

Georgia } In the name of God
Madison County } Amen } Solomon

Thickland of said state and County
being of advanced age and bodily afflicted
yet of sound mind and disposing
memory. Knowing that it is once
appointed for all mankind to die. And
it right and proper both as respects 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.

First I desire and direct that my body be
buried in a decent and Christian like manner
suitable to my circumstances and condition
in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest
with God who gave it.

Second It is my Will and desire that all my
just debts be paid by my Executor
hereinafter appointed.

Third I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Thickland with whom I
have lived for many years, Thirty
one (31) shares in the Georgia Rail Road
and Banking Company one negro man
named Jack about twenty nine
years of age one Bed Bedstead and
furniture and one Cupboard for and
during her natural life. The dividends
arising from said thirty one (31) shares
in said Georgia Rail Road and Banking
Company together with the income from
the labor or services of said negro man
Jack she is to have free to herself and
dispose of in any manner she may think
proper.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my son George
Thickland Three negroes (to wit) Polly
a woman about twenty eight years of
age, and a boy about nine years of age.

and Mary a Girl, about Ten years of age
said three negroes I value at Thirteen hundred
Dollars (\$1300.00) I give bequeath and devise to
my said son Crawford M. Thickland the
balance of my tract of land known as my
Wemphill tract adjoining lands of John Scott
on the waters of Little Stone Creek supposed to
contain one hundred and eighty acres more
or less together with all the rights men, hers
and appurtenances thereto belonging or in
anywise appertaining to his own proper use
benefit and behoof forever which portion of
said land I value at Eight hundred dollars
(\$800.00) said tract or parcel of land situate
lying and being in the County and State of Georgia
I have this day made and Executed a deed of
Gift to my son Crawford M. of a portion of
the before described tract of land which
will more fully appear by reference to said
deed of Gift that portioned contained in
in said deed I value at one thousand Dollars
(\$1000.00) said three negroes and lands making
together the sum of thirty one hundred dollars
(\$3100.00) which my said son Crawford M.
is to take and have at said valuation.

Fifth I give and bequeath to my Daughter Malinda
White wife of William A. White three negro
to wit, Jeffery a man about twenty
years of age Sarah a woman about twenty
one years of age and her future increase
and her child Isabella about eighteen
months old said three negroes I value
to my daughter Malinda at Eighteen
hundred and fifty dollars (\$1850.00) I have
this day made and Executed a deed of Gift
to her for two hundred and fifty dollars
more or less being the place where
she and her husband now live which
will more fully appear by reference to
said deed of Gift.

my said daughter to pay a warrant on a portion
of said land (to wit, one hundred & sixty
nine acres more or less in order to straighten
the title to the same) which lands I value
at Twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00). I also
give to my said daughter out of the proceeds
of my estate the sum of Fifty Dollars
in order to make her equal in amount
with my son Bradford M. which said
three Negroes and land in said deed of
gift and money makes the sum of thirty one
hundred dollars (\$3100.00) which my said
daughter ^{Malinda} is to take and have at said
valuation

with I give bequeath and devise to my son
Ephraim Strickland one lot of land
situate lying and being in Cap County
in said State in the fifth district
and third section and known and
distinguished in the plans of said
District by the number two hundred
and sixteen together with all the rights
members and appurtenances thereto
belonging or in any wise appertaining
to his own proper use benefit and behoof
forever which I value at one hundred
and twenty five dollars \$125.00 I also give
and bequeath to my said son Ephraim
two Negroes to wit; Toss a boy about six years
of age and Boudah a girl about eight
years of age which two Negroes I value at
eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) I have hitherto
furnished my said son Ephraim with the
sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) to purchase
land which is to be conveyed to him
And I give and bequeath to my said
son Ephraim out of the proceeds of my
estate the sum of Fourteen hundred
and twenty five dollars (\$1425.00) ^{with}
to make him equal in amount ^{to} my
son Bradford M. and my daughter

Malinda which Lot of Land said two negroes money
furnished to my land and said sum of Hundred
thousand and seven five dollars makes the sum
of thirty one hundred dollar which my said
son Ephraim is to take and have at said
valuation

Seventh It is my Will and desire that after my death
the place wherein I now live containing six
hundred and seven acres more or less
consisting of four different surveys with my
interest in a tract of land on the waters
of Brushy Creek in said County of Madison
owned by myself and James Y. Cholstin
the whole of said tract containing one
hundred and seven acres more or
less my interest being the one half to
be sold either privately or publicly as my
Executors herein after appointed shall
think best and most advantageous to my Estate
also all my stock Horses Cattle sheep and hogs
farming and blacksmith tools and tools of all
kinds House hold and Kitchen furniture
together with all the other property whatever
I may have at the time of my death not otherwise
otherwise disposed of to be sold and my bonds
notes Executions and accounts to be collected if
possible and whatever money may be on hand
at the time of my death - and the proceeds
arising therefrom after all my children are
made equal in amount at thirty one hundred
dollar, the remainder to be equally divided
among my three children to wit Bradford M.
Malinda and Ephraim to share and share
a like

Eighth It is my Will and desire that my beloved wife
take care of my old negro woman Polly during
her life

Ninth It is my Will and desire that if any mis-
fortune should befall my beloved wife
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for her support and comfort that the Capital invested in said Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company or so much thereof as may be required for her relief even to the use of the last dollar if necessary to be taken and used for that purpose but for no other

Tenth It is my will and desire after the death of my beloved wife Mary Strickland that said thirty one share in said Georgia Rail Road and Banking Company or so many as may remain if it should become necessary to use any of said Capital for the support and comfort of my said wife) together with said negro man Jack and the Bed Bedstead and furniture and Cupboard that I gave my said wife during her natural life to be equally divided between my said three children to share and share alike

Eleventh It is my will and desire that each one of my said children keep and have all the negroes given off by me to each one of them respectively hereafter as they could leave me and that nothing further be said or done relative to those given off before the making of this will

Twelfth I hereby constitute and appoint my son Bradford M. Strickland and my son in Law William A. White Executors of this my last Will and Testament this 16th day of March 1853

Solomon Strickland

signed sealed declared and published by Solomon Strickland as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned

reads as Metings in the presence of said
Jestator at his Special instance and request
and of each other this 16th day of March 1853

James C Freeman
John R Bond
Rufus M Munn

Georgia
Madison County } Court of Ordinary
March Term 1854

The within last Will and Testament of
Solomon Thickett having been duly
proved at this regular Term in open Court
upon the Oath of James C Freeman
John R Bond and Rufus M Munn

Ordered that the same be admitted
to Record

Willis Thickett
Ordinary

Recorded 18th March 1854

Rufus M Munn
Ordinary