

State of Georgia In the name of God amen I
Henry County } William Rayland of said
County do State knowing it is appointed for all
men once to die being frail of body but of perfect
sound & disposing mind and memory and wishing to
make a distribution of such property as it has pleased
God to Bless me with so make this my last will & dis-
tament which I wish to be executed after my
Death by my Executors herein after named
First I Comitt my Soul to God who Gove it and Request
that my body be Interred in a Christian Manner
Second I will that all my Debts be paid & that
my Negro Woman Dolly & her Children be sold
if necessary to pay those Debts
Third I Give to my beloved Wife Sarah my half the
house & Lott in the Town of McDonough which
was purchased from Landry W. Key and one half of
the Stables Plot also a lot of land so thirty
one in the fourth Dist of the County of Robeson
and also my Slaves Dick Anthony Lucy Lot
Charles Joe and Floyd to have and to hold the
said property entirely at her disposal with
the Exception of Charles Joe & Floyd and if no Dispo-
sition is made by her of said Slaves at her Death
in that Case I will that they be Equally Divided
Among all my Children now living or there heirs if any
of them should die before her and also the house & Lott
of land to be disposed in like manner if not disposed
of by her
Fourth I to my Children Frederick & John A Rayland belien
Morris Nancy Minter Sarah Morris & Charles Brown I have
already given as much property as a reasonable share would
amount to and therefore I Give them nothing now But such property
as they have now I now confirm the Gifts to each
fifth I to my son Tho Rayland I Give my Slave Charles to have
him as his own after the Death of my Wife Sarah to whom
I will him during her life as stated before in the third Item
of this will & say the to my daughter Elizabeth Cox I will
the price or value of the Slave Joe named in the third Item
which shall be sold at my wifes death by my Executors unless

subject to My wife's entire control and dispositions as provided in Item third and it is My Will that my Executors fix the price or value of said slave if not sold.

Seventh & to My Daughter Martha Funn I Give my Slave Floyd to have him as her own after the death of My Wife Sarah to whom I will have ~~at stated~~ during her life as stated before in third

Item of this will

Eighth & I Give to my Son Burrell Rayland my Slave named George and one half the stable lot in the Town of McDonough which is my property

Ninth & I Give to My Son Samuel Rayland my Slaves Rose Robert & Patrick -

Tenth & if it be not necessary to sell my Slave Dolly & her children for the payment of my debts as mentioned in the second Item of this will then I Give to my Wife Sarah to have them entirely at her own disposition and if she does not dispose of them then they shall be divided as the other Slaves Given to her and I also Give to My Wife Sarah as much of My House hold & kitchen furniture farming utensils horses cattle hogs &c as she may desire to keep & the balance if any may be sold and applied to the payment of debts due by me

lastly & I declare this to be my last Will and Testament and I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Burrell Rayland & Thos Rayland & Samuel Rayland my Executors to carry fully in to effect this my last Will & in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set My hand & seal this Tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & Thirty

Signed in presence of

William Rayland 

Wiley Mangum
Asa Armistead
Thos D. Colson J.P.

Georgia & Henry County } I William Rayland of said County & State do
the fifth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred
and thirty one Make and publish this Codicil to My last Will
and Testament in manner following that is to say I Give
to my beloved wife Sarah 2 lots of land viz one hundred
& twenty & one hundred and ninety one lying & being in

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and to make any disposition thereof as she may think proper and should she not make a disposition of them It is my will that they become the property of my son Lincoln Rayland to whom I give them upon the failure of my wife Sarah to make a disposition thereof and lastly it is my desire that this my present Codicil be annexed to and become a part of my last will and Testament to all intents & purposes - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day February in the year Eighteen hundred and Thirty One Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named William Rayland as a Codicil to be annexed to his last Will & Testament in the presence of

William Rayland

J Stokes
Andrew R Moore
Wm D Johnson J.P.

Georgia Henry County, Court of Ordinary May Term 1836
We Andrew R Moore Wm D Johnson Jacob Stokes -
do solemnly swear that the Law (William Rayland)
apigne publish and declare the foregoing Codicil &
writings to which our names appear as witnesses
to be and contain verbatim his last Testament to which
this annex that we subscribed the same as witnesses
at his request and in his presence and at the time
that he was of sound and disposing mind & memory
and that he did it freely without compulsion to the
best of our knowledge and belief to help us
God know to in open court this second day
of May 1836

Chas Bryan D.C.C.

A R Moore
Jacob Stokes
W D Johnson