

State of Georgia In the name of God. Amen  
 Decatur County I I Sarah McNeill of the  
 County and State aforesaid  
 being feeble in body and wasted in flesh  
 and strength yet of sound and disposing mind  
 memory and discretion and in order to dispose  
 of the property with which a beneficent Pro-  
 vidence has blessed me do make ordain  
 and establish this as my last Will &  
 Testament hereby revoking and annulling  
 all former Wills by me made or supposed  
 to be made

Item 1<sup>st</sup> In a reasonable time after death  
 I wish my body buried in the family burial  
 ground near the grave of my deceased husband  
 in a becoming and Christianlike manner

Item 2<sup>d</sup> It is my will that all money due  
 me be collected without unnecessary delay  
 after my death and that all my just debts  
 be paid including my burial expenses and  
 necessary repairs about the grave yard

Item 3 I hereby give and bequeath to my son  
 Patrick A McNeill the following named slaves  
 Lottie Mary a Woman aged about thirty years  
 and her three children Henry, Ed and  
 Ferdinand

Item 4 It is my Will and I hereby direct  
 that the following slaves Lottie Washington  
 a man aged about thirty four years, Hannah  
 a girl about ten years old, Joe a man aged  
 twenty two years Elsie a woman about  
 eighteen years old Mary aged between forty five  
 and fifty and Rhoda her child about thirteen  
 years old be appraised and divided into three  
 lots as nearly of equal value as may be and  
 them to be drawn for by the children of my

two deceased daughters and deceased  
son that is to say the children of Mary P.  
Smith deceased viz Amanda Smith, Angelina  
Grant, Martha J. Kiddle, Frances Smith, Cath-  
arine McCall, Abner Smith, Joseph Smith,  
and Josephine Wilson, and Julia A. Smith,  
being all the surviving children of my said  
daughter Mary P. Smith, are to draw for me  
share to be equally divided between them  
The children of my deceased daughter Mary  
R. Benton to wit William A. Thomas J. Smith  
R, Mary R and George A. Benton are to  
draw for and divide equally between  
them one share and the children of my  
deceased son Ephraim McEiff to wit William  
W. McEiff and Sarah F. Dickey shall  
draw for and divide the remaining share

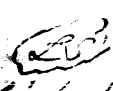
Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I hereby direct  
that my carriage and horses be sold together  
and that the proceeds of said sale together  
with all the money due me and col-  
lected from whatever source including  
notes and negotiable for the present  
year amounting to four hundred dollars  
and for which I have no note, after  
paying my just debts funeral expenses  
and repairs upon the grave yard as herein  
before provided then the remainder be  
equally divided between my lawful heirs  
share and share alike the children of  
my deceased children taking the share of  
their deceased parent

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved  
son Patrick A. McEiff Executor of this my  
last Will and Testament

Item 7<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and I hereby

direct that the provisions of Item fifth  
be so modified and changed that my  
son Patrick H. McGuff shall have and  
retain to himself the sum of five hundred  
dollars therein mentioned as due for his  
for the present year and then the remain-  
ing sum or residue shall be divided  
as provided in said fifth Item -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

Sarah McGuff 

Signed sealed declared and published by  
the said Sarah McGuff as her last Will  
and Testament in presence of us the sub-  
scribing and signed by us as witnesses in pres-  
ence of the Testatrix of each other this Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

Archibald Nicholson

J. A. Maxwell

- Alex. Anderson

Georgia  
Decatur County

Court of Ordry At Chatham

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863

Personally came P. H. McGuff  
the Executor of the last Will and Testament  
of Sarah McGuff late of said county once and  
produced before said Court the last Will  
and Testament of said deceased and Archibald  
Nicholson one of the witnesses to said Will  
who being duly sworn deponeeth and says  
that he saw Sarah McGuff the Testatrix  
sign seal declare and publish the instrument  
now presented as her last Will & Testament  
freely voluntarily and of her own accord and  
without any compulsion or influence whatever  
that at the time of the execution of said  
Will said Testatrix was of sound & disposing

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mind memory - that deponent (said  
Witness) signed said Will as a Witness  
in the presence of the Testatrix and at  
her special instance request and in the  
presence of J A Maxwell & Alex Andrus who  
signed the same as Witnesses at the like  
instance and request and in the pre-  
sence of the said Testatrix

Subscribed before me this  
April 3<sup>d</sup> 1863 } Archibald Nicholson  
H M Beach Ordg

Georgia } At Chambers April 3<sup>d</sup> 1863  
Decatur County } Present H M Beach Ordg  
I do solemnly swear that  
this writing contains the true last Will of the  
within named Sarah McGuff and so far as  
I know or believe and that I will well  
and truly execute the same by first paying  
the debts and then the legacies contained  
in said Will as far as her goods and chattels  
will thereto extend and the law charge  
me; and that I will make a true and  
perfect inventory of all such goods & chattels  
so help me God.

Subscribed before me  
this April 3<sup>d</sup> 1863 } P. A. McGuff  
H M Beach Ordg }

Georgia } Court of Ordg Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Decatur County } Present H M Beach Ordg  
The last Will & Testament  
of Sarah McGuff of said county died having  
been found in common form on the oath of  
Arch Nicholson one of the witnesses thereto  
in vacation It is Ordered that the same

be recorded there being no objection  
 Hm Beach Ordy

To all whom it may concern  
 Whereas in the Providence of God it may  
 please him to call me hence before the  
 close of this war for Independence and  
 Southern Rights by permitting the enemy  
 to slay me upon the field of battle or  
 allowing the fell diseases of the Camp  
 or hospital to end my life. I therefore  
 after committing myself to the mercy  
 and goodness of our God do hereby appoint  
 John W. Potter of Bainbridge Geo my lawful  
 executor to collect all wages moneys or  
 claims due me from any source whatever  
 to apply said claims to the pay ment  
 of my debts and I request my said  
 executor to settle and pay off all debts  
 or claims against me to the fullest ex-  
 tent of my effects. Further I bequeath  
 give and grant unto the said John W.  
 Potter all my private papers MSS and  
 all private property clothing and accoutre-  
 ments which may be in my possession at  
 the time of my decease as aforesaid and  
 further I request him to advertise for my  
 trunk marked with my name and lost  
 in Augusta in February last which said  
 trunk contains the above bequeathed property  
 papers &c. In witness whereof I have this  
 the thirtieth day of December eighteen hundred  
 and sixty two set my hand and  
 seal  
 Wm. A. S. Parks Seal