

TALLADEGA COUNTY I

I, Rose Ella Ratchford, a resident of Talladega County, State of Alabama, and over the age of 21 years, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, revoking all former wills which may have been made at any time heretofore by me.

FIRST: I will that all my debts and funeral expenses shall be paid by my executors as soon after my decease as practicable.

SECOND: I will that all my personal property be left to my estate to be disposed of as hereinafter set forth.

THIRD: I will that all of my personal estate be held together by my executors until my son, John William Ratchford, Junior, is 21 years old; if he should live to be 21.

FOURTH: It is my will that all my personal estate be held together by my executors so long as my beloved husband, John William Ratchford, Senior, should live; and if he should die before my son, John William Ratchford, Junior, should become 21 years old, then, in that event, it is my will that it should be held together until my said son, John William Ratchford, Junior, should become 21 years old.

FIFTH: It is further my will that after the death of my beloved husband, and when that my son, the said John William Ratchford, Junior, has become 21 years old, that all of my personal estate shall then be equally divided amongst all my children whose names are as follows: Levie Edward Ratchford, Mary Lee Ratchford-Washam, Lilla Valentine Ratchford-Shaw, Izora Ratchford-DeCovey, Frances James Ratchford- Butler, and John William Ratchford, Junior. But, it shall be remembered that my son, Levie Edward Ratchford is indebted to me in the sum of \$190.00, without interest, and that this amount shall be taken into account as part and parcel of his share of my estate as aforesaid, and any receipts that he shall have or be able to show where he has paid me this amount or any part thereof, since the making of this, my last will and testament, shall be credited against this \$190.00 he owes me; in other words, I desire that this \$190.00 or any balance he may owe me at the time of my death shall be taken account of by my executors and counted as part and parcel of my estate already received by him; and that he shall have the same as part of his share, and not in addition to his share of the rest and residue of my estate at the time of my decease. And, at the time of said division hereinbefore pointed out, if either or any of my children should be dead, and leave a child or children, as the case might be, then, in that event, said child or children shall receive the amount which would have been received by the parent, of said child or children, in the event the parent of said child or children had been living at the time of said division of my estate according as hereinbefore pointed out; (the word parent herein has reference to any one or more of my said children named herein above, and to none other(but, it is further my will that in the event there is a grandchild or grandchildren, who should be eligible to take under this paragraph of my last will and testament, as hereinbefore described, that their share or shares, as the case might be, shall be held together and preserved in a good business-like way by my executors until said grandchild or grandchildren, as the case may be, shall become 21 years of age; when, upon arriving at and becoming 21 years of age, each one shall receive

his or her share according to the share and share alike principle as hereinbefore described. And in the event one or more of my said children should die and should leave no child or children, as aforesaid, then, in that event, their share would be equally divided among those (entitled to take under this my last will and testament) surviving and in the same order as described in this paragraph.

SEVENTH: It is further my will that all of my real estate be sold by my executors as soon after my decease as practicable, for cash, and the proceeds thereof disposed of and divided in the same way, and in the same manner, and under the same terms as my personal estate as hereinbefore described and set forth.

EIGHTH: It is further my will that in the event that my husband, John William Ratchford, Senior, should get sick and have no other income or source of livelihood than to draw upon my estate for his sustenance, then, in that event, he should take and have what would be reasonably necessary for his shelter, welfare, and comfort, until his death.

NINTH: I nominate and appoint my daughter, Frances James Butler, and my husband, John William Ratchford, Senior, as my executors of this, my last will and testament, and declare that they shall not be required to give any bond for the performance of their duties arising hereunder; nor shall they be required to make any inventory of the property coming into their hand as such executors, nor make any report to any Court of their proceedings hereunder.

Witness my hand, this the 14 day of Dec. 1931.

Rosa ~~XXXXXX~~ Ella Ratchford .

Signed and declared to be her last will and testament by Rosa Ella Ratchford, in our presence, and we in her presence, and in the presence of each other, and at her request, we hereunto set our names as witnesses on the day the same bears date. The erasure or splotch was made at the time testatrix signed same and was done before we signed as witnesses in our presence and in the presence of each other and we in presence of testator.

Witness: J.J. Cockrell

Witness: Obe Riddle

THE STATE OF ALABAMA:
COUNTY OF ETOWAH:

I, E.L. Hurst, Judge of Probate, in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the within instrument has this day in said Court and before me as the Judge thereof, been duly proven to be the genuine last will and testament of Rosa Ella Ratchford, deceased, and that said Will with the proof thereof, has been recorded in my office, in Will Record "C" pages 392 & 393 & 394 thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and Seal of the Probate Court, this the 16th day of January, 1935.

E.L. Hurst
Judge of Probate Court
Etowah County, Alabama.

(PROBATE COURT SEAL)

I, Wiley Hickman, Judge of Probate in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of Last Will and Testament of Rosa Ella Ratchford, deceased, as recorded in Will Record "C" at pages 392 & 393 on file in the Probate Office of said County.

Given under my hand and seal this the 11th day of August, 1955.

Wiley Hickman
JUDGE OF PROBATE

FILED IN OFFICE

Dec. 20, 1934

RECORDED: WILL RECORD

"C" PAGES 392 & 393

STATE OF ALABAMA }
SHELBY COUNTY }

I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate hereby certify that the within Copy of will was filed in this office for record the 10 day of April, 1956 at 8 o'clock A.M. and recorded in Deed Record 178 page 161 and examined 2-16-56 and the Mortgage Tax of \$ has been paid.

Deed Tax of \$ L. C. Walker Judge of Probate

Fees 1.75

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY

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L. C. Walker
Judge of Probate