

John W. Swain
 William J. Swain Executors
 of
 Jesse Swain
 Will of Jesse Swain
 State of Georgia
 Gordon County January 21st 1879

In the name of God - Amen.
 I Jesse Swain of said State and County being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects myself and my family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I do therefore make ordain and declare this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me heretofore made First

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it and I hope for salvation through the merits and atonement of his blessed Son and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Secondly.

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid at my death be paid as soon as possible after my death by my Executors hereinafter named and appointed Thirdly.

It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named and appointed shall immediately after my death take possession of all my property both real and personal and as soon as practicable thereafter or as soon as a majority of the Legates under this will shall so request in writing. I desire that my said Executors shall sell all or any part of my said property whether real or personal and I desire that said property shall be sold either at Public Auction or at private sale at my said Executors may deem for the

last intent ~~of the said~~ desire that they use
 their own discretion in fixing the terms of sale as
 to selling for cash or on credit for a reasonable
 length of time And I hereby distinctly refuse my
 desire that my said Executors be excused and
 relieved from applying to the Court of
 Ordinary for said County or to any other
 Court for leave to sell any of my said
 property whether real or personal and that
 they may use their own discretion as to adver-
 tising said property for sale in any public
 Gazette and should they see proper so to do
 they are hereby empowered to sell said property
 whether real or personal without advertising
 the same for sale in any Public Gazette
 County.

I desire my Executors hereafter named
 and appointed to convert all of my property
 both real and personal into cash as soon
 as practicable under the provisions of item third
 of this will unless the Legates under this will
 hereafter named shall agree on a division
 of said property among themselves in which
 event the said Executors shall not sell the
 same except so much thereof as may be need-
 ed to pay my debts and the expense of
 executing this will but they shall make division
 thereof in accordance with the agreement of said
 Legates.

Sixthly. It is my wish and desire that my
 estate be divided equally between my children
 after payment of all my just debts and the
 expense of executing this will and should
 any of my children die before my decease
 and leave children or grand children then
 it is my wish and desire that such child
 or grand child of my deceased child shall
 receive the share which would have fallen to
 such deceased child My children now in
 life are Ezekiel N. Swain Mary Ann Neil
 Elizabeth J. Hycock L. L. Swain Sarah T. Swain
 John N. Swain William J. Swain Nancy J. Swain
 and Francis W. Swain and should they all
 continue in life until after my decease I desire

each one to receive an equal part of my estate after paying my just debts and expense of executing this will but should any of my said children die before my decease and leave no children or grand children living after my death then it is my desire that the share which would have fallen to my deceased child shall be divided equally between my children living at my death and the children or grand children of my deceased child such children or grand children of my deceased child to receive only the share which would have fallen to such deceased child.

(Solely) I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved sons John St and William J Swain the Executors of this my last will and Testament and they are hereby distinctly excused and relieved from making inventory or returns of any kind to the Court of Ordinary in said for said County or to any Court of Law or Equity in this State
This January 21st A.D. 1879

Signed, sealed, declared, and published by Jesse Swain as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request and in the presence of each other
This January 21st 1879

Stephen St Robbins
John St Armstrong
W. B. Bray
Jesse Swain

Filed in office April 15th 1880
W. B. Black

(Ordinary)
State of Georgia } Before me Cane W. B. Bray
Gordon County } named as a witness to the
within writing hereto attached purporting to be Jesse Swain's last will and being duly sworn I do hereby certify that he with Stephen St Robbins and John St Armstrong at the request of Jesse Swain and in his presence did attest as

Witnesses the within writing, I am attached as his
Jesse Swain's will that the same was signed and
published by Jesse Swain in their presence
as his last will that he was at the time of said
attestation, and signing by himself of sound
and disposing mind and memory that he
executed the within paper voluntarily and that
said Jesse Swain died a resident of said County

W. W. Gray
Sworn to and subscribed before this the 15 day
of April 1884

W. H. Black Ordinary

Georgia We do solemnly swear that
Gordon County, the within writing hereto
attached contains the true last will of the
within named Jesse Swain deceased so far
as we know or believe and that we will
sell and truly execute the same in accordance
with the laws of this state, so help us God.

John W. Swain

William J. Swain

Sworn to and subscribed before me this May 6 1884

W. H. Black

Ordinary

Witnessed this 6th day of May 1884
W. H. Black Ordinary

Notary Public

Ben. B. Baxter

Notary Public State of Georgia Gordon County

In the name of God Amen

I Ben. B. Baxter of said state and County
being in full health but of sound and disposing
mind, and memory knowing that I must shortly
depart this life come it might, and forer
both as respects my beloved Mother and my-
self that I should make a disposition of
the property with which a kind Providence has
blessed me, I do therefore make this my last
will and testament hereby revoking and annulling
all others by me heretofore made

Firstly I desire that all my just debts be
paid without delay by my Executors hereafter