

Elisha Bland

Georgia Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Elisha Bland being of sound mind disposing memory, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have health and strength to do so do make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made at any time heretofore

Item 1st I desire my body to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner and my soul I commit to God, who gave it

Item 2nd, I will and desire that my executor hereinafter appointed do at the earliest day pay all of my just and lawful debts as I do not wish my Creditors to be delayed from receiving their rights

Item 3rd I will and desire that my beloved wife Agnes Bland remain for and during her natural life upon the Plantation where I now reside which Plantation contains two hundred acres more or less, and after her death to go to and become the property of my beloved son John Bland absolutely and in fee simple as I while in life did convey the same to him by deed

Item 4th I will and desire that after my just debts are paid that the remainder of my Estate consisting of personal property and two negroes, Charles and her child Mary, and the increase thereof, do remain in the possession of my beloved wife Agnes Bland for and during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between my five Children to share and share alike viz Simon Bland Morajah Bland Rachel Proper the wife of them as Proper John Bland Jane Hodges the wife of John Hodges

Item 5 I do hereby appoint and Ordain my beloved son John Bland and beloved Son in law Thomas Proper my Executors to this my last Will and testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of August 1836

Elisha^{sen} Bland

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Elisha Bland as his last Will and testament in presence of us who at his request in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses, this

Isaac Youngblood
Simon Bland

Georgia Washington County

Personally appeared before me John Bland who being duly sworn depose and swear that Elisha Bland departed this life on the day of 1837 and that before his death he made and published his last Will and testament and appointed appointed and one Thomas Proper his executor, and that said Will was sworn and ordered to be recorded on the 12th day of 1840 in said County, and that the same was destroyed by fire in the conflagration which swept away the Court House in March 1855, and your deposition further depose and swear that the above is a copy in substance of the same to the best of

Philip Bland

his belief and knowledge
Sworn to and subscribed
before me December 23rd 1859
Augustus Brooker's Org.

John Bland

James J Page

In the name of God Amen

I James J Page of the State of Georgia and County of Washington being now ~~in~~ ^{of} sound mind and disposing memory, knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this mortal life and that it is appointed unto man once to die.

Therefore I do make and assign the following to be my last Will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

First I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to a common Christian burial. As it regards my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I wish to dispose of in manner following to wit:

Item 1st I give to my wife Elizabeth Page during her lifetime to have and at her death then to my beloved son Jason W Page

Item 2 I give to my three sons James V, Jason W & Andrew J Page a tract of Free land lying West and Northwest of Riddleville containing three hundred and seventy acres to be equally divided between them when the youngest of them comes of age

Item 3 I wish my Executors to sell all the land that I am possessor of at my death except the tract above named, as soon as practicable

Item 4 I do further desire and Ordain that my negroes shall be hired out or worked on a farm as my Executors shall think best and there be no division in them until my youngest child shall come of age then to be equally divided between them and my wife

Item 5 I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Page the right to reserve to herself whatever may be for her comfort at any and all times

Item 6 I do further set apart and reserve one acre or near the Savannah Road near Riddleville on the North side of said Road for a burial ground

Item 7 I do Ordain and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Page my Executors and John P Smith my executor to this my last Will and testament

I testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

In presence of this February 23 1860

William ^{my} White

Allen ^{my} White

John ^{my} Page

J J Page