

Georgia
Monroe County

I John Darden of the State and county aforesaid, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this as my last will and testament

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto Wilson Darden in trust for my daughter Lucetta Ponder the sum of five hundred dollars to be so used as to the said Wilson Darden may seem most conducive to the interest and welfare of my said daughter Lucetta Ponder and after her death whatever of said fund may remain in the hands of Wilson Darden is to revert to and become a part of my estate to be divided as my other property herein after directed

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my grand children George W Darden, Mary Ann Darden Rebecca Jane Darden Martha Elizabeth Darden Jonathan Darden and Madison Darden children of Jonathan Darden decd the sum of three hundred dollars to be equally divided between them

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my grand children Nancy Keenum, Eliza Hill, Frances Hill Mary Ann Hill William Hill James Washington Hill and Henry Hill children of James Hill the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to be equally divided between them

Item 4th After all my just debts and the foregoing legacies are paid I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elender Darden the remainder and residue of all my property both real and personal - After her death I wish my negroes to be equally divided between Wilson Darden, Stephen Darden, Elizabeth Minn, Mary Rhodes, Ann Darden, and John Weaver Darden. After going to Stephen Darden and Ann Darden each a cow and calf and a bed and furniture. I wish all the remainder of my property both real and personal to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between Wilson Darden, Stephen Darden, Elizabeth Minn, Mary Rhodes, Ann Darden, and John Weaver Darden

I hereby nominate and appoint Wilson Darden and Stephen Darden Executors of this my last will and testament

Signed, sealed and published in

presence of
Elbridge G. Abbott
Elisha Abbott
Hardaway Collier

John Darden

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Personally appeared in open Court Elisha Abbott and Hardaway Collier who being duly sworn

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deposeth and saith that they saw John Darden sign, seal, publish and
declare the foregoing as and for his last will and testament, that they
in the presence of said John Darden and at his request and in
presence of each other, and of Elbridge Cyleabaus, attested said will
as witnesses and that said Elbridge Cyleabaus in presence of said
John Darden and at his request and in presence of disponents attested
said will as a notary and that at the time of the execution of said
will said John Darden was of sound and disposing mind and
memory and that he executed the same freely and voluntarily
and without compulsion. Given to and subscribed this 3^d day
of July 1837
Elbridge Cyleabaus
Hardaway Collier

Georgia
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The foregoing last will and testament of John Darden
and having been shown in open Court at the regular term upon the oath
of Elisha McCord and Hardaway Collier
It is ordered that the same be admitted to record and
that letters testamentary issue to Wilson Darden one of the executors
in said will named

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true last will of the within named John Darden
deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly
execute the same by paying first the debts and then the legacies
contained in said will as far as his good and chattels will then unto
extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and
perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels - To help me God
Given to this 3^d day of July 1837
Elbridge Cyleabaus
Wilson Darden

Recorded July 3rd 1837
Elbridge Cyleabaus