

In the name of God Amen

I, West Sheppard, of the County of Miller
and the State of Georgia, being of sound
and disposing mind and memory and
being desirous to settle my worldly affairs
while I have strength to do so, do make
this my last will and Testament, hereby re-
voking all wills by me at any time here-
tofore made, and first I commend my soul
to the God who gave it, and my body I
desire to be buried, in a decent and Christian
like manner. And my worldly estate I
dispose of as follows:

Item 1. I desire that my just debts be
paid by my Executor hereafter named.

Item 2. In the Event I should die before
a tomb is erected over my deceased father's
grave, similar to the one over my mother's
grave I direct that my executor have one
erected at the expense of my estate, if the
other heirs refuse to give their part towards
the Erection of the same.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my son
Arthur John West Sheppard, lot of land
No. 40 in the 13th district of Miller County
containing 250 acres more or less, East half
of lot No. 41 in the 13th district of Miller
County containing 125 acres more or less.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my
son Permetia Richard Sheppard, one
lot No. 381 in the 13th district originally
in Miller County containing 125 acres.

more or less, also No. 1 in the 15th dist.
Miller County containing 250 acres more or
less

Item 5. My gin house & shop I desire to be
left for to the my children, jointly and never
to be sold unless by agreement of the heirs to
sell to each other, this includes the ground
on which they stand.

Item 6.

I wish that none of my property be divided or
sold (except as hereinafter provided) during the
life or widow-hood of my beloved wife, Mary
Sheffield, But she is to keep the same to-
gether and manage it for the benefit
interest and support of my son and I have
named as soon, and also for their education.

Should my wife die or marry during the
minority of my children or either of them.

I desire that the guardian of such children
or child, manage my estate according to the
directions given my widow, as above in this
Item.

Item 7 Should my wife die or marry
during the minority of my children, it is my
will that the property bequeathed to them in this
will be kept together for their benefit until
they arrive at the age of majority, and that it
be managed by such Guardian, as may
be lawfully appointed for them or either
of them.

Item 8 Should my children herein
upon named arrive at the age of majority

during the widowhood of my wife Mary
she is to hold the estate together still for
the interest of herself and them, allowing them
land to cultivate without rent or charge with
stock sufficient for that purpose in her
discretion.

Item 9. The remainder of my land and
~~land property~~ not heretofore bequeathed, I
desire should be sold at the death or marriage
of my widow, at public or private sale in
the discretion of the guardian of my children.

Unless I should between this time and my
death purchase lands adjoining the plantation
wherein I live now, in this case the land so
purchased I desire shall be equally divided
between my two children, at the death or
marriage of my widow or in case she dies
or marries during the minority of my child-
ren, then to be divided when they arrive at
sufficient majority, and at the same time the lands
heretofore bequeathed to them and support
for them.

Item 10. I desire that my personal property
of all description, be divided equally between
my son and daughter, herein before named.
But in the mean time, should my widow or
the guardian of my children, find it necessary
to use any of my personal property for the purpose
of maintaining, supporting my widow and
children, or of educating my children, it is
my desire that it be taken in the same
manner as the widow or guardian

Item 11, I will that good and substantial buildings be erected on the land bequeathed to my son, Amos John. Mostly, at the expense of my whole estate, so that the improvements will compare favorably with the above given my son.

Item 12, The property given to my son is to be forever free from any debts or liabilities of my husband she may have at or before my death.

Item 13. Should either of my children die without lawful issue then the surviving child shall inherit such property as is given ~~to me~~ ^{to} such deceased child.

Item 14, I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Sheffield, Executrix to this my last will and Testament to carefully sit up and see its provisions fully carried out into effect.

In witness whereof I, The Said
Wm Sheffield do this my last will
consisting of this and the four foregoing pages
of paper now set my hand and Seal
That Sheffield (L. 5)

Signed Sealed, published and declared by the
above named Wm Sheffield, as his last will
and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request
in the presence of each other have subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto.

Jan Bowen Boughman
Mary C. Sheffield

Georgia Miller County

J. William B. Dainell

of said County, do hereby certify that
the foregoing, is a true copy of the
last will and testament of west Sheffield
as placed before me in common form
April 1st, 1875, in vacation at Chambers
that Mary Sheffield named therein as
Executrix was duly qualified before me ~~at~~
said time, and to vest her with full
authority to execute said will. I have duly
issued her letters testamentary, annexed to said
Copy of will.

In testimony whereof I the Ordinary have
set my hand and seal of office,

This April 2nd, 1875.

J. W. B. Dainell
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