

George Meriwether } In the name of God Amen and
County } Amen, I do remember that
I Meriwether of the State and
County above written being weak in body but perfectly
sound in mind and knowing that it is appointed
unto all men, that they must die, I do therefore
make and constitute this my last will and testame-
nt (to wit) I give all my just debts to be paid, I give
and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phinizy Meriwether
during her natural life the following property (to wit)
Twelve negroes, buff, Buckell, Henry, Nathan and
Washington (Vellows) Some women as follows, Easter
Henna Mary & Polly, and also three children Jim
and Mansell the children of the above named
Easter and also the child of the above named
woman Henna, I also give unto my beloved wife
during her natural life, the following land (to wit)
the settlement on which I live composed of lots no
fifty six, fifty seven fifty eight fifty nine and
sixty one, in the sixth district of Meriwether
County amounting in all to one thousand
twelve and a half acres more or less, Also my
household and kitchen furniture, and all of my
Plantation and Blacksmith tools belonging on
the premises as named above and also six little
Mules, including my Carriage harness Mules also
one black mare and one road wagon and harness
one Ox Cart and two Yoke of Oxen one close Carriage
and harness and all of my sheep, Hogs, Cows and
Chickens belonging on the above named premises -
Also all of my Corn and Fodder, all of my wheat
and oats and Cotton Gin, and all of my present
Crop of Cotton, and Cotton seed on the aforesaid
premises, after paying off my just debts
out of said portion of my Cotton Crop, And be-
it further understood, that after the death of my

beloved wife Phoeby Strozier that the surviving portions
of the Negroes herein bequeathed unto her and named above
including their increase, and all the lands with the excep-
tion of the lot of Land on which my dwelling house sits
and the lot of Land lying immediately South, each containing
two hundred two and a half acres more or less which said
lots of land after the death of my ~~beloved~~ wife Phoeby
Strozier I give and bequeath unto my son Enoch Strozier
with such appurtenances as may be that time to then into
attached, and the balance of the lands Negroes including
every thing that may be remaining out of the portions
of property herein bequeathed unto my beloved wife
Phoeby Strozier shall be disposed of by public sale and
the proceeds of said sale equally divided between
my children as may be living at that time, or their
legal representatives, with the exception of Willis Jones
son of my deceased daughter Margaret Ann Strozier
the said Willis Jones having already died, and his portion
of my Estate, since he is dead and forever barred and
let aside from having any further interest in my
Estate to all intents and purposes whatever I
give and bequeath to my son Enoch Strozier in
addition to the above named lands coming at the death
of my wife Phoeby Strozier, two Negroes to wit, George
Mar, and Peter, a man, I give and bequeath to
my daughter Polly Strozier, two Negroes to wit,
Betty and Charity, women, during her natural life
and after her death, the said two Negroes women and
their increase shall be equally divided between
the rest of my children or their legal representatives
and I do hereby constitute and appoint my son
Euben Strozier the sole and lawful Guardian
of my daughter Polly Strozier I give and bequeath
unto my son Calloway Strozier two Negroes
to wit, Nelly a woman and Breece a man, also the
undivided half of two lots of land known as the

16th) Brooks plantation the place whereon William
Brooks resided in the lower north district of
Meriwether County containing each two hundred
two and a half acres more or less
I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Shogren two
Acres of land, Anderson, a maid and Susan a Man
and also the undivided half of two lots of land known
as the Brooks plantation the place whereon William
Brooks resided in the lower north district of
Meriwether County containing each two hundred
two and a half acres more or less
I order to be sold thirty three Negroes as follows
Anthony, John, Edmund, Dick, Dick, Joe, George,
Jake, Merrill, (Sellers) Martha and Infant, John and
Infant Emily and two children, Sam & Gilbert boys
Nannah and four children Corine a girl Jim and
Elck boy and Casinda a girl, Nancy and Coda
women Jane, Phillis, Maria, Liddy, Lucretia and
and Uema girls, Peggy, Salla, women, and Clara a
child. Also ten mules and three horses and four
lots of Land each containing two hundred two
and half acres more or less known as my Adams
plantation and lying in the lower north district
of Meriwether County, and also all of my Corn
Yard and Cows, hogs and Cows, together with
the present crop of Cotton and Cotton Seed and
plantation tools on said plantation with the
exception of the one third part of the Cotton
Corn Yards Cows hogs Cows and plantation
tools which one third part belongs to my son
Richard Shogren in the said premises and also
one lot of black Smith tools on the said premises
no part of which however belongs to my son Richard
Shogren all of which after having been legally
sold by my executors, the proceeds of the sale
to be equally divided between my children or
their legal representatives except such of them

as has been here in before set aside and excluded
therefrom together with my Wife Phoebe Strozier
who also is excluded, I give and bequeath unto my
son Peter Strozier a Negro man Dave

The following are the names of those whom I design
to have in the proceeds of the sales of my property
as set apart to be sold under the various clauses
of this my last will and testament, Elizabeth Jones,
Peter Strozier Lida Phillips Wister King, Betshana
Jones, Reuben Strozier Calloway Strozier Enoch
Strozier & Reuben Strozier John P. Strozier and Henry
M. Strozier the last three names being the sons of
my son William Strozier deceased, who is entitled
to one share in the place of their father, and
I do hereby constitute and appoint my son
Reuben Strozier the sole and lawful Guardian
of the amount of Money that may accrue under
this my last will and testament to the said
Reuben Strozier, John P. Strozier and Henry M.
Strozier

And I do moreover ordain and constitute
my sons, Reuben Strozier and Calloway Strozier
my sole and lawful Executors to this my last
will and testament

Witness my hand and seal This 4th Decemr 1854
Reuben ^{his} Strozier

Signed in the presence
of James Day
John P. Thompson
William Watson
John A. Partridge

Georgia Meriwether Court of Ordinary
County of January Term 1854
The within last will and testament of Reuben
Strozier having been proven at this regular

Filed in Open Court upon the Oaths of
James May, William Watson and John A.
Kirtledge

Ordered that the same be admitted
to record, this 13th day of January, 1857

Attest
D. C. Gresham } Sherman McClelland J. C.
C. C. P. } Chas. R. Davis J. P. C.
Abner D. Graham J. P. C.

Recorded this 14th day of January 1857
Darius C. Gresham C. C.
J. H.