

in our presence and acknowledged by her to each and she at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be a Codicil to her last will and testament and we at the testator's request & in her presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names on the Twenty Fourth day of June Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Two

James S. Jones

John H. Dupree

James H. Dupree

I James M. Word do solemnly swear that this Writing Contains the true last will & Testament of the within named Mary Ann Tarver deceased so far as I know or believe & that I will well & truly execute the same by paying first the debts & then the legacies contained in said Will so far as her Goods & Chattels will thereunto extend & the Law charges me & I will make a true Inventory of all such Goods & Chattels

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

James M. Word

Wm L. Gordon ordinary

Spalding Court of Ordinary August Term 1852

And now at this term of the Court Comes James M. Word Executor of the last Will & Testament of Mary Ann Tarver and produced before us the last Will & Testament of Mary Ann Tarver and a codicil thereto annexed and the witnesses to said Will to wit William Jackson Henry R. Johnson and A. W. Cogart being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Mary Ann Tarver sign seal publish & declare the Instrument now presented as her last Will and testament & the witnesses to the Codicil to said Will to wit James S. Jones John H. Dupree and James H. Dupree being duly sworn depose and say they saw the testatrix Mary Ann Tarver sign publish & declare the Codicil presented as a codicil to her said Will All the witnesses to said Will say they signed said Will in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testatrix at her request The witnesses to said Codicil also state they signed said Will in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testatrix at her request said witnesses further state that said Will & said Codicil was executed by said testatrix as her last Will and Testament & the Codicil as a Codicil thereto freely voluntarily and of her own accord and without any influence or compulsion whatsoever and said witnesses further state that at the time of making said will & the witnesses to said Codicil say at the time of making said Codicil said Testatrix was of sound & disposing mind & memory - That said deponent signed said Will and Codicil as witnesses in the presence of each other & at her instance & request

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

Wm Jackson

This August 2nd 1852

H. R. Johnson

Wm L. Gordon ordinary

A. W. Cogart

Recorded 7th August 1852

J. S. Jones

J. T. Ransom Ordinary

Georgia } In the name of God Amen I Solomon Strickland of the
Spalding County, Georgia and State aforesaid being of perfect disposing mind
and memory blessed be God for the same and knowing that it is appointed
for all men to die and after this the Judgement do make publish and declare
this Writing to be and Contain My last Will and Testament in manner

form following that is to say first My Will and desire is that my wife Francis Strickland shall have use and Control for her use and the use Education and benefit and maintainance of all my Children all my Land Negroes Stock utensils furniture Money and Property & other effects which may be mine at my death all of which I give and bequeath unto My said wife Francis Strickland on the condition that she remains a widow for ten years from the day of my death if she marries in life time than ten years all the property is to remain together also the Children to be kept together on my Plantation Supported and Educated from the proceeds of all my Property under the direction of My Son Bedford Solomon Strickland and my wife is to have nothing if she remains single for ten years aforesaid a division of all my property is to be made between my wife and all my Children by her and those & those I had before in equal parts as it is my Will and intention that my wife and all my children shall be equal in every thing I may have at the time of my death My Negroes Philip Jacob Prince John Rose and Lizza to be hired out and kept for ten years for the support of my wife and children under the direction of my wife and son Bedford Solomon the balance of my Negroes Stock and every thing else to be kept worked & used on the Plantation under the direction and Control of my wife & son Bedford Solomon for the use and support of my wife and children should my wife not marry and leave my children and plantation she is to have no power nor Control of my Property but it is to be controlled by my son Bedford I yet she is to have her part provided she remains single the ten years aforesaid and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Francis Strickland and my son Bedford Solomon Strickland Executor & Executrix to this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 6th day of May 1852.

Signa Seal published and declared in presents of us and in presents of each other

Solomon Strickland (S)

N. P. Brooks

Leonora Roane

G. Grice

Codicil or Supplement

My Will is that no Returns of my Estate be made to the ordinarys office after probate appraisement Sale bill &c and it is all on record. I mean no annual Returns no the ordinary to have any Control after all is properly on Record In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 6th day of May 1852.

Signa Seal published & declared in presents of us & in presents of each other

N. P. Brooks

Leonora Roane

G. Grice

Georgia
Spalding County
Before me William L. Gordon Ordinary for said County personally appeared Bedford S. Strickland Executor of the last will and Testament of Solomon Strickland late of said County deceased & produced before me the last will & Testament with the Codicil annexed and two of the Witnesses to the said will & Codicil to wit Garry Grice and Leonora Roane which Witnesses being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Solomon Strickland the Testator sign seal declare and publish

The Instrument now presented to his last Will and Testament & Codicil fully
Voluntarily and of his own accord & without any Compulsion or Influence
Whatever that at the time of the Execution of the Said Will & Codicil said Testa-
tor was of Sound and disposing mind & Memory that deponents signed said
Will & Codicil as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his special
instance and request and in the presence of each other and that they
Saw N. Brooks whose name appears to said Will & Codicil do likewise
Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court

Gerry Brice

Leonard Roane

January 10th 1853

Wm. L. Gordon Ordinary

Jan. 10th 1853

I Bedford S. Strickland do solemnly Swear that this writing contains the
True last Will & Codicil of the within named Solomon Strickland & as far
as I know or believe and that I will well and truly Execute the same by paying
first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said Will & Codicil as far
as his Goods and Chattles will therunto extend and the Law charge me and
that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such Goods and Chattles
So help me God

Bedford S. Strickland

Sworn to in open Court

January 10th 1853

Wm. L. Gordon Ordinary

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Recorded 15th Jan. 1853 J. L. Ransom, J. Ordinary

Georgia The undersigned J. H. Campbell A. A. Gaulding and Wm. Crittenden
Spalding County residing in the County of Spalding State of Georgia were present on
Wednesday the fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty three at the residence of William W. Wiggins, a married man
before ~~and~~ at the time of his death about thirty six hours before his death in
perfect possession of his mental faculties, he called upon us to remember and
take notice of what he was about to say That it had been his intention to
make his Will in writing and dispose of his property some time before but
as it was not convenient for him to do so at the time he had neglected it
since He now wished us to understand that his will and desire was that
his personal estate, of every sort and description lying and being in the
County of Burke and State aforesaid should be kept together as heretofore under
the Superintendence of his Brother Amos Wiggins until the death of said Amos
or the marriage or becoming of age of either of his Children upon the happening
of either of which events then the whole of his estate to be equally divided between
his wife Mary Ann and his Children Ella S. E. Clifford & and Henry A. and that
he requested and desired his brother Amos Wiggins and his wife Mary Ann to see
that his wishes and desires in this regard should be fully carried into effect,
about thirty six hours after which he died of the disease with which he was
then afflicted October 11. 1853

J. H. Campbell

A. A. Gaulding

Wm. Crittenden