

David Sheppard

State of Georgia
Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I David Sheppard of said State and County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory, knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper, both as respects my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me; I do therefore make this my last will and testament hereby, revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made.

First - I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, all hope for Salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Secondly - I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors hereinafter named and appointed.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Temperance for and during her natural life only, all of my land Woods stock of Cattle Hogs and Mules Household and Kitchen furniture of every description upon condition as follows: Viz. That my three youngest Sons shall receive an education sufficient to enable them to read and write, cipher, accurately, and further it is my will desire that my five youngest Children namely Mary Jane and Lorisa Cornelia and Charles Richard Milton & David Wingfield and Wiley Parks shall receive a Cow and Calf, and a feathered Bed, and furniture, and my three youngest Sons shall receive in addition thereto a Horse Bridle & Saddle to make their share equal with my three oldest children that have married & left.

Fourthly, It is my will and desire that after the death of my beloved wife Temperance that all my property of every description be sold and the money arising from the sale of the same be equally divided among all my children the issue of the body of my beloved wife Temperance during our intermarriage.

Fifthly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Temperance Sheppard Executor of this my last will and testament this July 15 1864.

David Sheppard

Signed Sealed declared and published by David Sheppard as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other this July 15 1864.

John Walden
Elphaz Walden
Jos H Himes