

Zachariah McRoughton last over-
instance and signant and of each other this February 29th 1876

A. Mathis
W B Adams
R P Bynum
Wm Henry Myler

Georgia
Washington County, I define me Omer McHenry Myler who being duly sworn
Says that he signed the above and foregoing last Will and
Testament of Zachariah McRoughton as a witness and that he saw said Zach-
ariah McRoughton sign the same instrument as above written as his last Will
and Testament the same having been first read over to him and in the hearing
of the other subscribing witnesses and that he deponent further saw the other sub-
scribing witnesses sign the same as witnesses thereto in the presence of said
Zachariah McRoughton and in the presence of each other and that said
Zachariah McRoughton was at the time of said signing of sound and disposing
mind and memory and that the said Zachariah McRoughton did sign this in-
last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses
whose names appear thereto to wit A. Mathis W B Adams R P Bynum
and Wm Henry Myler
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 3rd day of April 1876
Clément C Brown Clerk

Wm Henry Myler

Georgia
Washington County James Ransome Avant

In the name of God - Amen

I James Ransome Avant of said State and County deem it right and
proper both as respects my family and myself that I should make a dis-
position of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do
therefore make this my last Will and Testament

I desire and direct that my body may be buried in a decent and
Christian-like manner suitable to my circumstances and condition
in life - I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay
by my executors hereinafter appointed - I give bequeath and desire

to my beloved wife Christie Chaney for and during her natural life all
my property both real and personal that I may be possessed of at the time
of my death and on her death to be equally divided between my four daughters
Mary Harbinder Chiriss Carrin Anna Martha Palmer and Laura Richmond
Should my wife marry again I direct that all my property be sold and
divided equally between my wife and daughters share and share alike

Should my adopted son Ransome severd stay with my family until
he is 22 years of age I direct that he be given a Horse Saddle and Bridle to be
of the value of fifty five dollars Should my wife desire at any time to
give any of the property hereby bequeathed to her to any of our daughters I
desire it to be appraised and an account kept of it so that it can be considered
as if it were given to them in their lives

James Ransome Avant
 joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament this the second
 day of June one thousand eight hundred seventy five
 James Ransome Avant (S.S.)

Signed sealed declared and published by James R Avant as his last
 Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed
 our names hereto in the presence of said Testator and of each other this second
 day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy five

Strawbridge Deane
 L L Avant
 Huel B Joiner

James H. Shirling
 In the name of God Amen

I James H Shirling of the County of Washing
 ton and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and
 memory and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs which I
 have strength so to do, do make and publish this my last Will and
 Testament hereby revoking any and all Wills heretofore made by me
 And first I commit my Soul to God who gave it and my
 worldly Estate I dispose of as follows. All of my property both
 personal and real I leave in the hands of my wife and my son
 Jasper who desire to act as Executors & Executors. I having confi-
 dence in them. That the property shall be held together until the young-
 est child becomes of age and then an equal division shall be made
 between my beloved wife and my children except my son Jasper
 who shall receive Twenty five Dollars and my son Newton to receive
 Twenty five Dollars provided he pays the Estate the amount he is now
 due me, otherwise said son Newton shall receive nothing. Should
 however my beloved wife Martha not remain a widow until
 the youngest child becomes of age then my son Jasper to become
 sole Executor and my wife to receive no part of my Estate

I hereby set my hand and seal in attestation this Jan 31st 1876

James H Shirling (L.S.)

And I give my daughter Martha Ann & Posy five dollar the same
 to be paid at time of the general distribution

Read and signed in the presence of
 each one of us who attest as witnesses

Patrick R Valafero

W R Thigpen

J A Davis

James H Shirling (L.S.)