

State of Georgia

Macon County I, in the name of God Amen
I John Strickland of said state and County being
of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly
depart this life, do by this my last and proper both with
regards my family and myself that I should make a
disposition of the property with which a kind providence
has blessed me. do therefore make this my
last will and testament hereby revoking all
others heretofore made by me.

1st I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent, and Christian like manner suitable
to my circumstances & situation in life. My soul
I trust, shall rest with God who gave it.

2nd I desire and direct, all my just debts be paid without
delay by my executor herein after appointed.

3rd I give and bequeath to my wife Mary, for and
during her natural life (only) my negro man
Nelson about thirty years of age also my negro
Woman Manah about twenty nine years old &
also give in the same manner all of my
Stock consisting of Horses Cattle & hogs, also
my farming tools, with all the house hold
and Kitchen furniture.

4th The residue of my property so far as all the
bees and furniture with the House hold

That given to my beloved wife Milly after her
Estate there is over I give and bequeath to
my daughter Lemisa Strickland the balance to
be sold and to be equally divided among all
my Grand children

5 I hereby give constitute and appoint my Grand son
Richard A Critchfield, Executor of this my last
Will and Testament this 28th January 1857

John Strickland (S3)
Signed sealed declared and published by John
Strickland as his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us the Subscribers who
Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said
Testator at his special instance and request and
of each other

This 28th January 1857 Patrick A McBride
William S Langley
William Waring

Macon Court of Ordinary

Regular Court Term 1857

That within last Will & Testament of John
Strickland deceased having been duly
brought forth by Richard A Critchfield in
Open Court and sworn upon the oaths of
Patrick A McBride & William S Langley
two of the Subscribing witnesses to said Will
It is ordered by the Court that the same be
admitted to record

Recorded this April 6th 1857
W H Collins,
Ordinary