

Wm H Bayant and
 A M Strickland Extra

of E. Will
 Ephraim Strickland } State of Georgia
 Gordon County.

In the name of God Amen.

I Ephraim Strickland of said County and State being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart from this world deem it right and proper that as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and conditions.

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts if any be paid without delay by my Executors hereafter named.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary C Strickland Lots of land number four in the Twenty fourth District and second section containing one hundred and sixty acres and lot number three hundred and twenty one in the twenty fourth District and second section containing one hundred and forty acres, all of said County also lot number two hundred and fifty four in the twenty fourth district and second section also Eighty acres of lot number two hundred and three in the seventh district and third section to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood to live on and to use to the best advantage for her own comfort & benefit and to have the proceeds of the said tract of land together with all the improvements on the same and at the death of my said wife I desire that the said parcels of Land before mentioned shall vest in my beloved son Robert L Strickland and at the death of the said Robert L Strickland the said mentioned tract of land shall vest in his children.

Item 4th I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary C Strickland all my personal property and real estate

have also all my stock consisting of Horses mules
Hogs and Cattle during her natural life or widowhood
use to her own benefit and comfort and in case there
should be at any death a surplus of stock she may
sell or dispose of any part of said stock to the
best advantage she paying one half of the proceeds of
said sales to my beloved son Wm. L. Strickland and
retain the remaining half for the use of herself
and Robert L. Strickland also in like manner all
my farming tools such as Wagons Reapers mowers
Buggies &c.

Item 5th I give and devise to my beloved son Wm. L. Strickland lots of land as follows number thirty one
thirty two & thirty three all in the twenty third
district and second section also two acres more
or less of originally the old Robertson property and
known as the schoolhouse academy lot for and
during his natural life and at the death of the
said Wm. L. Strickland the right to the said land
shall vest in his children.

Item 6th I give & bequeath to the said Wm. L. Strickland
all the stock consisting of Horses Hogs Cattle &c
and all the farming implements of every
kind that I have heretofore give him.

Item 7th I devise that my beloved wife shall have full
control of all my lands not before mentioned
consisting of number sixty seven eighty one
one hundred and eighty nine one hundred and
ninety one & number forty four all of the twenty
fourth district and second section of Gordon
County also fifty acres of number ninety two
in the fourth district and third section
all of said County during her natural life or
widowhood and at her death I devise the said
lands be sold by my Executors hereafter named
and equally divided between my two sons
before named.

Item 8th I devise that if either of my sons before
named should die without children or offspring
the property so set apart before shall
in the one that may survive.

Item 9th I devise that after death that all the
debts and accounts which I am indebted to
shall be paid by my Executors.

but all moneys due me by note or otherwise and if collected or whatever is collected that it be equally divided between my two sons before named or Guardian.

Item 10th I devise that all moneys that I may have at my death shall be equally divided between my two sons before named or Guardian for same here after named.

Item 11th I devise that the fifteen shares that I own Georgia Railroad Stock shall remain as it now is for the term of twenty years then I desire that the said stock be equally divided between my two sons before named.

Item 12th I devise that the Guardian of R. L. Strickland hereafter named draw from the present proceeds of the said Railroad stock due me the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of educating the said R. L. Strickland and the said Guardian shall have the right to draw one half of all the profits of said stock when due for the use the said R. L. Strickland until the said R. L. Strickland arrives to the age twenty one years after which he may have the right to draw for himself and the said R. L. Strickland shall have the right to draw one half of the profits after the said sum of five hundred dollars has been drawn for the use aforesaid.

Item 13th I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary C. Strickland the lawful Guardian of my beloved son R. L. Strickland and I further devise that the said Mary C. Strickland shall not be required to give Bond as guardian, as now required by law, nor to be required to make annual returns as now required by law.

Item 14th Now it is my will and I do hereby appoint my beloved son C. H. Strickland and H. H. Bryant my true and lawful Executors to execute and carry out this my last will testament and witness whereof I the said Ephraim Strickland have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 29th day of May 1884.

Ephraim Strickland 

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Ephraim Strickland as his last

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will and her www.georgiapioneers.com presence of us who
at his request in the presence of each other have
subscribed our names as witnesses

J. L. Johnson

Thomas Bird Jr

H. O. Bryant

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W. L. Black

Ordinary