

Georgia } October Tenth Day A.D. One thousand Eight hundred
Hendry County } & Thirtieth Year A.D. This is to Certify that I John
Ray, Senior of the County & State of said downy said of Mind &
in Good Memory do this Day Be close this to be My last will
& Testament Knowing that Death is Certain & that all flesh has to
Return to the Dust from whence they come in the 1st place I do Comitt
My body to the Earth & My Soul to God that Governor My being
in the 2nd place I do Give & bequath unto my Wife Ann
the one half Lot of Land which I now live on namely the West
half by running a line N. & South through the Middle of said tract
during her natural life or widowhood alls an Negro woman
by the name of Mariok to stay & continue with her untill
her youngest Child Benjamin comes to the age of sixteen years
then the above named Negro woman Mariok with her bodily
in case if any to be sold & the profits arising from such
Sale to be equally Divided amongst my Children that I had
by my first wife alls an Negro woman named Allen & her
son Lobed to My Wife Anna during her life time or widowhood
then they to be sold & the Money to be equally Divided between
her four Children namely Ansel Correl & Susanah Correl
Major Ray & Benjamin Ray & after the Expiration of My wife's life
or widowhood as the case may be the land whereon she lives
to be come the property of My Two youngest Children Major &
Benjamin Ray all so I do become alet of the state of My prop
erty Two hundred Dollars which may I wish to be appro
piated to sole use of schooling My Two youngest Children
Major & Benjamin Ray

In the 3rd place I do appoint My son Demessy Ray
to be My lawfull Executor to attend to My business in 1st
place to pay all my Just debts & to see that My wife
shall not be imposed on by her son presby Correl nor by
son in law Mervin Ecals for it is not my will that they shall
Engage any of the benefits of My property in life or after
Death Thirdly I will that My property be & continue
on the place where I now live under the care of My young
Washington untill he be comes Twenty one years of age then
after providing for the use of My Wife Ann Two feather beds
& furniture 1 Bright colored Horse 5 years old alls a suf
ficiency of plantation Tools for farming & cooking utensils
for house Keeping Keeping the balance of My property
in Including Eight Negroes My Stock of horses hogs
Cattle & Sheep in Including house hold & kitchen furniture

and plantation Tools also Two Waggons & Sett of
 Block Smith Tools I will to be sold & Equally divided
 amongst My Children Polly Dickerson Sally Wyatt
 John Ray George O Ray Alfred P Ray Hamand
 R Ray Putney McClaine Cassander Brown
 Simpsey Ray Buckram & Ray Young M Ray
 with the Exception of an lot of land lying & being
 & being in the 10th Dist of Muscogee County in the town
 of said town by the No 295- also I Give to my son
 young M Ray an some more than years old post
 and Cows & calf Saw & pig the above manured
 to be the property of My Two youngest Children Eliza &
 Benjamin Ray all so My Wife to have & be served to her
 for her support at the time of such sale of property
 Two Cows & calves an Saw & Pigs with a sufficiency
 of Killing hogs to support the family that year & the next
 following Witness wherof I have hereunto set
 My hand and affixed My Seal this day & year first
 written — — —

John Ray 

In the presence of us
 Wm Gosborough
 Silas Gosborough
 John T Bently

Georgia }
 Henry County } Court of Ordinary 1st Monday Sept 1835-
 Silas Gosborough } personally appeared in open Court the Gosborough
 John T Bently the subscribing Witnesses to said
 Will who being duly sworn Deposed & testified that they saw
 John Ray Sign Seal & publish & declare this writing to be
 and contain his last Will & Testament & at the time he
 was of sound disposing Mind & Memory - & that he did
 it freely & without Compulsions to the best of our knowledge
 and belief so help us God

Sworn to & Subscribed
 in presence of Wm Gosborough
 Silas Gosborough
 John T Bently

Wm B. Bayne, J.C.C.O