

Georgia      { 10 October Tenth Day I am thousand Eighteen hundred  
Henry County } & Thirtynine A.D. this is to certify that I John  
Ray, Senior, of the County a State of Georgia being of sound mind &  
in Good Memory do this day & 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 came in the first place I do commit  
My body to the ground & My soul to God that comes me May bring  
in the second place I do give & bequeath unto my wife Anna  
the one half lot of land which I now live on naming the west  
half by running a line N.E. & South through the middle of said lot  
During her natural life or widowhood also one negro woman  
by the name of Maria to stay & continue with her until  
her youngest child Benjamin comes to the age of seventeen years  
then the above named Negro woman Maria with her bodily  
in case if any to be sold & the profits arising from said  
Sale to be equally divided amongst my children that I have  
by my first wife also one Negro woman named Alice & her  
son sold to my wife Anna during her life time or widowhood  
them they to be sold & the money to be equally divided between  
her four children namely Israel Carroll & Susan Carroll  
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 become the property of my two youngest children Major &  
Benjamin Ray all so I do reserve out of the estate of my prop-  
erty Two hundred Dollars which may I wish to be ap-  
pointed to sole use of schooling my two youngest children  
Major & Benjamin Ray  
In the second place I do appoint my son Dempsey Ray  
to be my lawfull Executor to attend to my business in first  
place to pay all my just debts & to see that my wife  
shall not be imposed on by her law presby Carroll nor by  
son in law Merrim Ecols 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 until he becomes Twenty one years of age then  
after leaving for the use of my wife Anna Two feather beds  
& furniture 1 Bright Somel more 5 years old also a suf-  
ficiency of plantation tools for farming & cooking utensils  
for house keeping keeping the balance of my property

and plantation Tools also Two Waggon & Cart of  
Blacksmith Tools I will to be sold & Equally divided  
amongst My Children Polly Dickerson Sally Mygatt  
John Ray George O'Nay Alfred P Ray Hamard  
R Ray Bates McClain Cassan der Brown  
Dinphy Ray Buckram H Ray Young M Ray  
With the exception of an lot of land lying & being  
& being in the <sup>co</sup> the Dist of Muscogee Country in the State  
of said Town by the Rs 2.95 also I Give to my Son  
Young M Ray An some More than years old just  
and Calf & Calf Cow & Pig the above named land  
to be the property of my Two youngest Children Eliza &  
Benjamin Ray all so My wife to have secured to her  
for her support at the time of such sale of property  
Two Cows & calves one Cow & Pigs with a sufficiency  
of Killings hogs to support the family that year & the next  
following Wilness wherof I have hereunto set  
My hand and affixed My Seal this day & year first  
written —

John Ray Esq

In the presence of us  
Thos Yarborough  
Scll Yarborough  
mark  
John T Bentley

Georgia } Court of Ordinary 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Sept 1835  
Henry County } personally appeared in open Court Thos Yarborough  
alias Yarborough John T Bentley the Subscribing Witnesses & said  
Will who being duly sworn deposed & sayeth 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 Compulsion to the best of our knowledge  
and belief so help us God

Sworn to & subscribed

in presence of Thos Yarborough  
Scll Yarborough  
mark

John T. Bentley

Chas Bayne, C.C.O.