

Georgia
Berrien County

In the name of God Amen
I Thos W Ray 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 with which a kind providence has
Blessed me do therefore make this my last will
Testament hereby Revoking all others heretofore
made by me

1st Item

I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian like manner suitable
to my circumstances and conditions in life my soul
I Trust shall return to me with God who gave
it as I hope for and Eternal Salvation through
the merits and atonement of the Bleasing Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ

2nd Item I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid without delay By my Executors herein
after appointed as I am unwilling my creditors
should be delayed in their rights Especially as
there is no reason for delay

3rd

Item I give bequeath and devise to my beloved
Wife Mary all the Gold and Silver money
which I have being about one hundred dollars

4th

Item I desire and direct that all my property
of every sort and kind be kept together and
managed by Executors upon the plan after
the fashion as nearly as possible that I have
lately managed it for the term of ten
years at ~~which~~ the Expiration of which time
Executors are hereby directed to ~~explore~~ every

parcel of property that may then be belonging
to the Estate to public sale and the proceeds
Resulting from said sale to be Equally divided
Among my legal heirs that may then be living
or to their Representatives of any and they be added
to each share and share alike

5th Item

The annual income arising from my property of
every kind I direct to be used or so much as
may in the judgement of my Executors be deemed
necessary for the maintenance & Education of my
wife and Children the Balance of any to be added
to the general Estate

6th Item

I hereby constitute and appoint son in law
Henry H Knight my son Thos W. Ray to qualify
and act when he becomes of age and my
worthy friend William Roberts Executor of
this my last will and Testament

This May 31st 1876

above interdictations made before signing

Thos W. Ray \$83

Signed sealed and delivered and published by
Thos W Ray as his last will and Testament
in the presence of us the subscribers who
subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of said Testator at his special instance
Request and of each other This May 31st 1876

John T. Clavier
Geo. S. Roberts
Jethro Patton J.P.