

Georgia Muscogee County Michael Woodruff Will

I Michael Woodruff of Said County now living at a house
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and Precarious State of Health administering one of the following items and
unto dust I must return" and being of sound and disposing mind and memory
do hereby make this my last will and Testament

Item 1 I give my body to the earth from which it came and relying upon the grace
of God have a hope of salvation beyond the grave through the merits
of his Son my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Item 2 My will and desire and hereby direct that my Executrix hereinafter named
shall collect all the available means and sums which may be due and owing
to me and with the proceeds arising from the same shall pay off all just
and legal debts which are of force against me

Item 3 my will and desire further is and I hereby direct, that my family shall
remain together and use the property belonging to my Estate for their support
and maintenance and for the education of my children and that my Executrix
shall control the whole of my Estate in such manner according to the best of
her judgement as shall most concur to her benefit and the benefit of my
children and for that purpose I hereby give to her full power and authority
to sell any part or portion of my Estate for cash or otherwise either at
public or private sale and of the same deem it best may reinvest the
proceeds in any other property more suitable to her wants and necessities
and to the interest of my children.

Item 4 I hereby direct my Executrix to pay to the widow of Moses Griffith (deceased),
the sum of one hundred dollars per annum for the term of seven years
without interest making seven hundred the first payment to be made
within month after the execution of my Executrix

Item 5 It is my will and desire that what ever may remain of my Estate at the death
of my wife shall be equally divided among my children share and share alike
and upon the marriage of my daughter my Executrix may set apart for their
use and benefit such portion of my property as she may judge necessary
and proper which shall be for their sole use and benefit as their sole and separate
estate free from the control and liability of their husbands and all property in
any manner accruing to my said daughters from my Estate shall be held
by them and each of them to their sole use and benefit, as their and each of
their separate Estates as above stated

Item 6 I hereby appoint my beloved wife Abigail T Woodruff the Executrix of
this my last Will and Testament with full power and authority to execute
the same with full security on account of the same in any Court or
Jurisdiction what ever and with full liberty required to make Returns of her actions
and doings to the Court of Ordinary or Probate Court and having full confidence
in her judgement and disposition to act for the benefit of her self and children
I intend hereby to invest her with the full power to do so without being
hampered by legal requirement in the management and control of my Estate

In testimony whereof I have here-to set my hand and seal this
the first day of October 1853 Michael Woodruff *Seal*
Signed Sealed Subscribed and declared by Michael Woodruff as his last will and
testament in our presence who have each subscribed the same on the present of the
testator and in the presence of each other

October 1st 1853

John T Gorden
W.M.W. Gorden
Niley Williams

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Muscogee County Court of Ordinary May 1870

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In Vacation Comes Michael J Woodruff the
 Executing Testator named and Propounds the foregoing Writings as the last Will
 of Michael Woodruff deceased late of Said County and Wiley Williams
 one of the Subscribing Witnesses to Said Will being Present and duly sworn
 on oath says that he was present when Said instrument was Executed and
 Published by Said Michael Woodruff as his last will and that he Subscribed
 the same in Presence of Testaments Marin S Gordon Wm H Greenwell and
 Wiley Williams and that Witnesses Subscribed their Names witness in the
 presence of Said Testator and of each other - Deponunt further Sayng that at
 the time of executing Said writing said Michael Woodruff was of sound and
 disposing Mind and Memory at that so far as deponent knows or believes
 he did it freely of his own accord without any Undue Influence or Compulsion
 Wiley Williams - Sworn to and Subscribed Before me this 10 day of May 1870

John W. Dyer

Ordinary