

Simon Bland

State of Georgia

Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Simon Bland of said State and County being of advanced age and knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself, that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last Will and Testament.

1st Item, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and Condition in life. My Soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom Religion I have believed in for the last thirty five years.

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their rights especially as there is no necessity for delay.

3rd Item I give and bequeath and devise to my Daughters Jane Cox Elizabeth Wood and Sarah Ann Five hundred Dollars apiece which is to be paid unto them out of the Sale of my Land and Stock.

4th Item I desire and direct that all my Land and Stock be Sold.

5th Item I desire and bequeath unto the Orphans of Mary Sheppard deceased an equal share in my Estate to be distributed to them as they become of age in money and I appoint my worthy and Trusty Son William H Bland Guardian of the property herein given and bequeathed to the Orphan children of Mary Sheppard deceased.

6th Item I desire and direct my Executor to divide my Slave property into equal lots as near as possible to be divided equally among my five Sons Henry Mendenhall W. William H. Reuben H and W. B. Bland and my two Daughters Jane Cox and Sarah Ann Bland.

7th Item I desire and direct all my Household and Kitchen furniture Sold.

8th Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Wood an equal share in the Sale of my Land and Stock Household and Kitchen furniture.

9th Item I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Sons William H. and Reuben H Bland Executors to this my last Will and Testament this May 20th 1862.

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Signed sealed declared and published by Simon Bland as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names thereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and of each other this May 20th 1862.

Joseph G. Davis

Henry Cox

Elizabeth H. Bland

Wm. Mendenhall