

Last Will and Testament

OF

WILL W. SHERROD

OF

NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Will W. Sherrod, of Neshoba County, Mississippi, being above the age of 21 years, of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

I.

I will and direct that all of my just debts that may be probated and allowed against my estate be paid as soon after my death as shall be practicable and I direct that my Executor shall have the suitable inscription as to the date of my death to be engraved upon a monument that now exists in the Sherrod Cemetary in Neshoba County, Mississippi, where my remains shall repose until the Judgment Day.

II.

I will, devise and bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in cash to the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in trust with the authority of the University of Southern Mississippi administrative officers to invest said funds and pay the interest received therefrom into a scholarship fund, said scholarship fund to be utilized in awarding a scholarship to a Neshoba County resident whether male or female who enrolls in the University of Southern Mississippi with the aim to pursue a course in art or in some other liberal arts department, the said recipient of said scholarship shall be nominated and named by the county superintendent of education of Neshoba County, Mississippi, and the principal of Neshoba Central High

School of Neshoba County, Mississippi, and a third scholarship committeeman or committeewoman who shall be designated by the other two persons, that is, the county superintendent of education and the superintendent of Neshoba Central High School.

It is my will and direction that this scholarship be designated the Maude Sherrod Scholarship Fund in memory of my beloved sister, Maude Sherrod, who was a lover of art and throughout her lifetime she devoted her entire efforts to promoting educational advantages to the children of the State of Mississippi and their appreciation of art.

III.

I will, devise and bequeath the sum of \$2,000.00 to Salem Baptist Church with the understanding that the funds will be invested by the church in administration and the interest therefrom will be used for the church activities.

IV.

I will, devise and bequeath the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Cedar Hill Baptist Church with the understanding that the funds will be invested by the church in administration and the interest therefrom will be used for the church activities.

V.

I will, devise and bequeath the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Burnside Baptist Church with the understanding that the funds will be invested by the church in administration and the interest therefrom will be used for the church activities.

VI.

I will, devise and bequeath the sum of \$1,000.00 to be deposited by my Executor in a Sherrod Cemetary Fund to be administered by the trust department of the Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Mississippi. The interest and income from said funds shall be used for the perpetual care of the Sherrod's Cemetary and it is my direction that Salem Baptist Church, Cedar Hill Baptist Church and Burnside Baptist Church receive the

income of this Sherrod Cemetary Fund and maintain said Sherrod Cemetar on a rotation basis, that is, Salem Baptist Church maintain said cemetary for the first year after my death, Cedar Hill Baptist Church on the second year after my death and Burnside Baptist Church on the third year after my death and thereafter each church maintain said cemetary on an annual basis or rotation. The year for the maintenance of the cemetary shall begin on the first day of the first month after my death.

VII.

I will, devise and bequeath unto B. K. Martin, Route 1, Noxapater, Mississippi, all the stock that I own in Depositors Savings and Loan Association, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Neshoba County Cooperative, AAL, and Neshoba County Gin Association, AAL.

VIII.

I will, devise and bequeath unto Mrs. B. K. Martin, Route 1, Noxapater, Mississippi, the sum of \$2,000.00.

IX.

It is my intention that the contributions to the memorial church funds shall be in memory of W. R. Sherrod, my beloved father, Sarah W. Sherrod, my beloved mother, Mary C. Sherrod, my beloved sister, Alice Lela Sherrod, my beloved sister, Elzie May Sherrod, my beloved sister, Sudie E. Sherrod, my beloved sister, Mrs. Ellie J. Taylor, my beloved sister, and Maud Sherrod, my beloved sister.

X.

I will, devise and bequeath all lands that I own or may die seized and possessed of to the Mississippi Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranches, a non-profit organization, under the following conditions: That the said Mississippi Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranches shall utilize said lands in the establishment of a facility for girls or boys or both boys and girls and that the same be maintained in perpetuity. Included in this bequest

shall be all the contents located in my homestead, including but not limited to the household furniture and furnishings that may be utilized by the devisee herein, and there is also willed, devised and bequeathed to said devisee the farm implements and miscellaneous equipment and one 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck.

All the rest and residue of my estate not heretofore willed, devised and bequeathed is also willed, devised and bequeathed to the said Mississippi Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranches.

XI.

It is my will and direction that in the event I shall not have funds sufficient to pay the specific bequests herein named that said funds shall be reduced in proportion to the amounts hereby bequeathed.

XII.

In the event that I shall have more funds, that is money, on checking account or savings account or certificates of deposit that shall be sufficient to pay said specific bequests, then said specific bequests shall be increased in the same proportion that they have been heretofore made from said funds that are in the bank or on deposit in my name, except that the limit of said amount bequeathed shall be \$15,000.00 for the scholarship fund and \$4,000.00 to each of the churches for the Sherrod Memorial Church Fund.

XIII.

I hereby nominate and appoint The Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Mississippi, as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament with full power and authority to carry out the provisions hereof and I do hereby relieve said Executor from filing a bond or giving security for such acts as Executor and I further relieve said Executor from filing an inventory or having an appraisement made of my estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have published and declared this to be my Last Will and Testament and signed the same on this

the 8th day of November, 1985 in the presence of Gail Coats and Linda Benson who signed the same in my presence and in the presence of each other at my instance and request.

Will W. Sherrod
WILL W. SHERROD

WITNESSES:

Gail Coats

Linda Benson

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
WILL W. SHERROD

LATE OF NESHOPA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 15,397

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, NESHOPA COUNTY

This day personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, the within named Gail Coats, credible and competent subscribing witness to a certain instrument of writing filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Neshoba County, Mississippi, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Will W. Sherrod, deceased, late of Neshoba County in said state; and said witness having been by me first duly sworn on oath says:

That the said Will W. Sherrod, on the 8th day of November, 1985, the day of the date of said instrument, at Neshoba County, Mississippi, freely, and without any restraint or undue influence known to her, signed, published and declared said instrument to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of the said subscribing witness; that the said testator was then of sound and disposing mind, and more than twenty-one years of age; that she, the said deponent, then and there, at the special instance and request, and in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of the other witness, subscribed and attested said instrument as a witness to the signature and publication thereof; that said testator, at the time of said attestation by said deponent, was mentally capable of recognizing, and actually conscious of said act of attestation; and that she, the said subscribing witness, was, at the time of said attestation, a competent witness under the laws of the State of Mississippi.

Gail Coats
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Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 1st day of November, 1990.

Marie Musgrove
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:
NOVEMBER 10, 1992

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Gail Coats
GAIL COATS
Linda Benson
LINDA BENSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 1st day of November, 1990.

Janie Musgrove
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 30, 1990

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