

The Will of Wiley Abercrombie and

Georgia

In the name of God Amen

I Wiley Abercrombie of the County of Putnam and State aforesaid for the more convenient disposal of my estate after death do make or make and publish the following as my last will and testament.

First it is my will that after my death the whole of my estate real and personal be kept under the control of my Executors as near in the situation in which I may leave it as practicable no part thereof being sold, exchanged or in any manner aliened unless in the opinion of all my Executors it might be advisable to dispose of part thereof when it is like to be lessened in value by longer keeping or for the purpose of more conveniently paying debts, and then my wife shall find out what sum of money can most conveniently be obtained. Item It is also my will that my wife have the entire use and occupancy of my mansion house together with the land I bought of from W. M. W. and that she keep the dwelling with the furniture and household goods and such household and kitchen furniture as may be deemed sufficient and let by my Executors sufficient provision to her with all necessaries for the support of herself and my children in such manner and style as may have been used in my life so long as she remains a widow.

Item It is my will that my Executors employ every year six or eight overseers and to send by the labour of my negroes such crops on my farm ~~such crops~~ as they may deem advisable for the support of my family and to employ the money arising from the sale of the surplus of my crops in such manner as may seem to them most advantageous to my estate. Item my whole estate being kept together in the manner before directed it is my will that as my children ~~may~~ arrive at full age or marry that my Executors cause a fair valuation of my whole estate then in their possession to be made the same to be divided so as to give an equal share thereof real and personal to my wife and each of my children and when the said division of said real and personal share (to be determined by lot) to such children as may then arrive at full age or marry.

Item Maria my daughter Rebecca S. W. having already married and received a part of her estate which I conceive to be fairly worth between hundred dollars which amount I wish my Executors to take from her proportionable part of my estate but I wish all my just and lawful share before every division taken before them It is my will that my wife keep my children with her at my mansion house and that she receive at a final division of my estate a share of the land and in my by her during her life and her said part or share with its increase on her death return to my estate and be equally divided between my then surviving children their several heirs.

Item It is my will that my Executors have my children supported and educated in such manner as may be ~~convenient~~ ^{fit} with the amount of property I have them and that great care be taken of their morals.

Item I desire should my wife marry again I wish my Executors to cause a like division to be made in the case of my children above named and her share of my estate divided to her she having the liberty of returning the mansion house as a part of her dower if she chooses but no longer entitled to a proportion of the common stock of my estate.

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Lastly It is my will and I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother Abraham Sherborn and my wife and my two friends Joel Crawford and Thomas Hays executors to this my last will and testament: hereby revoking and annulling all other former wills and testimony whereof I have been made Subst. my hand and seal affixed my hand this 8th day of March 1825

John Sherborn

W Sherborn

W H Sherborn
John Sherborn

Probate

On within view of Wm Sherborn and duly sworn in open Court by John Sherborn & John Sherborn two of the subscribing witnesses to the above and Anderson Sherborn was duly qualified as executor to the said
This 1st Feb'y 1830

W H Sherborn c.c.c.

The Will of Martha Cooper Dece

In the name of God Amen

I Martha Cooper of the State of Georgia County of Putnam being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be almighty God for the same do make and publish this as my last will and testament in shannerd form following. That is to say First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Brother George Lewis on horse saddle. I bequeath also one bed and furniture to him and to his heirs forever I bequeath you and bequeath unto my niece Sarah Lewis on her and furniture to her & her heirs forever I do also give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph all the remainder and Remains of my estate both near and far and to him and his heirs forever. It is also my will and desire that should my Brother George or my niece Sarah either of them or both die without an heir in that event the property that I have herein to bequeath to and be come the property of my son Joseph. and in the event of my son Joseph dying or that he die the property which I have willed to him with all the interest is to be divided with my son and be equally divided between them. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas Cooper Son my whole & sole Executor of this my last will and testament

in which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of September 1829 Signed, sealed published & attested by the above Martha Cooper to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Probate

Richard Little
Calvin Strahan
Paul Hunt

Martha Cooper

Proved in open Court and read to record this 2nd Feb'y 1830

W H Sherborn c.c.c.