

Georgia } Court of Ordinary November Term 1843
Henry County } Open Court personally appeared William C Farrell who
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 S Hallaway 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 6th 1843 John A Low C.C.C.

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 Tyus 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 thereunto 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 Tyus
November 6th 1843

John A Low C.C.C.

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

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 household and kitchen
furniture stock of horses cattle hogs sheep and also a negro
man named tom and his wife Zepher and susan and Mary
two girls also Esther a negro girl and Harry a man & each his wife

for and during her natural life or widowhood the said property to be cultivated and managed by my said wife subject to the supervision of my executors for the support exclusively of my said wife and of my own children and the two orphan children of my son Bedford died now with and it is my will that all said property remain on said plantation without removal and that the proceeds of cultivation be applied as aforesaid

Third I give the negro Charles to my wife to have and to hold to her and heirs forever in fee simple but subject to her own disposal Fourth upon the death or marriage of my wife I will to my daughter Polly Strickland the negro woman called black Mary to hold to her own

Fifth I will to my daughter Elizabeth the negro girl Esther to hold to her after my wifes death or Marriage

Sixth I will that my executors hire out or sell the following negroes Phil Daniel Murrey Mary a. Volatto and her two children and their increases for the purpose of paying off my debts except to the children of Bedford Strickland of whom I am Guardian I leave it to be discretionary with my executors whether to sell or hire or manage them otherwise for the same purpose

Seventh I give to my son Thomas S Strickland my negro Abram to hold from my death I also give to him the plantation whereon I now live to have and to hold upon the termination of my wifes estate but the use thereof for the support and maintenance of my own children and those of Bedford Stricklands orphans untill they are grown or moved away

Eighth upon the termination of my wifes estate and the children aforesaid untill of age I give to my son Thomas S Strickland the negroes not already disposed of I also give to my son Thomas the use of the Island plantation separated from my home plantation so called by wolf creek untill his title to the home plantation accrues at which time I give the said Island plantation to my son Ephraim S and Solomon S Strickland to have and to hold as their own all my other lands it is my wish that my executors sell at private or publick sale as they deem best for the purpose of paying my debts it is my will that my executors collect debts due to me and if any excess remains after paying my debts that ^{except the} excess go to my two youngest children

Ninth it is my will that the crops now on my home plantation or which may be at my death go the support of my wife and the children aforesaid

Senior as Legally & cannot, ^{himself} ~~independently~~. My negro man
Brister I request that Lee Strickland my son protect him
and take care of ^{him} allowing the said Brister the entire
fruits of his own Labour & time for the balance of his life

Eleventh I will that my negro man Dick be allowed the
use and fruits of his own labor and time from the expiration of
two years after my death and place him under the care and
protection of my son Ephraim Strickland

I gave to my Daughter Jane Shoulders the negro woman
(excepted from Solomon's gift) to have and to hold from the
termination of the Bequest heretofore made

It is my will that my Executors allow a reasonable and
comfortable support from the proceeds of the home plantation
for my wife and the children to be supported but that
they guard against waste of the property

It is my will that my sons Ephraim Lee and Solomon
Strickland act as the executors of this will and they
are hereby constituted Executors for that purpose

And Lastly I declare this to be my last will and Testament
thirly revoking all others in testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal this the eighth day of
August 1843

Solomon Strickland

Signed Sealed & published

in presence of
Jacob Stokes

Leonard Noan

Andrew R. Moore

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Henry County } In open court personally appeared Jacob Stokes
and Andrew R. Moore who being duly sworn say that they saw
Solomon Strickland Senior Sign seal publish and declare this
writing to be and contain his last will and testament they
together with Leonard Noan Signed the same as witnesses
in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each
other that at the time thereof he was of sound disposing
mind and memory so far as we know or believe and that
he executed the same without compulsion so far as we
know or believe

Andrew R. Moore
J. Stokes

Sworn to and Subscribed
in open court November 8th 1843

John A. Low C. C. C.

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
N. 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 shall require and that we will make
a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and
chattles.

Sworn to in open court

Solomon Strickland

November 6th 1843

John H. Low C.C., C.

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

Georgia } In the name of God Amen I Joshua
Henry County } Dodson of said state and county being of
an 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 blessed me
I therefore make this my last & Testament hereby revoking
& annulling all others heretofore made by me
It is my 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 is my 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