

October 30th 1856

William Abernethy's Will

I William Abernethy of the County of Lincoln
& State of North Carolina do make & publish this
my last will & testament, hereby revoking, as far as
one made on 29th May 1848. I give & bequeath to
my wife Minniferd Abernethy the following negroes,
Lucian, Minde & four children, viz. Minerva, Patsy,
Milly & Lion & all the children she may have after
the date of this will absolutely, to her & her heirs
forever. I also devise to my said wife the tract of
land on which I now live during her life, & at
her death to my son David on condition that
he pay the sum of six hundred dollars to be
equally divided among my other children, Alfred,
Henry, Joseph & Balsora, within two years from
& after the death of his mother. I also give & be-
queath to my wife all my household & kitchen fur-
niture absolutely, together with a sufficient quan-
tity of provisions for the support of herself &
her family (including the stock) for twelve months,
to be laid off by my executors. I give in to her
all my stock of every description with their
increase, to use & enjoy during her life & at her
death I devise the stock to be sold & ^{the} proceeds
to be divided equally among my five children.
To son Alfred I will all the negroes I have heretofore

one made on 29th May 1849. — I give & bequeath to
my wife Winifred Abernathy the following negroes,
Lucian, Minna & four children, viz. Minerva, Patsy,
Milly & Jim & all the children she may have after
the date of this will absolutely, to her & her heirs
forever. I also devise to my said wife the tract of
land on which I now live during her life, & at
her death to my son David on condition that
he pay the sum of six hundred dollars to be
equally divided among my other children, Alfred,
Henry, Joseph & Balsora, within two years from
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all my stock of every description with their
increase, to use & enjoy during her life & at her
death I devise the stock to be sold & ^{the} proceeds
to be divided equally among my five children. —
To son Alfred I will all the negroes I have heretofore
given him & for which negroes he has my bills of
sale. I give him, also a negro boy Washington whom
he has now in possession & for whom he has no
bill of sale, likewise all other property that I
have heretofore given him. To my son
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I give I will all the negroes I have given him
 for which he has my bills of sale & all
 other property I have given him - To my son
 Joseph I will all the negroes I have given him
 for which he has my bills of sale, also a negro girl
 Lucy that he has now in his possession with all the
 children she has or may hereafter have and ^{all} other
 property I have given him - To my daughter Belsam
 I will all the negroes I have given her for which I have
 made deeds of gift to her & her husband A. A. Oglesby
 & all other property I have given her - To my son
 David I give the following negroes, Jack, Aaron,
 Munroe, Anne, Lucy & her two youngest children
 now living & all the children the said Lucy & Anne
 may have from & after the date of this will, I
 also give him a girl named Roxana & her future in-
 crease - I devise to my son David the tract of land
 on which I now live subject to the life estate of
 his mother & to the charge of six hundred dollars to
 be paid within two years from his mother's death as
 herein before expressed - I give to my granddaugh-
 ter Margaret (Erury's daughter) a negro girl named
 Caroline.

It is my further wish that all the rest of
 the negroes of ^{which} I may be possessed at my death
 & which are not disposed of in this testament be
 equally divided among my five children Alfred,

for which he has my bills of sale, also a negroe girl
Lucy that he has now in his possession with all the
children she has or may hereafter have and ^{all} other
property I have given him - To my daughter Belsom
I will all the negroes I have given her for which I have
made deeds of gift to her & her husband A. A. Oglesby
& all other property I have given her - To my son
David I give the following negroes, Jack, Aaron,
Munroe, Anne, Lucy & her two youngest children
now living & all the children the said Lucy & Anne
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also give him a girl named Roxana & her future in-
crease - I devise to my son David the tract of land
on which I now live subject to the life estate of
his mother & to the charge of six hundred dollars to
be paid within two years from his mother's death as
herein before expressed - I give to my granddaugh-
ter Margaret (Dorothy's daughter) a negroe girl named
Caroline.

It is my further wish that all the rest of
the negroes of ^{which} I may be possessed at my death
& which are not disposed of in this testament be
equally divided among my five children Alfred,
Dorothy, Joseph, Belsom & David or their repres-
entatives - For the purpose of making this
division I devise my executors (provided the
children cannot agree among themselves)

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To select three discreet persons to apportion
said negroes in five lots as equal in value
as possible & the children or their representa-
tives to draw each their share & those
drawing the more valuable to pay those draw-
ing the less valuable the estimated difference
so as to make them equal

I nominate & appoint to St. Ogleby my
son David Abernathy my executor. Witness
my hand & seal this 18th of April 1846
Jas B. Shipp

William Abernathy (Seal)

W. M. Shipp Secy.