

Zachariah H. Roughton

Georgia

Washington County In the Name of God Amen:

I Zachariah H. Roughton being of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory and recognising the awful fact that I in common with my fellow man must die when in the good Providence of God Almighty He shall see fit to summon me, and being desirous of Arranging my business in this world before my departure for the next, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me -

Item 1st I do hereby will and direct that my body be received that good decent and Christian burial suitable to my means, and my faith and belief in the immortality of the soul through our Blessed Saviour - neither pompous nor extravagant but plain and conformable to my circumstances in life -

Item 2nd I do hereby direct and will that my honest debts be paid in full -

Item 3rd I give and bequeath the balance of my entire estate, both real and personal to my wife Sarah A. Roughton during her life or widowhood - to her will during her life or widowhood as she pleases that is to say that she may sell or otherwise dispose of any part or the whole of the said estate or change the investments when and how she pleases, after her death or on her intermarriage then the said estate to pass to my children O. A. Roughton, Bradford E. Roughton, Hodges C. Roughton, Mary Gertrude Roughton, E. H. Roughton Junior, Richard P. Roughton and Gainer Roughton share and share alike -

Item 4th I do hereby will and direct that in the event my said wife Sarah shall die or intermarry before my son Gainer shall have received an education similar to that received by my other children then and in that event he is to, and I hereby will that he shall receive from the Corpus of my estate as a special legacy over and above his distributive share of the estate and independent of it the sum of one thousand dollars -

Item 5th I will and bequeath to my children aforementioned to wit: O. A. Roughton - Bradford E. - Hodges C. - Zachariah H. Mary Gertrude Richard P. B. and Gainer - upon the death or intermarriage of my said wife and after the legacy to my son Gainer mentioned in Item 4th my entire estate both real and personal share and share alike

Item 6th I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah A. H. Roughton Executrix of this my last will;

Item 7th I do also appoint my wife Sarah A. H. Guardian of my minor children. This February 29th 1876

Z. H. Roughton

Signed Sealed and declared and published by Zachariah H. Roughton as his last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers

Bachariah McRoughton lost over
instance and request and of each other this February 29th 1846

A. Mathis

W B Adams

R P Bynum

Mr Henry Myler

Georgia

Washington County } Before me came Mr Henry Myler who being duly sworn
Says that he signed the above and foregoing last will and
Testament of Bachariah McRoughton as a witness and that he saw said Bach-
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
Bachariah McRoughton and in the presence of each other and that said
Bachariah McRoughton was at the time of said signing of sound and disposing
mind and memory and that the said Bachariah McRoughton did sign this his
last will and Testament ~~in~~ in the presence of the subscribing witnesses
whose names appear hereto to wit A. Mathis W B Adams R P Bynum
and Henry Myler

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 3rd day of April 1846

Clement C Brown Ordinary

Mr Henry Myler

Georgia

Washington County James Ransom Avant

In the name of God - Amen

I James Ransom 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 Melinda Williams Carrie 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 Ransom Everett stay with my family until
he is 21 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