Extract from the Last Will of Rachael Smith } Will dated 26th May 1831. and proved 14th Aug. 1835.

"Item. My Will is, and I do hereby manumit and set free my coloured servant woman called Mary, inasmuch as she the said Mary has been a faithful servant. Also I give and bequeath unto the said coloured servant woman called Mary eleven acres of Land, out of my part of that undivided tract or parcel of land known and called by the name of Swanns Venture, and is the land whereon I now live; and after the death of Mary, the eleven acres of land above devised to her, may be sold by my Executor, and paid over to the proper person for the benefit of the Chappel or Church near Newport. Also I give and bequeath to the said coloured servant Mary all my common or every day clothing, my kitchen furniture, one Cow, indifferent, say all my inferior bed clothing, Poultry, and my hog or hogs if I may die possessed of any, and six barrels of Corn, provided I should leave such number of barrels of Corn at my decease –"

"Item. My desire is, and I do hereby manumit and set free my coloured servant Man named Richard at my decease, also the wages that may be due for the year the first of January following my demise, I give and bequeath to the said coloured servant Man named Richard in order that he may be the better prepared to live uprightly."

"Item. It is my will and desire that my Executor herein after named, shall see that these eleven acres of land herein before devised to my coloured servant woman named Mary, shall be so located as to give her a sufficient portion of it in timber as well furnish the said Mary fuel and Materials to enclose the whole of the said eleven acres of Land so devised."

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true extract taken from the original Will of Rachael Smith filed & recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Saint Marys County, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Office this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty five.

G. Combs, Register of Wills for Saint Marys County.

Extract from the last Will and Testament of Rachael Smith marmit. = tag Negro Mary and Richard

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