

State of Georgia In the name of God Amen I
Murray County, William C. Ray of said County
and State being of advanced
age and knowing that I must shortly depart
this life, deeming it right and proper both
as respects my family and myself that I should
make a disposition of the property with which
a kind Providence has blessed me do therefore
make this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all others heretofore made by me.
Item 1st 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 - as I hope for eternal salvation
through the merits and atonement of the blessed
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - whose religion
I profess and humbly trust enjoy.

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Item 2nd I desire and request that all my just
debts be paid out of the personal property be-
longing to my estate without delay by my executor
herein after appointed.

Item 3rd I desire and will that my son William
C. Ray raise and educate my minor son
Benjamin F. Ray and for his services in rais-
ing and giving him a good english educa-
tion, I give and bequeath to my dear William
C. Ray my yellow boy slave Allen until my
son Benjamin F. arrives at the age of twenty
one years, at which time my boy Allen is to
be set free.

Item 4th I desire that the remainder of all my
personal property after paying all my just
debts be equally divided among all my children.

or their heirs, and that my Executor hereafter mentioned divide the same without a sale if he can satisfactorily to all the parties.

Item 5th I desire that the land upon which we now live belong to William J. May provided he pay the balance due for the same.

Item 6th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son William J. May Executor of this my last will and testament.

This 19th day of February 1850.

William C. May ^{his} (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed delivered and published by William C. May as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names to this in the presence of said testator in full instance and request. This 19th day of February 1850.

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William Whittier

John Townes

John C. Wilson

Amelia Waterhouse

Georgia

Murray County

Personally appeared before me
Auderson Farnsworth Ordinary
in and for said County John

Townes & William Whittier two of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of William C. May deceased and being duly sworn depose & say that they saw William C. May the testator sign seal declare & publish the instrument now presented as his last will and testament freely voluntarily and of his own accord and without any compulsion or influence.

whatever, that at the time of the execution
of the said will, said testator was of sound
and disposing mind and memory, that they
signed said will as witnesses in the presence
of the testator at his special instance and request
and in the presence of all the witnesses. And one
of the witnesses to said will John C. Wilson
is dead.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, before
November 4th 1861, William Whitham
Anderson Farnsworth Ordinary,

Georgia, I do solemnly swear that this
Murray County writing contains the true last
will of the within named William
C. May deceased as far as I know or believe;
and that I will execute the same
by paying first the debts and then the legacies
contained in the said will as far as his goods
and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law
charge me; and that I will make a true and
perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels,
so help me God.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, before
this November 4th 1861, Wm. C. May
Anderson Farnsworth Ordinary

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