

And that Archib. Rissol subscribed his name as  
a concurring evidence to the same.

Sworn to in Open Court

This 14<sup>th</sup> March 1803

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John Heard L

Recorded July 28<sup>th</sup> 1806

In the name of God Amen. I Arthur Slayden  
of the county of Wilkes and state of Georgia being  
very weak of body but of soundness of Reason &  
Judgements do make this my last will and Testam-  
ent in manner and form as followeth Viz- First  
of all I recommend my soul to almighty God who  
gave it Looking for Eternal life through the me-  
rits of Jesus Christ. my body I commit to the  
Earth from whence it be as taken to be buried at  
the discretion of my Executors as for such worldly goods  
as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and  
bequeath in the following manner and form.

I Give to my beloved wife Roxannas the  
whole of my Estate both personal and real in during  
her natural Life and after her death to be divided  
as followeth.

I Give unto my beloved son Samuel  
Slayden the plantation and Land where on I now  
live. Containing by Estimation one Hundred and  
thirty five Acres more or less also I give unto my beloved

Samuel one small bay horse called by name of 74  
Prince also one saddle and bridle and One bed and  
Furniture One pin chest also my big bible.

Now, also I give to my son Elisha Sladyer one bed  
and Furniture together with what I have heretofore  
given him. also I give unto my beloved son Daniel  
Sladyer One dollar together with all I have  
heretofore given. Also I give to my beloved son John  
Sladyer One dollar together with all I have her-  
etofore given him. Also I give to my beloved son Will-  
iam Sladyer One dollar together with all I have  
heretofore given him. Also I give unto the Lawful  
Heirs of my beloved Daughter Susanna Banckston  
One Feather bed and Furniture which is now in the  
Possession of her Husband Hiram Banckston  
also I give the said Susanna's heirs One cow and  
Calf all of which is to be appropriated to the use  
of the Lawful Heirs of the body of the said Susan-  
nah and as for the remainder of my Estate my  
will is that the same shall be divided equally  
between Phoebe Martha Jones Rachel Sladyer  
Joseph Sladyer and the Lawful Heirs of the  
Body of my daughter Susanna Banckston  
and my son Elisha Sladyer after the Death of  
my beloved wife Rosamond also I appoint Samuel  
Jones and my son Joseph Sladyer the Executors

75 Of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby  
make void all former Wills heretofore by me made  
either Verbal or Written. allowing this to be the Last  
will and Testament wherof I have heretofore set my  
hand and affix'd my seal this seventeenth Day of  
March One thousand Eight Hundred and Three.

Signed sealed and sealed  
in the Presence of

John Henry  
Ratchet x Slayden  
mark

Arthur x Sadyen  
Mark

Georgia } Personally appeared in Open Court  
Wilkes County } John Johns and John Henry two of  
the subscribing witnesses to the within will and being  
duly sworn saith that he saw the within named  
Arthur Sadyen sign seal publish and declare the  
foregoing instrument to be his last will and Testament  
and that at the time of his so doing he was of sound  
and disposing mind and memory to the best of their  
knowledge and belief and that Ratchet Slayden  
subscribed his name as a concurring witness  
to the same in open Court

This 14th March 1803

James C. Cox

John Johns  
John Henry

Recorded May 28th 1806

## Transcription:

In the name of God Amen, I Arthur Slayden of the County of Wilkes and State of Georgia being very weak of body but of soundness of reason and judgement do make this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth: Viz: First of all I commend my soul to the Almighty God who gave it, looking for eternal life through the merits of Jesus Christ. My body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried at the direction of my executors. As for my worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in the following manner and form.

Item: I give to my beloved son Samuel Slayden, the plantation and land where I now live, containing my estimation of one hundred and thirty five acres more or less, Also I give to Samuel one small bay horse called by name of Prince, also one saddle and bridle and one bed, furniture, one pine chest, also my big Bible. Item: Also I give to my son Elisha Slayden one bed and furniture together with what I have heretofore given him.

Also I give to my beloved son Daniel Slayden one dollar together with all I have heretofore given him.

Also I give to my beloved son John Slayden one dollar together with all I have heretofore given him.

Also I give to my beloved son Willoughby Slayden one dollar with all I have heretofore given him.

Also I give unto the lawful heirs of my beloved daughter Susanna Branckston one feather bed and furniture which is now in the possession of her husband Hiram Banckston,

Also I give the said Susanna's heirs one cow and calf all which is appropriate to the use of the lawful heirs of the body of the said Susanna and as for the remainder of my estate it is my will that it shall be divided equally between Phoebe, Martha Jones, Rachel Slayden, Joseph Slayden and the lawful heirs of the body of Susanna Banckston and son Elisha Slayden after the death of my beloved wife Rosemond, also I appoint Samuel Jones and my son Joseph Slayden the Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby make void all form or Wills heretofore by me made either verbal or written. Allowing this to be the Last will and Testament wher of I have hereunto ste my hand and affix my seal this seventeenth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and three.

Arthur Sadyen