

The last will and Testament of me, Thomas Cooper M.D. &

L.L. D^o of Columbia in the State of South Carolina,-----

I think I am now under no obligation to provide further for John and Charles Cooper and Eliza wife of John Manners M.D. of New Jersey my children by a former wife.--- This present will therefore relates to my present wife & her family only.---

I give and bequeath to my present wife for her natural life, while she continues my widow, my house in Columbia with all kind of household furniture at present in our possession, and my slaves Lancho Lucy Lancho Junior, Rachel and any others that I may possess at my deceased, to enjoy the income use & produce of them during the term of her natural life, on condition of her remaining my widow-- of paying my debts-- and of supporting our daughter Ellen until her marriage.--- and in case of my said wife marrying again. I authorize her coexecutors to enter upon & take possession of all the property hereby to her bequeathed summarily. & without delay, as Trustees for all my children by her and to divide the same among such of them as may be then living. My slave old Lancho & his wife Lucy I bequeath to my said wife full & entire property to be disposed of as she thinks fit.-----

I desire that my two ~~acts~~ in the eastern Land Hills (where I formerly resided) with the houses & buildings appurtenant thereto may be sold as soon as they advantageously can be-- also that my library may be sold-- That my claim upon Congress may be pursued until recovered---- That my carriage & horses & all my household property not needed by Mrs Cooper may be sold as soon as may be. and aggregate sum from the foregoing sources arising be invested in some safe mortgage or reputable Bank (& not in any hazzardous trades or ~~employment~~ employment) - the interest thence arising to be paid over to Mrs Cooper on the conditions of this will & at her death the whole to be disposed of and divided equally among my surviving children by her.-----

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WILL OF
THOMAS COOPER.

#2 I desire that my funeral may be private & plain under the directions of my present wife. I leave as Executors to this will my present wife my son my friend Doctor M. H. DeLeon of Columbia In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty fifth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty Eight.

Thomas Cooper

Signed sealed & published
& declared in the mutual
presence of the testator and
of each other the day & date
above written,

James L. Clark
Jno Fisher
Alexander Herbeumont

March 25, 1839 My Son T. P. Cooper arrives at his 24th year of age to day and I have urged upon him the duty of renouncing all care of the business of my family and attending exclusively to the care & maintenance of his own to which he has consented in pursuance of this idea & for his own sake I have ~~underased~~ his name from the ~~executormanship~~ executorship of this will which I earnestly hope he will also approve & acquiesce in as forming part of this last will and testament

Witness to this Codicil

Thomas Cooper M.D.
~~erasure in the presence of each other~~

and the testator March 27th 1839

A. Herbeumont

D. J. McCord

R. H. Goodwyn.

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WILL OF
THOMAS COOPER.

SOUTH CAROLINA.)

RICHLAND DISTRICT) Personally appeared Alexander Herbomont and
publish and declare the foregoing Instrument of writing to be his
last will and Testament that he was then of sound & disposing
mind according to the best of this Deponent's knowledge and belief
and that he with John Fisher and James L. Clark at the request
of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other
witnessed the due execution thereof.---- that he also saw
him sign execute this writing at the foot of the will & that
D. J. McCord & R. H. Goodwyn together with this Deponent witnessed
the same.-----

Sworn to before me 18 May 1839

A. Herbomont

James S. Guignard (Ordinary)

M. H. Deloon qualified same day..

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