

Georgia
Deacon County
In the Name of God.
amen. I Reuben.
Strickland of the said State and County,
being of advanced age, and knowing what
I must shortly depart from this world,
deem it right and proper, both to comfort
myself and family that I shall make
provision of the property which a kind
Providence has blessed me. I therefore make
this my last will and testament hereby revoking
any and annulling all others heretofore made
by me.

Item, first. I desire and will that my body
be buried in a decent and Christian like
manner, suitable to my circumstances and
Condition. My Soul. I trust shall return
to rest with God. Who gave it, as

I hope for eternal salvation through the
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Item Second. I desire and direct that
all my just debts be paid without delay
by my Executors hereinafter named.

Item Third. I give and devise to my
beloved Wife Clara Strickland all the
effects of my Estate both real and personal
during her Widowhood or natural life, and
at the termination of her Widowhood or
natural life, the property whether it may
be, both real and personal. I desire
and bequeath that it may be equally
divided, between my four children, viz
Mather M. Strickland, Thomas J. Strickland
Greenberg Strickland, Lucretia Pent
Item Fourth. I constitute and appoint
my two Sons, to viz Thomas J. Strickland
Greenberg Strickland my Executors to this

my will and testament this February 17
1859.

Reuben & Strickland.
more.

Signed Seal and published by Reuben
Strickland, as his last will and
testament in the presence of us the
Subscribers who Subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of said testator and
of each other. Feb 17. 1859.

John E. Luten

H. K. Bonneau

Thos. P. Fair

Georgia

District County } Before me Joseph Carr.
Mayor of said County, came in person.

Thomas Strickland one of the Executors of
the last will and testament of Reuben.

Strickland late of said County declared
and swore with him John E. Luten and
Thomas P. Fair two of the Justices of said
County, being duly sworn before and say
that they saw said Reuben Strickland sign
Seal, publish & declare, the said instrument
upon this sheet written as his last will
and testament voluntarily and freely
without compulsion & that they signed said
will as witnesses in the presence of said
Reuben Strickland & each other and in
the presence of H. K. Bonneau the
other witness to said will who read the
same.

Sworn to & Subscribed before
me in open Court.
this day 18. 1859.

Thos. P. Fair
John E. Luten

Georgia } I do solemnly swear that
DeCATur County } this writing contains the
true last will of the within named
Reuben Strickland decedent. so far as I
know or believe & that I will well and
truly execute the same by paying first
the debts and then the legacies contained
in the said will, as far as his goods
and chattels will thereto extend &
the law charge me & that I will make
true and perfect inventory of all such
goods & chattels & help save God.
Shewn before me in
open Court, this August 1. 1854.
J. Lowrey.

Thomas J. Strickland

Whereupon it is ordered that said will be
admitted to record, as the last will &
testament of Reuben Strickland decedent.
and that letters testamentary do issue thereon
to Thomas J. Strickland. One of the executors
in said will named. he having first taken
the oath of qualification.
J. Lowrey.

Georgia }
DeCATur County } We Isaac W. Wilkes
George M. Sunday and
Tabitha Smith were
present on Sunday the second day of
October eighteen hundred and fifty
nine at the residence of Archibald S.
Smith a married man. Being in
perfect possession of his mental
faculties and not dying until the