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State of Georgia } In the name of God
 Rockdale County } Amen. I B. H. Ray of
 said State and County
 being of advanced age, but of sound
 mind and memory knowing that
 I must shortly depart this life, 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
 hereby revoking and annulling all
 others by me made.

First, I desire and direct that my body
 be buried in a decent and christian-
 like manner suitable to my circum-
 stances and condition in life. My
 Soul I trust shall return to rest with
 God who gave it - as I hope for salva-
 tion through the merits and atone-
 ments 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 hereinafter
 named and appointed.

Thirdly, I give bequeath to my
 beloved Niece Ray, all my home place
 consisting of Two Hundred and twenty five
 Acres land, all the stock, Plantation
 Tools, corn, fodder and every thing on
 said place, seized or possessed by me
 with all the rights, members or appur-
 tinances to said tract of land free
 from all share with the said

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my house hold and kitchen furniture and Forty Dollars in money during her life or widowhood.

Fourthly. I desire and direct that lot of land no _____ in said State and County, particullarly described in a deed given by L. P. Owen to me B. H. Ray he sold the first-tuesday in January A.D. 1876. and the proceeds of such sale he divided among my children in the following manner viz. First. Five hundred Dollars to be given to my daughter Caroline E. Ray and the remained if there be any, to be equally divided among all my children giving each child a proportionate part.

Fifthly. I desire and direct that at the death or marriage of my beloved wife Mince Ray that all my land, goods, chattels whatever be sold and equally divided among my children proportionally without counting the five hundred Dollars given as above mentioned to Caroline E. Ray.

Sixthly. I hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Josiah G. Ray and James D. Ray Executors of this my last-will and Testament. This January 8th 1875.

B H Ray
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Signed, Sealed, declared and published by B. H. Ray as his last will and Testament in the presence of us the undersigned, who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special instance and request - and in presence of each other. This January 8th / 1875.

W. H. McLeod
A. J. Bowen
John B. Keen

Recorded
February 9th / 1875.
A. J. McCalla
Ordinary -

Georgia } Before me. Came on 26th
Rockdale County } day of Jan'y 1875. at Chambers for the purpose of proving the last will and Testament of Buckner H. Ray, one of the witnesses to said will W. H. McLeod. the will being now brought before me for probate by the Executors J. H. Ray & J. D. Ray who have now filed a petition for the probate of the same, he the said witness W. H. McLeod deposes and says that he saw said Buckner H. Ray sign and publish the same as his last will on the day and year then stated as executed by him. that he witnessed the same at the request of said Buckner H. Ray, in his presence and in the

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that the same was voluntarily executed by him while he was of sound and disposing memory.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me, This 26th day of
Jan'y 1875,

A. M. C. C. C.

Ordinary

W. H. McChord