harrison, & Liza, Daniel, Sol-  
omon, Charles, Frank, Adair, Willie, Little Jim, Major, Amy, and  
Pat, Big Jim, and Esther, and all their future increase. Under the  
same Item I give and bequeath to my said adopted son Batty Smith all  
my lands lying on the West Side of the Alabama River with the exception of  
two Quarter Sections in Section One, in Township Sixteen, of Range Eleven, to  
have and to hold to my said adopted son son, Batty Smith his heirs and  
assigned for ever.

2<sup>nd</sup> Item. My Will and desire is that Charity John and Shadrack, shall be  
sold and the Money arising from the sale of them, I give and bequeath to my Nephew  
Batty Smith, son of my brother Mr. Smith. I also give and bequeath to my Nephew  
Batty Smith all my lands lying on the East side of the Alabama River, to have and  
to hold to my said Nephew, his heirs, and assigns for ever.

3<sup>rd</sup> Item. I give and bequeath to my brother Ned Smith five hundred dollars.

4<sup>th</sup> Item. I give and bequeath to my brother Dan Smith a Note of Hand which  
I hold on him for three hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents, due  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1816, which Note has a credit on it for Twenty Nine dollars twenty  
cents, and the amount I hold on him is \$100.00.

from the whole or any part thereof.

I the Slave I give and bequeath to Barbara Ford formerly Christian Smith. the mother of my aforesaid adopted son Watty Smith. the sum of One thousand dollars.

I the Slave. It is my Will and desire that Tom. Harriet. Frederick. William. Malinda. Sarah and Big Bob. shall be set free and I give and bequeath to the said Tom. Harriet. Frederick. William. Malinda. Sarah and Big Bob. the sum of Two thousand dollars.

also my Waggon and four micks Micks. also two Quarter Sections of Land. In Section One. Township Sixteen of Range Eleven. out of which the small trees are to be provided for until they are raised. And then to have an equal distribution share with the rest. the above described lands I wish them to settle upon. provided that it is not contrary to the Laws of the State if it is. my desire is and I do hereby Authorize. empower and direct my Executor to sell the above described land. and apply the money to their use or uses. and to have them conveyed to the State of Ohio or some other free state. where they may have their liberty freedom. And its hereby Constituted and appoint my friend David Tye a Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Also for the tutor & education of my adopted son Watty Smith. illegitimate child of Christian Smith. I do give and dispose of the tuition and custody of him to my said Executor during his minority until he shall attain the age of One and twenty Years. Also I do hereby Authorize. empower and direct my said Executor from and after my decease until my aforesaid Adopted Son shall attain the age of Twenty one Years. to manage and improve the Estate and fortunes of my said Adopted Son by my hereby given him. for his use and benefit. And to have all or any part of his household or household Estate. And to lend & place out upon Security or Securities at interest or otherwise improve according to his discretion. all or any part of the monies belonging to arising out from the said Estate and fortune of my said Adopted Son. And to pay unto and account with him my said Adopted Son for all such rents. interest produce and improvement. as shall arise from or be made of and produced by the Estate. Money and fortune hereby given and divided to him. When he shall attain the age of Twenty one Years. But should my said Adopted Son die before he attains the age of Twenty One Years. It is my Will and desire that all the Negroes before mentioned by me hereby given him shall be free. And I do hereby Authorize. empower and direct my said Executor. To have them removed to the State of Ohio. or some other free state where they may be able to obtain their freedom. in case they should not be able to obtain it in this state. And to reimburse himself out of the residue of said Estate for all such costs. Expenses and trouble as he shall sustain. expend or be put unto for or by reason of the performance of the same. and my will is and I do hereby expressly declare that my Executor shall not be charged or chargeable with or accountable for more of the aforesaid Money or Estate than he shall actually receive or shall come to his respective hands by virtue of this my last Will and Testament or with or for any loss which shall happen of the said money or Estate hereby by me given to my adopted Son. or of any part of my Personal Estate so as such loss happen without his wilful Default and neglect and also that it shall and may be lawful for my said Executor in the first place out of the said monies respectively and out of the residue of my Personal Estate. to deduct and reimburse himself respectively all such loss. Cost. Charges and Expenses

of Slavery Will. & the management & execution thereof or any other thing in  
respect relating thereto. And finally all the rest residue in a number of the  
my Estate and effects both real and personal whatsoever & wheresoever  
not known before effectually deposited after payment of my debts, legacies,  
funeral Expenses and other Charges and deductions as aforesaid. I do in  
deed and bequeath to my said Adipositor Mr. Batty Smith illegitimate  
Child of Cynthia Smith.

In witness whereof I have caused set my hand  
and affixed my Seal this fifth day of November in the year of Our  
Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Thirty five

Robert Smith

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 and in his presence have subscribed  
our names as witnesses thereto

K. Farver

Malcolm McRae

Wm. Farver

Codicil To The foregoing Will

State of Alabama

Baldwin County November 29<sup>th</sup> 1835. It is my Will that my Negro man  
Charity be freed with my other emancipated servants and that this be added to my  
last Will.

In witness whereof I have caused my hand to be set in presence of  
Thomas S. Woodward

Robert Smith

Davis Smith

Edward Gault

The foregoing Will was this day produced, proven and recorded Dizg<sup>th</sup> day of

The State of Alabama where as Robert Green Esq<sup>r</sup>. late of  
Charles County Waller County deceased by his will  
bearing date the 6<sup>th</sup> day April 1827 conveyed to his wife  
Margaret Green during her natural life the W<sup>e</sup> of the S<sup>t</sup> of  
of Sec 14. in Township 14 and Range of Containing eighty  
Acre described in said Will as the land wherein he  
the testator then lived after the death of the said Margaret  
Green his wife to be sold for the benefit of his heirs and  
creditors by Robt<sup>r</sup> Green Esq<sup>r</sup>. and Isaac Green his Co-  
utors in said Will nominated and whereas the said  
Creditors failed to qualify and take upon themselves  
the Execution of the said Will and the administration  
of the said Estate with the will annexed  
decreed over and whereas also the probate for  
the said Land in the said Will specified was  
at the time of the execution of the said Will by  
mistake in Robert Green first who on the 14<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1827 for sum of \$1000.00 to