

In the name of God Amen, I, John Nicholson of the State of Georgia & County of Sevier Plaster, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & publish my last will & testament: That is to say, I give, devise & bequeath of first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form. First I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my dearly beloved wife during her natural life - the following property, namely one hundred acres more or less lying & being in this State & County aforesaid, bounded by Sarah Nicholson's land on the south & Thomas Nicholson's land on the north - also five negroes namely Tom or McKenney, Larry, Ann, Silvia & Nan, to have & to hold the said property during her natural life, at the expiration of which the aforesaid property shall be equally divided betwixt my three beloved children, Sarah, Thomas & Mary for their individual & particular use severally forever. I also order & ordain that the present negroes which are decreed off say York, Tom, Jack & Sonny do remain in the present situation they are now in until the debts are paid off.

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I also devise & bequeath in law Margaret Struggle one hundred Dollars - also to her daughter Mary Struggle fifty Dollars - I also bequeath unto Sarah Struggle daughter to Matthew Harrington fifty dollars - also to my grandson John Howell fifty dollars - I do hereby utterly disavow revoke & disannul all & every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, bequests & so forth, by me in any wise before named willed & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventeen. - Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said John Nicholson as his last will & testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names. -

Nicholas Struggle
Solby Harrington

John Nicholson
March

Georgia. Personally appeared in open Court Nicholas Struggle Sevier County, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes & saith that he was present & saw John Nicholson Dec. acknowledge & make his mark to the within written will & do deponent further saith that he saw Sol Harrington together with himself subscribe the same as witnesses thereto, sworn to in open Court 7th July 1817.

Nicholas Struggle

Shabern Bondall Clerk

Recorded this 3rd day of July 1817 by me S. Bondall C. C. & S. C.