

Thomas Ragland's Will

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State of Georgia } In the name of God, Amen
Muscogee County }

I Thomas Ragland of said State and County knowing that life is uncertain, and that all must die sooner or later, I deem 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, I do therefore make this my last Will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me

Item 1st I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid by my Executors if there are any at my death, and that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner, by the side of my dear deceased wife, My soul I trust and hope will return to rest, with God who gave it

Item 2 My property I direct to be divided equally between my Children Laura A. Camak, George S. Ragland, Albert E. Ragland Emma S. Trisley, Louisa O. Ragland and her three boys Henry Tate, Samuel Thomas and Edward Gilmer Ragland, the wife and children of my deceased son Thomas Ragland as one share, And to my son Orrin S. Ragland property or money to the value of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, and to my grand daughter Georgia Hardwick Five Hundred Dollars, And to my grand daughter Elizabeth M. Barden Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and to my grand son Thomas Hardwick One Hundred Dollars, and to release him from the payment of about Two Hundred Dollars which I loaned him Having advanced to George S. Ragland about Thirty five Hundred Dollars, he is to receive no more, until the other children shares that are equal with his, shall each have received the same amount, and also that all the other legacies named are paid to the respective parties, But in the event that my property and that of my deceased wife's does not realize enough to make out the amounts directed to be divided among my children and Grand children, each share must be reduced proportionably so as to equalize the division in a just and proper ratio, so as to carry out my will justly to each legatee as designated I estimate that my dear deceased daughter Eliza Agnes Hardwick and her children have received a full equal share of my property heretofore by gift during the life of herself and husband, and since their death, by the support and education of their children, The Estate of her husband being very largely in my debt as Administrator on his Estate Notwithstanding the landed property in Alabama, together with the Mules-Horses, Cattle, Hogs and farming utensils, was all turned over to the children and were sold by them for division

Item 3. My Real Estate consists of three lots with Houses on them on Ogletown Street formerly owned by S. M. Durr, and also the House and lot on Randolph Street in which the Columbus Enquirer is printed also the House and lot in Napaunton where I now reside, also one half interest in the Columbus Enquirer Printing Office, a Plantation in Russell County Alabama, adjoining Mrs Heard, Potts, Grant

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and others, containing upwards of nine hundred acres, together with Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs & Farming utensils. My deceased wife owns two hundred & fifty acres land in the Coweta Division, Muscogee County Georgia, and I own some small quantity land in Mississippi Port & Craft-Holly Springs agents, who can inform my Executors.

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I do hereby appoint my sons J. G. Ragland, Albert E. Ragland, and my son in law Theodorus D. Finley and John Johnson Executors of this my last will and testament, with authority to act in Alabama & Mississippi without giving bond in those states, and I request that my Executors will have a neat plain marble head board or marble slab over each grave of all the members of the family, that are or may be buried in our grave yard.

Given under my hand and seal this Twenty fifth day of November Eighteen Hundred & Seventy One (1871)

Thomas Ragland *Test*

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Thomas Ragland as his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Thomas W. Grimes
William S. Lloyd
Wm. H. Brannon

(The following item was written on the same sheet that the foregoing will was, and in the same hand writing)

Columbus March 18th 1872

Since the within will was written I have taken the land in Alabama on which I paid for J. G. Ragland Twenty Five Hundred Dollars, so that this amount is to be deducted from the advances that I have made to him, in estimating the amount of his share in my Estate

Thomas Ragland

Georgia
Muscogee County
To the Court of Ordinary
January Term 1873
In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of Thomas Ragland late of said County deceased, The Executors of said Will having filed their petition for the Probate in Common form and the said Executors to wit J. G. Ragland, A. E. Ragland F. D. Finley & John Johnson being present with their witnesses to wit Thomas W. Grimes, William S. Lloyd & William H. Brannon being duly sworn on oath say that they were present when Thomas Ragland published the instrument now presented as his last will and testament, that at the time he was of sound mind & memory that he did it voluntarily, of his own free will, without any undue influence or compulsion, that he called upon the subscribers to wit Thomas W. Grimes, William H. Brannon & William S. Lloyd to sign their names as witnesses, which they did in the presence

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of the testator, and of each other, after the testator had signed his name in the presence of all the witnesses

Sworn to & subscribed before me

this 6th day of January 1873

J. W. Proctor

Ordinary

Thomas W. Grimes

William C. Lloyd

Wm H. Brown

We do solemnly swear that this writing contains the last will and testament of the within named Thomas Ragland deceased so far as we know or believe, and that we will well and truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State so help us God

J. D. Finley Ex^r

Albert E. Ragland Ex^r

Georgia

Muscogee County

County of Ordinary

January Term 1873

The foregoing instrument of writing, admitted to the record & Probate in common form of law, as the last will and testament of Thomas Ragland deceased

J. W. Proctor

Ordinary

Felix McArdle's Will

State of Alabama Russell County

In the name of God Amen

I, Felix McArdle of said State and County, being of a advanced age, but of sound and disposing memory, knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family, that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me, I do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me

First

I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christianlike 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 Salvation, through the merits and Atonement of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Secondly

I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors herein after named and appointed

Thirdly

I give, bequeath, and devise to my beloved wife Catharine McArdle all of my Estate both Real and Personal which I possess in this County, also all of Real Estate that belongs to me situate in the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia with the following Conditions to wit