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Gideon Strange (will)

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen

Washington County } I Gideon Strange of the State and County aforesaid
being of sound disposing mind and memory, and know-
ing that it is appointed for all men once to die and being desirous of
making a disposition of my worldly Estate, do hereby make certain public
+ declare this to be my last Will + Testament in manner and form following
hereby revoking all former Wills and Testaments by me made

Item 1st It is my Will + desire that all my just debts be paid -

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Hall
wife of Reuben H. Hall, one negro man Silas, Florida a woman
and Melly a Girl and their increase also one tract of land containing
two hundred and eighty acres, more or less adjoining R. Blount,
Isaac Tull and others also one mare bridle and saddle five cows
and calves and bed and furniture, the above property she has
received which is all the property I intend giving her out of my
Estate

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my sons, John J. Strange and Richard
B. Strange in trust for my Daughter Martha ^{at the age of 13} R. Roberts, formerly (now
a widow) during her natural life for her sole and separate use
free from the debts, liabilities and contracts of her former Husband
said William B. Roberts, or any future Husband the following prop-
erty to wit, Jacob a man, Selby a woman, Julia a woman, Diack
a Girl and the issue of said female Slave, also five hundred acres
of land more or less on the East side of Buffalo Creek with the
exception of four acres around and whereon the Rutherford man-
sion stands, also five cows and calves and one bed and furniture
the above mentioned property specified in this item, she has now
in possession. And after the death of my said daughter, Martha
R. Roberts, I give and bequeath the property mentioned in this
Item unto my Grand Children to wit Sarah S. Roberts, Martha
A. Roberts + John Roberts, Children of my Daughter Martha
Roberts, to be equally divided between them share and share alike

Item 4th - I give and bequeath to my sons John J. Strange and
Richard B. Strange in trust for my Daughter Emily S. Rains wife
of Richard Rains during her natural life for her sole and separate
use free from the debts, liabilities and contracts of her present or
any future Husband, the following property, to wit, old Dick
a young boy, Dick a boy, Amy a woman, Harriett a Girl and
their issue, also one mare, Saddle + Bridle five cows + calves and
my bed and furniture and after the death of my Daughter Emily
S. Rains - I give + bequeath the aforesaid property and increase
in this (4th Item) unto the Children of the said Emily S. Rains share
and share alike, The property above described in this Item is
now in possession of my Daughter Emily S. Rains

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my sons John J. Strange
+ Richard B. Strange in trust for my son Reuben J. Strange during
the natural life of the said Reuben J. Strange, the following property

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or parcels of land to wit, one tract containing Eight hundred and eighty Eight acres bounded on the North by Richard A. Blount East by Abner Mimmis & Thomas C. Strange, South by Thomas C. Strange and on the West by Oconee River. And another tract or parcels of land containing One hundred and thirty two acres and two Rods bounded on the North by Gideon Strange West by Richard Cox, South by Young Cox, and East by John J. Strong. said tracts of land lying in Sac County, also one Sorrel mare aged about four years, One Iron gray Horse three years old. one Sorrel mare Mule about four years old One black Horse Mule about seven years old, also a Stock of Cattle Hogs & Sheep with the brand & mark of a crop & hole in the left ear and a crop of the right. Also the following negroes, Slaves, to wit, Alfred a negro man of yellow complexion, Elzey a negro fellow of yellow complexion Jacob a negro of black complexion a negro fellow Charles a dark molatto boy of yellow complexion ^{Harry of yellow complexion} Elbow of yellow complexion Frank a boy of yellow complexion, Jake a boy of Black complexion Hugh of yellow complexion Annina girl of yellow complexion and Adeline a girl of yellow complexion. And in the event of my wife son Reuben G. Strange dying without children then the property mentioned in this item to be equally divided between my three sons John J. Thomas C. and Richard B. Strange and if either of my three sons last mentioned die without leaving any children, then the property mentioned in this item is to go to the survivors.

Item 6 I give and bequeath unto my three sons John J. Strong Thomas C. Strange and Richard B. Strange the following property to wit, Frank Eliza Miles Armit Louisa John Old Laurence Elvira Elmira Susan, Harrison Young Emma Daniel Ritten Harriett Seaborn Elmira Ralph Sam Mary Somerset, Amanda Lear, Murphy Isaac Lucy Group Georgianna Lucinda Alice & Henry & the increase of the female Slaves, also one tract or parcel of land containing two thousand and twelve acres more or less lying in the fork of Buffalo & the Oconee River, and adjoining Dawson on the north Estate of William Fish on the East and Thaddeus North and Isaac Full, also ten acres of land bounded by Reuben Hale and Thaddeus North and Isaac Full's land, Also ten hundred acres of land on the west side of Buffalo Creek adjoining Full and North's land, Also one hundred acres more or less adjoining Full & North's land, known as the Stokes tract, also three other tracts of land containing five hundred and fifty acres known as the Abbotson tract, Dodge tract & Mullin tract lying in Buffalo Creek adjoining my Home place, Also Lebanon tract containing fifty acres and bounded on all sides by the Estate of Richard Blount. Also six Mules Four Mares and Cows one fifty also my Stock of Cattle with the exception of the Cow & Calves, & ten Steers & sheep, and what has been

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given in trust to my son Reuben G. ^{also} my stock of Sheep with the exception of twenty five head and what has been given in trust as aforesaid to my son Reuben G. and also one half of my stock except what have been to my son Reuben G. in trust as aforesaid. Have been equally divided between three sons John J. Thomas C. and Richard B. Strange, and in the event of either of my three sons last above mentioned dying without children my surviving sons are to receive his share or portion of the property contained in this item and the portion is such an count, that might come to my said son Reuben G. Strange is to be held in trust as pointed out and specified in the fifth item of this my last will and testament.

Item 7. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha Strange one half of the remainder of my negroes and their increase not heretofore disposed of, one half of the stock of Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and one half of the Household and Kitchen furniture he disposed of as she may think proper, and to whom she pleases. I also give to my beloved wife Martha the use and occupation of the balance of my land to wit, the Home plantation for and during her natural life. And after her death I give and bequeath said Lands unto my four sons John J. Thomas C. Reuben G. & Richard B. Strange or the survivors of them forever in fee simple except a portion coming to my son Reuben G. Strange which I give in trust as mentioned and pointed out in the fifth item of this my last will and testament.

Item 8th I give and bequeath unto my four sons, John J. Thomas C. Reuben G. & Richard B. Strange (To my said son Reuben G. in trust as given pointed out & mentioned in the fifth item of my last will & testament.) or the survivors of them, should either die without children, the remaining one half of my negroes not heretofore disposed of, and increase of the female negroes the remaining one half of my stock of Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Household & Kitchen furniture upon the condition that the said John J. Thomas C. Reuben G. and Richard B. pay the sum of Eight hundred dollars in cash or that sum in negro property of value to the children of my daughter Mary Ann Hall when said children shall arrive at age or marry share and share alike, also the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the children of my daughter Emily F. Reims or that amount in negro property at a valuation at the discretion of my Executor, when said children shall arrive at age or marry share and share alike.

Item 9th I do hereby appoint and constitute my two sons, John J. Strange and Richard B. Strange Executors of this my last will and testament. And I also appoint my two sons, John J. & Richard B. Strange Trustees for my daughters Mary Ann and Martha R. Roberts, Emily F. Reims and my son Reuben G. Strange.

On Witness whereof I the said Gideon Strange have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of April Eighteen

