

State of Georgia
Berrien County

I In the name of God Amen
I John E. Connel of said State and
County being low in health and daily
sinking from effects of decayed lungs and knowing
that I must shortly depart this life While yet of
Sound and disposing mind and memory deem
it right and proper both as Respects myself and family
that I should make some disposition of the property
With which a kind Providence has Blessed me
I do therefore make this my last Will and
Testament hereby Revoking and annulling all
others heretofore made by me at any time

1st I desire and direct that my body be Buried
in a decent and Christian like manner
Suitable to my Condition and Circumstances and
like my Soul I trust shall return to rest with
God. Who gave it as I hope for Salvation
through the Merits and attainment of our Blessed
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

2nd I desire that all my just debts be paid
Without delay and so direct my Executors herein
after named and appointed -

3rd I desire and direct that my beloved Wife
Missourie be allowed by my Executors to take
Charge and use as she may see proper
Without consideration any and all the effects
owned or possessed by her and brought into the con-
tract at our Marriage I further desire and
bequeath that my said Wife shall have out of
my Stock of Cattle to be selected by her self three
head and out of my Stock of Hogs likewise to be
selected her self four head If she should
consider it best to move from the place
where we now live she shall have to her self that same

I give and bequeath to my said Wife one hundred and fifty dollars to aid paying for such place and Education and Maintenance of our two mutual little children If hereafter she should consider it best to remain with the family on the farm where now live untill such time as my Executors shall think best to sell all my Remaining effects as herein after provided then and in that case no decision need be made Yet I don't desire that this latter Clause shall in the least affect her rights If she should choose to move before a general Sale by my Executors shall be made the provision being for at any time when she may demand it

4th I desire and direct that my single Daughters to wit Margaret & Cornelia Walthers of Cornelia Alice of Cornelia Rachel M. Cornelia Frances M. Cornelia & Ellen S. Cornelia shall each as they get married or come of age be furnished with a feather bed and furniture such as the married Girls have Each had as my desire is that all my children should be started in life as near equal as it is in my power to start them

5th I desire and direct that my single Sons to wit Moses & Cornelia and William O. Cornelia shall each have a horse as good as the boys all had who have married and left me and wish as that these two when they come of age or get married should be put upon an equal footing with older sons and if either of my single Daughters or Sons should get married or come of age before a general Sale provided for my will shall take place and there is no such stock or furniture that can be turned over to them then ^{my} Executors shall take some Sale

or arrangement to furnish them

6th I desire and direct that all my property both real and personal be kept together and the family remain on the Homestead all together (unless some circumstances should occur as provide for previously) untill such as my Executors shall think ~~the~~ the Interest of the family and the Estate shall demand a sale then the whole to sold and equally divided amongst my heirs according to law

7th I hereby constitute and appoint my two oldest Sons B J Connell and R W Connell Executors of this my last Will and Testament this Nov 19th 1874

John E. Connell

Signed Sealed and published by John E. Connell as his last will and testament in the presence of us the under signed who Subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of said testator at his Special Request and in the presence of each other

H. J. Peoples
Moses Laddens
J. H. Kirby

George W. Berrien County, personally appeared H. J. Peoples and J. H. Kirby who being duly sworn say that they saw John E. Connell sign the above as his last will and testament and that they signed the same as Witnesses at his Request sworn to before me Jan 4th 1875

W. E. Connell only

H. J. Peoples
J. H. Kirby