

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
me 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
that is to say, principally and first of all I give and bequeath
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
wherein it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give
devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner
and form: Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife,
five negroes: to wit, a negro man named Brown, for & during her
life, or widowhood, at her death or marriage, the said Brown, shall
become a part of my estate, and applied to the benefit of the
hins thereof, the remaining four, to wit, Lucy, her two children,
Phillis, & Obees, & a boy named Cain, to be at the disposal
of her, my said wife, and her heirs forever, the aforesaid ne-
groes being now in a state of pregnancy which renders her life
precarious, it is therefore my will, that should the aforesaid Lucy, de-
cease in consequence of her present state of pregnancy, that my
said wife shall have the overch Betty, in place of the said Steven,
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 it remem-
bered, that should the aforesaid Lucy recover after being delivery
of the child with which she is now pregnant, my said wife
shall have no claim to the beforementioned 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 be-
queath the girl Poculla; to Mary the girl Charlotte; To Martha C.
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 C., Robert &
Hester Sallens, and by them & their heirs to be freely enjoyed & pos-
sessed forever, Item I give & bequeath to my son in law Robert
Sallens two tracts of land adjoining each other, or near
Canonville making in all four hundred acres, by him & his heirs

to be freely enjoyed and possessed forever, I then
 And do give to my son William & Charles Charles
 the tract of land on which I now live, and one
 on known as an old Dutch County, a late purchase
 from John Dawson, by my said son & their heirs to be
 enjoyed and possessed forever, with a reserve of land
 of the tract on which I now live, lying southwardly
 the road leading from said land, and plantation
 brought to be sold by my executor for the benefit of
 children, then. The said extent and meaning of any part
 that all my lawful debts shall be paid before a division
 of my estate shall take place, and as my children
 of age by law that they share of their part & be of
 further charge to my estate, so which should not be
 there to remain, my executor is authorized to adjust
 by their paying reasonable board & dress so long as my
 appears to be consistent with the intent of my said
 Lasting I nominate or name & appoint James Sheppard
 William Anderson my executor, & my beloved wife Mary
 executor during her widowhood of this my last will
 Testament, and I do hereby wholly disallow, revoke, withdraw
 and, all & every other, Testament, will, bequest, legacy
 and execution by me in any way before made, ratified, or
 confirm this and no other, to be my last will and testament
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal
 fifth day of February one thousand one thousand eight
 Lord one thousand eight hundred & two & in the year
 sixth year of American Independence
 signed sealed published pronounced and declared
 by the said Richard Cooper, to be his last will & testament
 in the presence of us the undersigned, and in presence
 of each other whom lawfully summoned and named
 J. P. Cooper
 J. P. Cooper
 R. Moore

Richard Cooper

and known to all men by this present, that I Richard Cooper
 of the county of Liberty and State of Georgia, planter, have made
 and declared my last will & testament in writing bearing date the
 fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred & two, the said
 Richard Cooper by this present instrument, do ratify my said last will
 and testament, and do further will & declare that should the child
 with which the before mentioned Mary is now pregnant be born alive
 it shall be deemed in part of my estate, and should at the general
 division, between my children, and my said wife & surviving, that
 this child be adjudged to be a part of my last will & testament
 and that all therein mentioned be fully fully performed and dis-
 fully in every respect, as if the same were not declared & set
 down in any said last will & testament unless my last
 fifth day of July one thousand eight
 signed in the presence of

Richard Cooper

J. P. Cooper

J. P. Cooper

R. Moore

State of Georgia? In the name of G. D. above,
 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, Viz. 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 fore-
 real charges be paid, and then I will that my
 negro woman Willoby be absolutely set free and
 of my estate