

R. Rivers
Isaac Jenson

Samlth White Seal

Johnston County November term 1804

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders C. J. C.

Will of Davis Strickland,

In the name of God Amen I Davis Strickland of being sick of body but of a perfect and sound memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory world and knowing that it is appointed me that all men must die when it hath pleased God and that I commit my soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it and I trust that all my sins are and may be forgiven through the blood and merits of Jesus Christ in hopes that my soul with my body shall rise again at a general resurrection and that for my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with for above my debts may be ordered as followeth-

1st I will that my dear and loving wife Nancy shall have all my lands during her life a widowhood and after her decease I will that the said land or lands be given as followeth viz that is to say that it is my will that my son Benjamin Strickland shall have all my land over the Bay branch and I will that my son David Strickland shall have all the land on this side of said Bay branch and I will if either of above sons Benjamin or David should die before that they are in possession of the same that the surviving son shall possess and enjoy the whole property of the said land. I will that my daughter Abby Strickland shall have one feather bed and furniture. I will that my daughter Nancy Strickland shall have one feather bed and furniture. I will that my daughter Sally Strickland shall have one feather bed and furniture. I will that the aforesaid beds and furniture are not to be sold or moved not in eight years without that my aforesaid daughters should marry but that they shall remain in the family

for the use thereof. I will that all the rest of my property real and personal shall be to my loving wife Nancy Strickland as aforesaid during her natural life a widowhood and I will after my beloved wife's death a widowhood that this property may be sold to the best advantage and equally divided amongst my last five children (to wit) Moses Strickland Polly Strickland, Levi Strickland, Nancy Strickland, Sissy Strickland and I will that this is my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal 12th day of October 1806. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
William Ingram
Abiahth Strickland Seal

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