

on the ratification of Thos J. Bell to Augustus  
J. Bell two of the subscribing witnesses  
to the same. It is ordered there being  
no objections that the same be admitted  
to Record

H. M. Beach Ordy

Georgia, I do solemnly swear  
Declarer County, that this the foregoing  
writing contains the true  
last Will & Testament of the said Anne  
Wm. Niece so far as I know or believe  
and that I will well and truly execute  
the same by paying first the debts  
and then the bequests contained in  
said Will as far as her goods and chattels  
will thereto extend and the law charge  
thereon and that I will make a true in-  
ventory of all such goods and chattels  
as help me God

Given to and subscribed before me this Feb 3<sup>d</sup> 1862  
H. M. Beach Ordy } D. P. Niece

In the name of God Amen I W<sup>m</sup> S. Radcliff  
of the County of Decatur and State of Ge-  
orgia being weak in body but of sound and  
disposing mind and memory conscious of  
the certainty of death and of the uncer-  
tainty of the time thereof and in order  
that I may be the better prepared to  
leave this World whenever it shall please  
Almighty God to call me hence do make  
ordain and declare this my last Will and  
Testament. That is to say -

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First I give and bequeath unto my beloved  
wife Rebecca E. Rackley all of my property  
of every kind of which I hold or am  
interested after all of my individual  
debts and the debts of the Estate are estab-  
lished. Then she is to have my prop-  
erty share according to my Father's au-  
thority Rackley's will. Should my wife  
Rebecca E. Rackley die without leaving  
any issue from me then shall the prop-  
erty be equally divided amongst my cur-  
rent Brothers & Sisters - &c &c.

Second I nominate and appoint J. B. & R. Butler  
as Executors to carry into effect  
this my last Will & Testament and I  
also desire that they J. B. & R. Butler  
shall take charge of the Estate of my  
Father Anthony Rackley and conduct the  
same as I am instructed & authorized to  
do in his my Father's Will.

W. S. Rackley

The foregoing last Will and Testament  
was signed by the Testator Wm S. Rackley  
in our presence and we at his request  
and in his presence and in the presence  
of each other do subscribe the same as  
attesting Witnesses and on the twenty  
seventh day of May in the year of our  
Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty one

George H. Davis

J. C. Pierson

J. B. Trulley J. F. Co.

State of Georgia } Cordell  
Declaratory County }

Whereas I Wm S. Rackley  
did on the twenty seventh  
day of May Eighteen hundred and sixty

me to sign seal declare and publish  
my last will and testament in presence  
of George W. Davis & C. P. Pomeroy & J. B. Truitt  
who signed the said will and testament  
as witnesses; and whereas I am desirous  
of altering and changing my bequest &  
devise in said will I therefore make a  
publick this Codicil to the said will  
First I revoke and annul the first item  
of said will so far as relates to the am-  
ount of money as shall be necessary  
according to the following bequest First  
First I give and bequeath to the child or  
children of my first wife Anna E. J.  
Rackley (later Anna E. J. Blount to whom  
I was married Oct the 12<sup>th</sup> 1852 whom I  
allege left my bed abroad without cause  
in August 1854 and from whom I was  
legally divorced in 1858 that is  
to say I decree that each child or children  
shall have each two dollars to be paid  
out of my funds which my appointed  
and legal executor my control - Provide  
such child or children shall in anywise  
legally or legitimately be considered my  
child or children and thereby entitled  
to share such part of my estate heretofore  
mentioned on account of my marriage with  
said Anna E. J. Blount this May 31<sup>st</sup> 1861  
W. S. Rackley 

Signed sealed and declared & published by  
W. S. Rackley at the Codicil to his will  
and testament of the twenty seventh day  
of May Eighteen hundred sixty one in  
the presence of us the subscribers who

presented our names here in the presence  
said testator / at his special instance  
request and of each other this May 31<sup>st</sup>  
George H. Davis  
J. L. Pierson  
H. B. Timothy

County of Ordinary  
August Term 1861  
By Wm Beach Roy  
I am the Wm Beach Ordinary of said court  
in open court at the regular term  
of came Frank B. Butler & John R.  
the executors of the last Will &  
testament of William S. Rackley late of  
said county died & produced before me the  
said last Will & Testament for probate  
& of the same bring George H. Davis  
of the subscribing witnesses to the same  
being sworn & that he saw William  
Rackley the testator sign seal declare  
publish the within instrument the same  
presented as his last Will & Testament  
voluntarily & of his own accord with-  
out any compulsion or influence whatever  
at the time of the execution of  
said Will said testator was of sound  
disposing mind & memory - that defendant  
used said Will as a witness in the  
presence of the testator & at his special  
instance request & defendant further  
swore that he saw J. L. Pierson & H. B. Ti-  
mothy sign the same as witnesses thereto  
at the like instance request of said  
testator in his presence & the presence of  
each other - & sworn to subscribed before  
August 31<sup>st</sup> 1861  
Wm Beach Roy  
George H. Davis

Georgia } I do solemnly swear that  
Deaton County } this the foregoing writing  
contains the true last  
Will & Testament of the said William S.  
Rackley as far as I know or believe and  
that I will will strictly execute the same  
by paying first the debts and then the  
bequests contained in said Will as far  
as his 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 -  
Sworn to & subscribed

before me in open Court } J. B. Butler  
Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1861 }  
H. M. Beach Ordy }

Georgia } Court of Ordinary  
Deaton County } Aug Term 1861  
The within last Will & Test-  
ament having been proved in common form  
at this the regular term of the Court on the  
Oath of George H. Davis one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the same - It is ordered  
that (there being no objection) that the  
same be admitted to Record -  
H. M. Beach Ordy

State of Georgia } By the name of God Amen  
Deaton County } I Enfers Crut of said County  
being of advanced age but of  
sound mind and disposing memory knowing  
that I must shortly depart this life  
deem it right and proper both as respects  
my family and myself that I should