

Will of James W. Chastain

Georgia } In the name of God, Amen.
Forsyth County } I, James W. Chastain of said State and County, being
of advanced age, and knowing that I must soon depart
this life, deem it right and proper, as respects myself and family,
to make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence
has blessed me, hereby revoking all others, do make this my last
Will and Testament.

Item 1. I desire and request that my body be buried in a decent
and Christian-like manner.

Item 2. I desire and request that my beloved wife Elizabeth Chastain
have and control all my property both real and personal,
during her natural life, and at her death to be equally
divided between all my heirs to wit - Dicy Plummer, formerly
Dicy Chastain, Jonathan W. Chastain, Joel B. Chastain, Nancy
Bottoms, formerly Nancy Chastain, Martha A. Woods, formerly
Martha A. Chastain, Mary L. Chastain.

Item 3. I further desire and request that my beloved wife Elizabeth
Chastain be my executrix, & my son Jonathan L. Chastain
my executor to this my last will and Testament.
I desire that my daughter Mary L. Chastain to be made
equal with the rest of my heirs, so far as what property I have
already distributed to the rest of my heirs. Then the remainder
of my property to be disposed of as above stated.

Witness my hand and seal. This May the 24th 1881.

(Signed) James W. Chastain

We the undersigned, saw Jas W. Chastain subscribe his name
to the above as his last will and Testament.

(Signed) J. A. Holbrook

John L. Red

W. A. McBrayer

Oath of witnesses

Georgia } Court of Ordinary, October Term 1882. And now
Forsyth County } before Court, come J. A. Holbrook, W. A. McBrayer
and J. L. Red, who, being sworn, say that they
saw James W. Chastain read, sign and publish the
 foregoing will dated 24th May 1881 as his last will.

Testament, while of sound and disposing mind, that they
witnessed the same for him, at his request, and in his presence,
that the same was executed voluntarily, on the day it purports
to have been executed. Sworn to and subscribed before
me October 2nd 1882. { (Signed) S. A. Holbrook

Signed) F. M. Hawkins { (Signed) John L. Red
Ordry " Wm A. McWayet

Filed for Probate in solemn form August 27th 1882.

(Signed) F. M. Hawkins Ordinary

Oath of Executor

Georgia } I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the
Forsyth County } true last will of James W. Chastain deceased, so far
as I know or believe, and that I will well and
truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this
State. So help me God. Sworn to and subscribed
before me this Oct 2nd 1882. { (Signed) J. W. Chastain
Signed) F. M. Hawkins Ordry }