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Georgia } I George Austin Ray of the
Meriwether County } County and State aforesaid, being
in feeble health, but of sound and
disposing mind and memory, do make this my
last will and Testament. I desire that my body
be decently interred, and my soul I commit to
God, who gave it trusting for Salvation in the
merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as to my
earthly possessions I make the following disposition.
Item 1st It is my will and desire that all my just
debts be paid,

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my two youngest
children Nathaniel G. Ray, and Mary G. Ray
jointly lot of land N/180. One hundred and thirty eight in
the tenth district of Meriwether County the place
whereon I now reside, together with the appurtenances
thereto belonging, as also the following negroes to
Nathaniel G. Ray I give and bequeath two negroes
Watson a Boy about six years old, and Bob a boy
about five years of age, and to Mary G. Ray I
give and bequeath two negroes Anderson a boy
four years of age and Mariah a Girl two years
of age, the above named property I desire that they
Nathaniel G. Ray and Mary G. Ray should have over
and above an equal division amongst my children
for the purpose of raising and educating them they
being in childhood and infancy, and if either of
them should die before coming of age to distribute
for themselves then their share is to go to the other
and if both should die before becoming of lawful
age, it is to revert back to my lawful heirs,

Item 3rd I will and desire that all of my effects of
every kind both real and personal not disposed of
in the above and foregoing first and second Items,
shall be sold and the proceeds thereof be equally
divided between my children or their legal repre-
sentatives and my beloved wife Nancy Caroline.

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Ray, she receiving one part in common and equal
with each child separately and distinctly.

Item 1st.

I will and desire that the portion going to my
daughter Jane shall go her to be secure from the debts
or Contracts of her present or future husband and
if she should die childless, it to revert back to my
lawful heirs.

Item 5th.

I do hereby appoint F. M. Brantly my Executor
to carry out the provisions of this my last Will and
Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this the 7th day of
February in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred and fifty eight,

Signed and sealed in presence

Wit.
J. A. Ray
Joseph W. Sibley
F. M. Brantly

G. A. Ray 28

Georgia ? Court of Ordinary
Meriwether County March Term 1858

The within last Will and Testament
of George A. Ray late of said County deceased, have
been sworn at this regular Term in open Court
upon the Oaths of Franklin M. Brantly, Aaron Sibley &
Joseph W. Sibley the subscribing witnesses to said Will
Ordained that the same be admitted to Record.
This first day of March 1858

David C. Lusham
Ordinary M. C.