

Clayton Ga

May 6 1843

To the most illustrious Master Warden  
Brothers of Bebon Gap Lodge No  
265 G. A. M.

I Joseph Smith being  
free by birth and of the full  
age of twenty one years do  
declare that uninfluenced by  
the unwholesome suggestions of  
friends and uninfluenced by reward  
or other unworthy motives I freely  
and valiantly offer my self a  
candidate for membership of free  
masonry that I am prompted  
by a favorable opinion of the  
of the Institution and for knowledge  
and that I will cheerfully conform  
to ancient usage and customs of  
the order

J. Smith

Witness my  
hand this 6th day of May 1843

Denton of  
Jacob Smith  
Recd by  
J. S. Denton

Committee on  
Character  
Translucency paper  
of Mr. Willing  
of the Matthews

This paper has  
not been drawn.