

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF MRS. SARA SMITH

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### Mother Shipton's Prophecy.

"Mother Shipton's prophecy is almost forgotten except by antiquarians. It was first published in 1611. It must be confessed that the greater part of it has already been fulfilled. It has no doubt caused a good many to think of things they would have never thought of had they not been written. It is copied from an old newspaper clipping printed 25 years or more ago. These are Mother Shipton's words."

"Carriages without horses shall go,  
And accidents fill the world with woe.  
Around the world thoughts shall fly  
In the twinkling of an eye.  
Water shall yet many wonders do  
Now strange shall yet be true.  
The world upside down shall be  
And gold found at the root of a tree.  
Through hills man shall ride,  
And no horse nor ass be at his side.  
Under the water men shall walk  
Shall ride shall sleep shall talk  
In the air men shall be seen  
In white in black and green.  
Iron in the water shall float  
As easy as a wooden boat.  
Gold shall be found and shown  
In a land that's now not known.  
Fire and water shall wonders do.  
England shall at last admit a Jew  
The world to an end will come  
In eighteen hundred and eighty one."

Georgia  
Jefferson County This 1<sup>st</sup> day of September  
this the Nineteenth Day of August in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred  
and fifty five D. C. in P. M.

Bethel Church

I now of the Laws & State of Georgia  
the first part and William

Dowson of this County & State  
of the second part & Sarah G. Sperry  
of this County & State of the third part

Witness the said Sarah Sperry  
Gives a sum proposed of to witness to the  
entire estate of the late James A. Green of  
said County deceased consisting glasses  
various plantation tools, horses mule &  
and Whence the said Sarah Mr.

Sum Day of same future time & said  
sum proposed of to witness to same  
just like other estate and a person  
and Whence a marriage is intended  
to had & solemnized between the said  
Sarah Mr. Green & the said  
William Dowson upon the condition

which said intended Marriage be  
said to William Dowson

both agreed that if the sum should be  
paid before that time notwithstanding

The said marriage be the said  
Wolmin & sonne John Weston with wife  
having right, & the a witness in all  
the aforesaid party, we a poore  
laid a Negro or any other isle to make  
present his say hand to him & witness  
a poore to say God - me  
Now this God witness to this both  
that an consideration of the said aforesaid  
marriage, and to the intent that the  
aforesaid marriage may be made effectuall  
in law for the securing unto  
the said God witness Mr. Grise wh  
know he doth further estate with the  
propos of this the same daye he had  
the power to say the disposal of the said  
Wolmin & sonne to the said  
Wolmin & sonne death for himselfe &  
his executors, administrators & any of the  
Crownes grant, power, & authority to  
do with the said person & party of the  
surgeon of him & the aforesaid to do in  
honor of said marriage, & these pro  
posals that notwithstanding the said  
Marriage shal have effect, that all  
the said party laid & agreed & thought  
of him & in case & such estate is the  
God witness Mr. Grise my knyng

acquire & in his term or otherwise &  
the profits of the said property & a portion  
of the said Park in the same  
the sum which he did receive  
as compensation for his services to the  
Cause of Government & be retained  
by him

Now this in due witness whereof  
that in consideration of the said services  
rendered to the said Park that the  
opposite agreement may be made  
between the said Park in Green &  
such person & place who with the  
proposals so that the sum then being  
in the year by Miss Hollis Bennett  
and for himself his heirs & executors  
administrators & others & their executors  
and administrators to agree to & accept  
the said sum & pay & the sum  
of him & the said & administration of  
said service & other presents that  
without standing the said service shall  
be off set against that of the said property  
and to his wife & the other services & all  
such debts as the said Park in the  
acquire & obtain as otherwise than  
during the continuall life of him the said Park

Mr & wife have written to me  
by a letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1854  
to request assistance to obtain a release  
as a deposit & also the cost of removal  
of their son William Dowling & his wife  
Anne with a subject to the payment of the  
Mortgage & expenses for the removal of the  
son Frank Mr & the children, the  
son John Mr. & family & a wife,  
to offset the expense of removing the  
Gentleman bound & sent by themselves  
with you to begin to draw on himself  
other property & interest w.r.t. to the value  
and a portion of Yours & your son  
& son Spencer G. Speir, they expect  
a diminished, a diminution of such  
to do & hold the same for it in due time.  
The purpose to remain & be useful of said  
Dr. William Dowling but no physician who  
will stand them no fee of less  
than the Master, the house should be  
left to themselves & the house  
the wife & myself the two others to be  
left at their hands & left to  
you other with Sarah, M. Green  
Lyndall & Andrew } William Dowling  
partner of } S. G. Speir

John T. Cook  
James S. Speir J.P.