

In the Name of God, Amen. I Richard Cooper of Liberty and State of Georgia, Planter, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament for all men once to die, do make this my last will and testament that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner, to wit, and first of all, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, five negroes; to wit, a negro man named Bram, for & during her life, or widowhood, at her death, or marriage, the said Bram shall become a part of my estate, and appertained to the benefit of the heirs thereof, the remaining four, to wit, Lucy, her two children, Phillis, & Phebe, & a boy named Cain, to be at the disposal of her, my said wife, and her heirs forever; the aforesaid negro Lucy being now in a state of pregnancy which under her life precarious, it is therefore my will, that should the aforesaid Lucy die, and that my said beloved wife Mary, shall be at liberty to live on either of my plantations, and equally enjoy & possess a part of my Land, and buildings, during her life, or widowhood & be remembered, that should the aforesaid Lucy recover after being delivered of the child with which she is now pregnant, my said wife shall have no claim to the before mentioned Betty, who shall in that case become a part of my estate; and with the residue, after bequeathing to each of my daughters one negro girl, in lieu of their part of my real estate, to wit, To Susannah I bequeath the girl Precilla, to Mary the girl Charlotte, To Martha & the girl Kate, To Hester, the girl Rose, to be equally divided to be equally divided between my children, to wit, Susannah, Mary, William, Martha Carter, Charles Chesterfield, Robert & Hester Sallens, and by them & their heirs to be free by enjoyed & possessed forever, Item I give & bequeath to my son in law Robert Sallens two tracts of land adjoining each other, on or near Canonville making in all four hundred acres, by him & his heirs

to be freely enjoyed and possessed forever; Item; I give and bequeath to my sons William & Charles Chesterfield the tract of land on which I now live, and one other tract on Harries neck in McIntosh County, a late purchase from John Dawson, by my said sons & their heirs to be freely enjoyed and possessed forever, with a reserve of that part of the tract on which I now live lying southwardly of the road leading from Saml. Laws plantation to Riceborough, to be sold by my executors for the benefit of my children; Item; The full intent and meaning of my will is, that all my lawful debts shall be paid, before a division of my estate shall take place, and as my children become of age by law, that they draw of their part, & be of no farther charge to my estate, on which should it be their choice to remain, my executors are authorized to admit of it, by their preserving reasonable board & lease so long as it may appear to be consistent with the interest of my said estate;

Lastly, I nominate or do and appoint James Nephew William Anderson my executors, & my beloved wife Mary executrix during her widowhood of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul, all, & every other, Testaments, will, legacies, bequests, and executors by me in any ways before made, ratifying & confirming this, and no other, to be my last will and testament. I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fifth day of February one thousand in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & two & in the twenty

sixth year of American Independence

signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Richard Cooper, to be his last will & testament in the presence of us, who in his presence and in presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names

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Be it known to all men by these presents, that I Richard Cooper
of the county of Liberty and State of Georgia, felon &c. have made
and declared my last will & testament in writing bearing date the
fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred & two, I the said
Richard Cooper by this present codicil, do ratify my said last will
and testament, and do further will & desire that should the child
with which the before mentioned Lucy is now pregnant, be born alive,
it shall be deemed as part of my estate, and divided at the general
division, between my children, and my will and meaning is that
this codicil be adjudged to be a part of my last will & testament,
and that all therein mentioned be faithfully performed and as
fully in every respect as if the same were set declared & set
down in my said last will & testament witness my hand
this fifth day of Feb'y one thousand eight

Richard Cooper

Signed in the presence
of us
Jas Carter
Jas Peacock
Jas Monroe

State of Georgia) In the name of God, Amen.
Liberty county) I Elizabeth Bennet of the
State and county aforesaid widow, being of perfect
mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality
of my body do make and ordain this my last
will and testament, With, I recommend my body
to the earth to be buried in a decent christian man-
ner, at the discretion of my ex^{ors}, and my soul into
the hands of God that gave it humbly beseech-
ing to receive it thro the infinite merits of Jesus
Christ.

Item. It is my will that all my just debts and fune-
ral charges be paid, and then I will that my
negro Woman Willoby be absolutely set free and
thirty dollars to be gave her out of my estate.