

Georgia I do now all men by these presents that I John Owens of Henry County, Georgia in Boddy but in my presence and in my full mind make my last will and testament and in testimony have hereunto nominated and appointed and do nominate and appoint Levi H Turner and my wife Martha Owens Executors Executrix and for me in my last will and testament to transact and settle and to close all my business.

I first my desire is that all my just debts be paid

2d and after all my debts is paid I leave unto my beloved wife Martha Owens the one sixth part of my certain estate or a child's part during her life time or widowhood

3d I desire that the remainder of my property shoud remain in the possession of Creators and Executrix hands and shoud here after be divided equally among my five children to wit Nancy Ann Avery Emilie Mary Adeline Martha Jane Jeppe Wooton Owens which property I devise shoud be divided out by each Child secully as they become of age commencing with the oldest to wit Nancy Ann and so on my property consisting of lot of land whereon I now reside also seven negroes namely Melly a woman about forty years of age Mary Ann a woman about forty years of age Augustus a boy fifteen years of age Annaella a girl about ten years of age Harriett a girl about six years of age Graham a boy three years old a girl three weeks old named Sally Ann also one forty acre lot of land lying in the Cherokee purchase Number not ascertained also stock of different kinds house hole & kitchen Furniture & plantation tools &c. This being my last will and testament I do hereunto set my hand and place my seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1842

*John H. Owens* <sup>his</sup> ~~Mark~~

In the present of

Ward H Turner

Aaron White

Rebecca Smith J.P.

Georgia We Ward H Turner & Aaron White do solemnly swear that we saw Henry County John Owens the Testator sign (by making his mark) seal published and declare this writing to be and contain his last will and Testament and that we did sign the same as in the presence of the testator and that he was at the time of signing sound disposing mind and memory and that he executed the same freely & without compulsion so far as we know or believe Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1843

*Ward H Turner*

Aaron White

John H. Lovin C.C.L.

B. Pittet J.P.

Hannah Reed J.P.

Georgia I do solemnly swear that this Henry County writing contains the true last will of the within named John Owens deceased so far forth as I know or believe and that I will well and truly execute the same

by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in this will as far as his goods and chattles will then leave me and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattles so help me God Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1848 Leon A Turner  
I nowe do subscribe before us

B. Pettit J.J.C.  
Nathan Breed J.J.C.

Georgia { November term Court of Ordinary 1848  
Henry County } The within will of John Owen having been proven before their honors B. Pettit & Nathan Breed it is therefore ordered by the court at this regular term that the same be admitted to record

Recorded Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1848 John A. Sowle C.C.O.  
John Walkers Will

Georgia { Knowing that it is appointed for man once to die Henry County } and after death the judgment and being in bad health of body but sound in mine own memory do the day make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows 1<sup>st</sup> My will is that my body should be decently buried giving reasons unto the hand of God that gave it in hope of a blessed immortality

2<sup>nd</sup> My will is that all my just debts be paid

3<sup>rd</sup> My will is that all the property both real and personal which I may have (after paying my just debts as above) to come in in the hands of my beloved wife Mary Walker to be kept together with my seven children viz Robert M. William James E Elizabeth W. Sarah M. Clements W. & Joseph C. and that each child as they become of age shall be entitled to and draw an equal portion of the estate taking into view the number of Brothers and Sisters that may be living together with their mother

4<sup>th</sup> My will is that if my wife shoule marry before my children become of age that all my property of every description be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided between my wife and children

5<sup>th</sup> My will is that if any of my negroes shoule become unruly and ungovernable that my executors are at liberty to sell them and use the proceeds for the benefit of the heirs

6<sup>th</sup> And lastly I do constitute and appoint John G. Tye and my son Robert Walker (to be qualified when he becomes of age) my worthy Executors to this my last will & testament. Signed sealed and acknowledged this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1848  
James A Edwards

William S. Garrett  
Joshua S. Wallaway

John Walker test

Georgia { Court of Ordinary November Term 1843  
 Henry County } Open Court personally appeared William C. Farrell  
 being duly sworn says that he saw John Walker sign seal publish &  
 declare this writing to be and contain his last will and testament  
 together with James A. Edwards and Joshua G. Callaway Signed  
 the same as witnesses in the presents of the testator and in the  
 presents of each other that at the time thereof he was of sound  
 disposing mind and memory as far as I know or believe and that  
 he executed the same without compulsion so far as I know or believe  
 Sworn to and Subscribed in open court William C. Farrell  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> 1843 John A. Low c.c.o.

Georgia { Court of Ordinary November Term 1843  
 Henry County } The within last will and testament of John Walker  
 having been duly proven at this regular term in open court upon the  
 oath of William C. Farrell ordered that the same be admitted to record

Georgia { Court of Ordinary November Term 1843  
 Henry County } We Robert M. Walker & John G. Tyes do solemnly  
 swear that the within contains the true last will of the within  
 John Walker deceased so far as we know or believe and that  
 we will will and truly execute the same by paying first the  
 debts and then the legacies contained in the said will as far  
 as his good and chattles will therunto extend and the law  
 charge us and that we will make a true and perfect  
 Inventory of all such goods & chattles Robert M. Walker  
 Sworn to in open court John G. Tyes  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> 1843

John A. Low c.c.o.

Recorded Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1843 John A. Low c.c.o.

### Solomon Stricklands Will

Georgia { In the name of God Amen I Solomon Strickland  
 Henry County } of said county and State being advanced in life  
 and of full health but of perfectly sound disposing mind and  
 memory being desirous of disposing of my worldly goods  
 do make and ordain this my last will and testament  
 Item first. I commit my soul to him who gave it and that  
 my body be buried in a plain Christian manner  
 Item second I give unto my beloved wife the plantation whereon  
 I now live together with all the house hold and kitchen  
 Furniture Stock of horses cattle hogs sheep and also a negro  
 man named Tom and his wife Zephew and Susan and Mary  
 two girls also Esther a negre girl and Harry a man & such his wife