

no objection) It is Ordined that the same be
recorded

Attest
DeKalb County, Georgia, Wills

1828-1838

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Note: "light binding"

Georgia

DeKalb County } We do solemnly swear that
this the foregoing writing
contains the true last Will & Testament of
the said Rachel Smallen so far as we know
or believe & that we will well & truly exe-
cute the same by paying first the debts
& then the bequests contained in said Will
so far as her goods & chattels will thereto
extend & the law charge us & that we
will make a true & perfect inventory of
all such goods & chattels - In help of God
Witness & subscribed July 4th 1864, I M. Cuffin
& M. Beach Orny (B. H. Smallen

State of Georgia } I Augustus M. Beck of the
DeKalb County } County & State aforesaid
of sound & disposing mind
memory but impressed with the uncertainty
of life do make this my last Will and
Testament hereby revoking & annulling all others
heretofore made by me -
First Let all my just debts be paid
Second I devise give & bequeath my whole estate
of things real & personal chattels & choses in
action all & every thing of whatsoever sort
estate shall consist at my death to my
beloved wife Abigail M. B. Beck & my children
of her by me begotten to be possessed used
managed & controlled by her the said Abigail

M. O. Bell for the joint use & benefit of her
my said wife & my children designated as
aforesaid in all respects as if ^{Decatur County, Georgia Wills 1828-1838} ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} ^{Note: "tight binding"} ~~my~~ ^{man or}
the same were I in life.

Third It is my will & I do accordingly direct
that all my Estate be kept together & used
as aforesaid. Nevertheless it is my wish
& I do so direct that as fast as either
of my children do arrive at age or marry
that Divisions be appointed who shall cut
apart & divide unto the said child or
arrived at age or married his or her equal
share of my said Estate. Providing that
if either of my children should die leaving
child or children before such division be had
then in that case such child or children
of my said deceased child shall take
respectively the share of their deceased parent
Fourth - Should my wife the said Abigail
M. O. Bell marry before the division of my
said estate as provided for in the Third
Item of this my Will it is my will & I
accordingly direct that an equal portion
of said estate be set off to her in fee
simple & that the balance thereof be kept
together & be divided equally among my
children as designated in the Third Item
of this my will at & upon the contingencies
& in accordance with the provisions stated
in the said Third Item

Fifth - I hereby appoint & constitute my beloved
Wife Abigail M. O. Bell to be and to remain during the Execution
& Execution of this my last Will & Testament
And it is my will & I do accordingly de-
clare & direct that after this my last Will &
Testament shall have been admitted to probate

second & letter Testamentary issued to my said
wife & Duncan Curry as Executors & Executrix
as aforesaid & an inventory & appraisement
of my Estate be returned & approved by my
wife & Duncan Curry as Executors & Executrix
as aforesaid shall not be bound to make
to the Court of Ordinary annual Return
of her acting & doing as the Executors of
this my last Will & Testament - but shall
be left free to manage said estate with
all the power & discretion that I myself
now have or would have were I in life -
subject to the provisions hereinbefore stated

Augustus J. Bell (S)

Signed said declared & published in
our presence who subscribe our names truth
in the presence of said Testator at his
special instance requested & in the presence
of each other this November 7th 1861 -
The words Executor on 23rd line 2 page & Duncan
Curry on 28 line 2 page & Executrix on 29 line
& Duncan Curry & Executrix on 30th line of same
page interlined before signing

H M Beck

W P Stewart

James Griffin

Georgia
Decatur County } Court of Ory July Term 1863
Present H M Beck Ory

At this Term of the Court
personally came Abigail M O Bell the Executrix
named appointed in the last Will & Testament
of Augustus J Bell late of said county & she
& produced the said last Will for probate
as well as James Griffin one of the witnesses
thereunto who being duly sworn says that
he saw Augustus J Bell sign seal declare

publish the paper now presented as his last
will & testament freely voluntarily & of his own
accord without any compulsion or influence
whatevver other at the time of the said signing
Testator was of sound disposing mind & memory
and deponent further says that he signed
the same as a witness at the special instance
request of Testator in his presence in the
presence of Wm Beck & P Stewart two other
witnesses who signed the same in the presence
of Testator each other and at the like in-
stance request.

Given to subscribed before } James Griffin
me July 6th 1863 }
Wm Beck Ord.

Georgia, Court of Ord July Term 1863
Decatur County } Present Wm Beck Ord
The last Will & Testament
of A J Bell has having been proved at
this the regular term of the Court in the oath
of James Griffin one of the witnesses thereto
(there being no objection) It is ordered that
the same be recorded

Wm Beck Ord.

Georgia, I do solemnly swear that this
Decatur County } meeting contains the true last
Will of the within named A J
Bell so far as I know or believe and that I
will well truly execute the same by paying
first the debts & then the legacies contained in the
said Will as far as his goods & chattels will
thereunto extend & I can charge me that I will
make a true & perfect inventory of all such goods
& chattels so help me God
Signed July 6th 1863
James Griffin