

Georgia } Court of Ordinary November Term 1843
Henry County } The within last will and testament of Solomon
Strickland senior having been duly proven at this regular term
in open court upon the oaths of Jacob Stoke and Andrew
R Moore ordered that the same be admitted to record

Georgia } Court of Ordinary November Term 1843
Henry County } We Solomon Strickland and Lee Strickland
do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true
last will of the within named Solomon Strickland
deceased so far as we know or believe and that we
will well and truly execute the same by paying first
the debts and then the Legacies contained in said
will as far as his goods and chattles will thereunto
extend and the law chare us, and that we will make
a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and
chattles.

Sworn to in open court
November 6th 1843

John A Low C.C., C.
Recorded Nov 14th 1843 John A Low C.C., C.

Georgia } In the name of God Amen I Joshua
Henry County } Dodson of said state and county being of
advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart
from this world deem it right and proper that as respects
myself & my family that I should make a disposition of my
property with which a kind providence has blest me
I therefore make this my last & Testament hereby revoking
& annulling all others heretofore made by me

It 1st I desire & direct that my body be buried in
a decent & christianlike 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 blessed Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed
and as I humbly trust enjoyed for these many years

It 2^d I desire my last debts be all paid without
delay by my Executor or Executors herein after named
as I am unwilling my creditors should be delayed
of their rights especially as there is no necessity for
delay

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It 3^d I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary during her natural life or widowhood with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet and love for many years one lot of land the same being the lot whereon I now reside and known by the number one hundred ninety two in the eighth District of the county and state aforesaid also one negro woman slave by the name of Patience & three children namely Martha Dick and Greenbury with all the rights to the land named and to cultivate the same for her own proper use during her life time or widowhood also one bay horse known by the name of Fox also one cow & calf also one bed and furniture one sow & pigs also a sufficiency of cooking & table utensils for house keeping also a sufficiency of provision for her support for the ensuing year also the property that she had at the time of our Inter-marriage

It 4th I give and devise that the balance of my Estate both real & personal after my decease be sold and after my just debts are paid that it be equally divided amongst my children as follows
Namely that the children of my son Elyah Dodson receive one eighth share with the rest of my children namely Samuel Dodson William Dodson Andrew D Hollis the son of my daughter Ruth Hollis Josiah Dodson also my daughter Lucy Houley to have an equal share with the rest of my children which I give and bequeath to her and to her body heirs after her death

It 5th I devise that my son Samuel Dodson and William Dodson be my lawful Executors to act and do and perform all the duties required as Executor of this my last will & Testament in testimony whereof I have this day set my hand and seal in the presence of
April 1st 1844 Joshua Dodson

the words or widowhood also one hundred Interline
before signing

John P Bentley
Josiah James
John South

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Georgia } Court of Ordinary July Term 1844
Henry County } In open court personally came John S
Bentley Joseph James & John South who being
duly sworn say that they saw Joshua Dodson sign
and publish and declare this writing to be and con-
tain his true last will and testament that at the
time thereof he was of sound disposing mind &
memory and executed the same freely and with-
out compulsion so far as they know or believe
and that they signed the same as witnesses at his
request and in his presents and in the presents
of each other
Sworn to in open court
This 1st day of July 1844
Test John N Low C.C.C.

John S Bentley
Joseph James
John South

Georgia } We William Dodson and Samuel
Henry County } Dodson do solemnly swear that the
writing contains the true last will and testament
of Joshua Dodson declared so far as we know or
believe and that we will well and truly execute
the same by paying first the debts and then
the legacies contained therein so far as the
law charges us and that we will make
a true and perfect Inventory of all the goods
and chattels of said decedent as required
by law
Sworn to in open court Samuel Dodson
July 1st - 1844
Test John N Low C.C.C.

William Dodson

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of Joshua Dodson having been duly
proven at this regular term in open court
upon the oaths of John S. Bentley John
South & Joseph James ordered that the
same be admitted to record