

The Will of William Jasper Rainwater, 1823-1887, Waller Co., TX

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August 22, 1887

In the name of God! Amen. I, **W. J. Rainwater** being of sound mind and discretion do make and publish this my last will and testament.

1st I give devise and bequeath to **Jane Carter** two hundred acres of laid out (sic) of my homestead tract to include my residence and improvements to be laid off in convenient shape commencing on the west line of the tract and running east for the required number of acres said land is to the said **Jane Carter** for life with the remainder at her death to my brothers and sisters as hereinafter named.

2nd I also give to the said **Jane Carter** my two gray horses and wagon all my household and Kitchen furniture and all meat, corn and other provisions on hand at my death.

3rd I give devise and bequeath to **Sam Rainwater and Mose Williams** the balance and remainder of my homestead tract of land after the two hundred acres given to **Jane Carter** for life are taken off to be equally divided between the said **Sam Rainwater and Mose Williams**. Said land is given to them in fee Simple absolute.

4th I give and bequeath to **my nephew W. T. Carrington** twenty five cows with their calves out of my stock of cattle.

5th All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of every Kind not hereinbefore disposed of I give and bequeath to **my brothers and sisters to wit- A. F. Rainwater, George Rainwater, Adeline Hosea, and Louisa Harris** including also the two hundred acres of land hereinbefore devised to **Jane Carter** for life after the termination of said life estate. The property herein devised and bequeathed to my said brothers and sisters is to be divided between them equally, share and share alike.

I nominate and appoint **my nephew W. T. Carrington** Executor of this my will and direct that no bond be required of him as such. I further direct that no proceedings be required in the administration and settlement of my Estate except to probate this will and return an execution and appraisalment of my Estate.

Witness my hand this September 8th 1885, **W. J. Rainwater**

Signed in presence of Robert C Watson, T. S. Reese

Testators name signed by me in his(?) presence at his request he being unable to write –

Robert C. Watson

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