

Picket Shiftlet Will 1849

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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
Elbert County } I. Picket Shiftlet of the State and County aforesaid
being of sound and disposing memory and calling to
mind the uncertainty of mortal existence and that it is appointed
once for all men to die have thought proper to make and ordain
this my last will and Testament and first as touching my future
estate in a world beyond this resign my mortal body to its mother
earth from whence it came and my immortal soul to God who
gave it trusting in the merits of my Redeemer for the remission of
all my sins and as touching my temporal estate, which it hath
pleased God in his great goodness to bless me with in this
world I give and bequeath in the manner following to wit,
Item 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid
funeral and burial expences.

Item 2nd It is my will that my beloved wife Lucrecia Shiftlet
have all my estate both real and personal to have and to
hold the same during her natural life and after her death
it is my desire that my son James W. Shiftlet have a certain
tract of land containing three hundred and seventy six acres
lying and being in Franklin County whereon the said James W.
Shiftlet now lives to have and to hold the said tract of land
for and during his natural life and after his death the said
tract of land to go and be equally divided between all of
his children that is now born or may hereafter be born.

Item 3rd It is my desire that my son Lewis B. Shiftlet have a certain
tract of land containing Two hundred and thirty acres lying
and being in Elbert County on Pickens creek whereon the
said Picket Shiftlet now lives my said son Lewis B. Shiftlet to have
and to hold the said tract of land for and during his natural
life and after his death to go and be equally divided between
all of his children that is now born or may hereafter be born.

Item 4th It is my desire that after the death of my said wife that
all the balance of my said estate both real and personal except
the two tracts of land mentioned be sold by my Executor hereinafter
named and the proceeds thereof be equally divided one half
thereof to go to my son Joseph Shiftlet and the other half to go
and be equally divided between my daughter Edija Powells
four children to wit Sarah Ann Powell, Noah Powell, Milley Powell
and James Powell and if it should so happen that any of the
said four last mentioned children should die without issue the
surviving ones is to have their part or share.

Item 5th It is my will and desire that my said wife have the right and authority to use and sell ^{Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860} ^{www.georgiapiopieers.com} out of her stock of horses, cattle or hogs at any time when necessary for the use and benefit of the family

Item 6th I do hereby constitute and appoint Anderson Craft my Executor to this my last will and Testament hereby ratifying and confirming this and this only and renouncing all or any other

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us and attested at the request of the Testator

William J. Craft
John M. Craft
Thomas M. Turner

Picket^{his} + Shifflet 
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Georgia Court of ordinary September Term 1849.
Elbert County } Personally came into open Court, William J. Craft
John M. Craft and Thomas M. Turner and being sworn
sath that they saw Picket Shifflet sign and seal the above and
foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and Testament, and these
deponents signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator
and at his request and in the presence of each other, and these
deponents believe the testator to have been of sound disposing
mind and memory at the time he executed the same.

Sworn to in open Court this 3^d
day of September 1849.

Attest Wm J. Nelms, c.c.o.

William J. Craft
John M. Craft
Thomas M. Turner

Georgia Court of ordinary September Term 1849.
Elbert County } The within will being exhibited in open Court
and proven by the within named witnesses, It is
ordered by the Court that within will be Recorded

Attest Wm J. Nelms, c.c.o.

Recorded the 3^d day of September 1849. Wm J. Nelms, c.c.o.

Jordan Nelms' Will 1849

Georgia In the name of God Amen.

Elbert County } I Jordan Nelms of the state and County aforesaid
being in feeble health but of sound mind
do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

Item 1st I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phebe Nelms
all my estate both real and personal during her natural
life freely to be enjoyed by her and at her death all