

In the Name of God Amen, I Shepherd Groce of
the State of Georgia & County of Lincoln, make this my
last Will & bequest, after resigning my soul & body
to God who gave it me, Thus the first, I wish all
my just debts to be paid, Thus the second, I wish
my children to have such Education as there Fortune
may admit of, Thus the third I wish my negroes to
be Equally divided Between my Wife & said children
named as follows Elizabeth, Sarah, Sarah, James,
Cuthbert, George, Lullin, Buntin, & Shepherd (I do not
have any more children before this my last Will
be executed, I wish them all to share an Equitable
part with those that are now in being, my negroes
named as follows, Big Joe, his wife Sabra, John
Africa (Willy) Partiscale, Little Joe, George, Andrew,
Silvy King, Sam Lewis, Mariah Ross, Daniel, Pete, Henry,
John Barry, Mary, Plenty, Nelson, Abner & Dick,
These my negroes I wish to be sold with Eight
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to be accounted
- also as to family, at the marriage of either of
my daughters, & my daughter that is going to have
the family to draw her dote & there with be content,
& so alternately as my children becomes of age
or marrys my negroes to be divided, including
the increase of the above named negroes or if
any is added to the number by purchase or other-
- wise I wish my property of every kind to be put
in totty in like manner as above mentioned, and
my children at marriage or coming of age to
draw in like manner Except my Land estate
which I wish my Wife to keep during life after her
death is to be sold & the money is to be equally
divided Between my children that is living
Continued over

On the offering of those that are dead, I leave
my Wife Susannah Groce & James Groce my son
as my Executors to this my last will & Testament
praying that A. May give satisfaction to my dear
Wife & Children, signed this 9th February 1824.

Test

Anthony Strickling
Elizabeth Strickling
Mary Olive

Shipping Grocer

Georgia { In the Court of ordinary, 4th said
Pineblow County } County of March Term 1824 Mary Olive
one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, app-
-eared & made oath that she saw the testator sign
the same as his last will & Testament, that he
was of sound & disposing Mind, that she signed
the same as a Witness at his request & in his presence
& that she saw Anthony Strickling & Elizabeth
Strickling sign the same at his like request and
in his presence

Sworn to in open Court
this 29th day March 1824

Mary Olive

Hamilton Ransom C.C.

Recorded this 31st March 1824

Hamilton Ransom C.C.