

In the name of God, Amen, I Peter Smith of Frederick County in the state of Maryland, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs do make and publish my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit, In the first place I will and direct that all my just debts shall be paid by my executor hereinafter named.

I will and direct that my negro woman Maria called Maria Buford, shall be free and discharged from all manner of servitude at the time of my decease, and in consideration of the faithfulness with which she has taken care of me for years, I give and devise to her the house in which I live formerly the blacksmith shop, with one acre of land attached thereto during her natural life, and at her death I will and devise the same to her two children Sarah and Margaret during their natural lives, and at their death I will and devise the same to the children of my daughter Harriet their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I will and direct that my two negroes Sarah and Margaret the children above named shall serve their mother until they arrive at the age of sixteen and then be free and discharged from all manner of servitude whatever.

Item I will and direct that my negro woman Maria shall have her bed, a table, stove cupboard and set of drawers now in the house, and that she and her children named above, shall have the use of the well to procure water therefrom.

Item I will and bequeath all the remainder of my land that lies on the north side of the road leading from Liberty town to Frederick town to my daughter Harriet, during her natural life, and at her death I give and bequeath the same to her children in fee simple.

Item I give and devise to my son James Smith his heirs and assigns forever all that part of my land, that lies on the south side of the road leading from Liberty town to Frederick town.

I will and direct that all my personal property not above devised, shall be sold by my executor and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts and of my funeral expences, and should it not prove sufficient for that purpose, the deficiency shall be supplied from the real estate devised to my son and daughter, the land of each to be charged with one half of such deficiency. And lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my son James Smith to be sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made.

It is my will and I do direct, that should my negro woman Maria have any more children than those named in this will before my decease, such children shall be free and discharged from all servitude when they arrive at the age of sixteen years. In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and a press my seal this 15th day of Octr 1846.

Signed sealed published and declared by Peter Smith the above named testator Peter Smith Seal

as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto John Smith Thomas Lippington William Lovers

State of Maryland Frederick County to wit

On the 18th day of May 1847 came James Smith and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the foregoing instrument of writing is the true whole will and testament of Peter Smith late of Frederick County deceased that has come to his hands and possession, that he received the same from Daniel Sevier with whom it was left for safe keeping and that he does not know of any other.

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