

Georgia Upson County

In the name of God. Amen.

I John S. Rains of said State & County. being of advanced age, and knowing that I must shortly depart from this World, deem it wright & proper, both as respects Myself & my family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me. I therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking & annulling all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st. I devise & direct that my Body be buried in a decent and Christain like Manner, suitable to my Circumstances & Condition.

My Soul I trust, shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ & whose Religion I have professed and as I humbly trust enjoyed for eighteen years.

Item 2^d. I devise & direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executor hereinafter named, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed of their rights, especially as there is no sweeping up delay.

Item 3^d. I give and devise to my beloved Wife Mary S. with whom I have lived in the strictest quiet & love for twenty nine years; One third of all my Earnings during her natural life, then to be equally disposed of amongst the following Children - Thomas Rains - Margaret G. Rains - Julia Frances Rains - Edith B. Rains - Martha Lescure - Emeline B. Howe - Rebecca E. Rains. all of the above named Children being mine - also one eighth of all of my Negroes I give & devise to my Wife Mary S. to her own proper use, benefit & behoof forever, with full power to dispose of the same at any time before or at her death, as she may think proper.

Item 4th. I give and devise to my beloved Wife, One third of all of house hold & kitchen furniture - also one third of my Hens, Ducks, Pigeons, Cattle & Sheep - also plantation tools and Harriage -

Item 5th. I devise to my Children equally except my Eldest Child William C. Battle the legal heir of my daughter Sarah Ann Battle she being dead. I give Five Dollars in Cash out of the whole of my Estate both Real & personal - after Edith B. Rains, Rebecca E. Rains, Margaret G. Rains, Julia S. Rains receiving an amount equal to the amount the other ones have received. the Residue equally divided amongst all -

Item 6th. I constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Mary S. Executrix, and my son Thomas Rains Executor to this my last Will and Testament. This 17th Feb 1846.

John S. Rains JPS

Signed, Sealed, declared & published by John B. Rains as his
last Will & Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers who
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator &
of each other this 17th 1846

W. H. Pavison
Isaac Chatfield
A. Rains
C. S. Rains

Georgia Upson County

Court of Ordinary May Term 1846

The within last Will & Testament of John B. Rains
having been duly proven at the regular Term in open Court
upon the oath of Isaac Chatfield & William H. Pavison
Subscribing witnesses to said Will.

Ordered, that the same be admitted to Record.

Attest

Wm A. Cobb clk. c. o.

Recorded this 7th day of May 1846
Wm A. Cobb clk.