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In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal  
Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1849  
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Signed and acknowledged - {  
In presence of - {  
H. J. Goff  
John Steifel  
Francis Burton

James Steifel S.S.

Georgia { Court of ordinary January Term 1849.  
Elbert County { Personally came Horatio J. Goff and John Steifel  
two of the subscribing witnesses to above will  
into open Court and being sworn saith that they saw James Steifel  
sign and seal the above instrument of writing as his last  
will and Testament and that these deponents together with  
Francis Burton signed the same as witnesses in the presence  
of the testator and at his request and in the presence  
of each other, and these deponents believe the testator to have  
been of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time  
of executing the same,  
Sworn to in open Court this  
8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1849  
Attest Wm. H. Helm, C.C.O.

H. J. Goff  
John Steifel

Georgia { Court of ordinary January Term 1849.  
Elbert County { the within will of James Steifel being Read in  
open Court and proven by two of the subscribing  
Witnesses to wit, Horatio J. Goff and John Steifel.  
It is hereby ordered by the Court that the said will be  
Recorded Attest Wm. H. Helm, C.C.O.  
Recorded the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1849. Wm. H. Helm, C.C.O.

## Henry McElroy's Will

In the name of God Amen. I, Henry McElroy of the state of Georgia  
and County of Elbert being of perfect and sound mind tho' weak of  
body and duly apprised of my approaching dissolution, do make and  
ordain this my last will and Testament. To the earth I recommend my  
body in decent Christian burial. To almighty God who gave it I  
recommend my soul and will and dispose of my earthly goods with  
which it hath pleased Heaven to bless me in manner and form  
following (To wit)

First I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charkey Hunter a  
certain Negro woman named Beck and her increase from this day  
to be delivered after the death of my beloved wife Melatine McElroy  
provided my children are all of age or married previous to their

mother's death

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I will and ordain that my son James McElroy  
one Hundred and seventy two dollars and Fifty cents, out of the residue  
of my monies that may come into their hands.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Francis Wheeler a negro girl  
named May, together with all the goods she now has in consequence  
of any former bequest.

I will and ordain that Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars  
be paid unto my daughter Polly McElroy out of the first  
surplus monies that may be obtained on my farm by the hands  
in possession of my beloved wife.

I will and ordain that when my son John McElroy becomes of  
lawful age he shall receive a certain Negro boy named Brice  
a Horse Saddle and Bridle, a feather Bed and furniture, Two  
Cows and Calves, and one Hundred acres of land joining  
Charles Wheeler.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally McElroy a  
certain Negro girl named Ann and her increase, except her  
first future child, and those she now has, a horse saddle  
and Bridle, Two cows and calves and one feather Bed and  
furniture, to be delivered when she arrives at lawful age.

I give and bequeath unto my son Henry McElroy a Negro  
boy named Anthony, a Horse saddle and Bridle, Two cows  
and calves, one feather Bed and furniture, one hundred  
Acres of land formerly the property of Mr. Graham.

I Give and bequeath unto my son Charles McElroy a negro  
boy named Solomon and the next child of the girl Ann  
if she should have another a horse Bridle and Saddle  
Two cows and calves a feather Bed and furniture and one  
Hundred Acres of land whereon I now live after the death  
of my beloved wife.

I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Peltatine McElroy  
Two Negro girls, one named Bess and the other named  
Pat, a Horse Bridle and Saddle, Two cows and calves, and  
one feather Bed and furniture.

I will and ordain that my negro man Ben, my Negro woman Dolly  
and the negro woman Beck above willed to Gaskey Hunter the land  
whereon I live with my Goods and chattels of every description  
not otherwise herein specially disposed of do remain and continue  
in the possession and at the disposal of my beloved wife Peltatine  
McElroy during her life and in case of her death before my  
younger children are raised the property thus appropriated for  
the use of my wife and younger children during their minority.

shall devolve to my son James McElroy for the use of the  
 younger children until <sup>Elbert County, Georgia Wills 1836 to 1860</sup>  
~~until they come~~ of age. when an  
 equal division thereof shall be made by all my children  
 and I hereby irrevocably nominate and appoint my beloved wife  
 Bellatine McElroy and my son James McElroy my executors of this  
 my last will and Testament.

Signed sealed and acknowledged this Eleventh day of December  
 one Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty.

In Presence of {  
 Charles Wheeler {  
 Jas. Olive {

Henry <sup>his</sup> McElroy ~~Seal~~  
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Court of ordinary July Term 1809

The within will was presented in open Court and proved  
 by the oaths of Charles Wheeler and James Olive.

Whereupon it is ordered to be Recorded

Recorded the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1849. Wm. Helm,

## James Rich's Will 1849

Georgia { In the name of God Amen.  
 Elbert County { I James Rich now of the County and State aforesaid  
 being much afflicted in body but of sound  
 and disposing mind and memory do make ordain and  
 publish this as my last will and Testament, as follows, to wit:  
 Item the first I will that all of my just debts be first paid  
 Item the second, I give and bequeath to my uncle John Rich  
 of Mississippi my faithful and trusty servant man Burrel  
 with the earnest request that he permit Burrel to enjoy  
 his freedom so far as the laws of the country will permit  
 and be in his kindness and humanity always profited  
 Item the third, I give and bequeath the whole of the  
 balance of my estate both real and personal including  
 the undivided interest which I have in the estate of  
 my Mother Sarah Rich and the interest which I have  
 in the estate of my brother David A. Rich, my interest  
 being by the agreement of the Legatees the one third of  
 each. Also the interest which I have in the unsettled  
 estate of my father William Rich dec'd to John F. Edwards  
 as Trustee for my beloved Sister Sarah D. A. Edwards to manage  
 said property for the sole use and benefit of my said Sister  
 during her life and at her death to go to and be equally  
 divided between her children to them and their heirs forever.