

of half blood on my paternal side my Andrew Rhodes, Julia Agnes Rhodes, John H Rhodes, Philip H Rhodes, Abner Rhodes, Aaron Rhodes and Laburn Rhodes, the residue of my property both real & personal wherever and whatever it may be to be equally divided between them share & share alike Item I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Father John A Rhodes Executor of this my last will and Testament this twenty ninth day of September eighteen hundred and fifty five.

Signed Proles Declared and Published by Robert John Rhodes as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names here in the presence of said testator (at his special instance & request) and of each other this twenty ninth day of September A.D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty five

Robert John Rhodes
(mark)

Robert W Bugg
John Day
James E Bashin

Will of George S Wait

State of Georgia
County of Chatham

The last will and testament of George S Wait of the County of Chatham, I George S Wait of the being of sound and disposing mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item I give and bequeath my three following named negroes slaves namely old Mary her daughter Ely and Elys son Joe together with the future issue and increase of the said female slaves unto my mother Susan Wait to have and to hold the same to my said mother Susan Wait and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her death I give and bequeath the same unto my brother William Albion Wait his Executors Administrations and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath all my library and books unto my brother Philip D Wait his Executors Administrations and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath all my paintings engravings and pictures unto my brother Benjamin I Wait his Executors Administrations and assigns forever
Item I give and bequeath my two horses called Harry and my buggy and harness unto my brother James B Wait his Executors Administrations and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother the aforesaid William Albion Wait, all my place or plantation called Pine Bay on the Isle of Hope being all that tract of parcel of land situate lying and being at the north point of the Isle of Hope in the said County of Chatham containing one hundred and sixteen acres of high land on the said Isle of Hope which was conveyed to me by Thomas J. Wait by deed of bargain and sale signed sealed and delivered on the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and recorded in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for said County in books No. No. No. folios 268 and 269 and is therein more particularly described together with all and singular houses out houses tenements and improvements and also all and singular the furniture implements and utensils therein or belonging or appertaining to the same to have and to hold all and singular the said premises to him the said William Albion Wait his heirs executors administrators and assigns to and for his and their own use forever Also I give and bequeath my nego woman slave Mary (the younger) and her future issue and increase unto the said William Albion Wait his Executors Administrators and assigns forever

Item I give well bequeath my Colt's Revolving pistol together with the case and fixings thereto belonging or appertaining to my brother Edwin J. Wait his executors administrators and assigns forever

Item I give and bequeath my gold watch to my sister Sarah Ann Wait her Executors administrators and assigns forever

Lastly all the rest and residue of my Estate whatsoever and wheresoever of what nature kind or quality soever the same may be and not herein before given or devised of) after the the payment of my funeral expences legacies debts and just and lawful debts I do give devise and bequeath unto my mother the aforesaid Susan Wait to have and to hold unto her her heirs executors administrators and assigns to her and their own use forever

And I do hereby constitute my said brother James C. Wait sole Executor of this my last will and testament

I do witness whereof I have hereunto at my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five signed and sealed published and shewed by the said George J. Wait as above his last will & testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

George J. Wait

John Boston
Thomas Pratt
Geo. C. Russell

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Court of Ordinary

1855

Present John W. Millen Esq. Attorney for the Party of the
Procurator appeared Thomas Pusey

subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of George S. Wait. Late of
Chatham County. Deceased who being duly sworn deposed and
saith that he was present and did see the said instrument
of writing duly executed by the said George S.
And deposed further saith that the said George S. at the
time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the best
of deponents knowledge and belief of sound and disposing
mind memory and understanding; and that

(the deponent) and John Broton and John C. Howell
in the presence of each other and of the said George S.
and at his request signed their names as witnesses to the
due execution of the same

Sworn to before me
this eight day of November 1855
John W. Millen
C. C. C.

Thos Pusey

You do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last Will
of the within named George S. Wait. Deceased before
as you know or believe and that you will well
and truly execute the same by paying just the debts
and then the legacies contained in the said Will as
far as his goods and chattels will thereto extend
and the law charge you; and that you will make
a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and
chattels - So Help your God

Sworn to before me } James C. Wait
this 11th day November 1855
John W. Millen
C. C. C.

State of Georgia
Richmond County

Will of Robert John Rhodes

I in the name of God, Amen, I Robert John
Rhodes of said State and County of Chatham being of
sound disposing mind and memory and knowing
the uncertainty of this life deem it right and proper
that I should make a disposition of the property with
which a kind Providence has blessed me do therefore
make this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all others heretofore made by me

I am First, I desire and direct that my body be
buried in a Christian like manner suitable to my
Circumstances in life my soul I trust shall return
to rest with God who gave it so I hope for eternal life