

to have been of sound mind at the time of executing the same  
sworn to in open Court this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1848 Thomas H. Longee  
of September 1848

Attest Wm. F. Clark, Esq.

Georgia Court of Ordinary September term 1848  
Elbert County after hearing the written will of Thomas  
H. Longee read in open Court and proved  
the same by Thomas H. Longee one of the subscribing  
witnesses to the said will it is ordered by the Court  
that said will be recorded

Attest Wm. F. Clark, Esq.

Recorded the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1848 Wm. F. Clark

## JAMES STEEFL WILL 1849.

In the name of God Amen.

I James Steefel of the State of Georgia and County of Elbert  
knowing that it is appointed once for man to die and being  
weak of body but of sound and disposing mind have  
thought proper make and constitute this my last will  
and Testament in manner and form as follows.

I resign my spirit to God who gave it and wish  
my body after my death buried in a Christian manner

I desire all my just debts Paid.

I have given to my two sons George Steefel, James  
Steefel each fifty dollars worth of property I have  
given to my daughter Polly Oots, Margaret Oots  
Nancy McDowell Sapfield Sanders Isannah Vickery

fifty dollars to each in property which is all I wish  
them to receive of of my property till after my wife's death  
I will to my daughter Catharine Steefel and Delores  
Ann Steefel fifty dollars each which is giving them  
an equal share with my other children

I Give to my beloved wife Ivy Steefel all the balance  
of my estate both Real and Personal to her and for  
her own proper use during her natural life and after  
the death of my wife all the property both Real and  
Personal I will sold and the proceeds equally divided  
amongst all of my children share and share about  
equally between all both sons and daughters

I constitute and appoint my friend John McDonald  
my sole Executor to execute this my last will and  
Testament revoking all former wills ~~or former testaments~~ ever

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In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1848.  
Signed and acknowledged }  
In presence of }  
H. J. Gops  
John Stiebel  
Francis Burton

James Steffel 

Georgia } Court of ordinary January Term 1849.  
Elbert County } Personally came Horatio J. Gops and John Stiebel  
two of the subscribing witnesses to above will  
into open court and being sworn saith that they saw James Steffel  
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

H. J. Gops  
John Stiebel

Attest Wm. H. Helm, C.C.O.  
Georgia } Court of ordinary January Term 1849.  
Elbert County } the within will of James Steffel being Read in  
open court and proven by two of the subscribing  
witnesses to wit, Horatio J. Gops and John Stiebel.  
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 Charley Hunter a  
certain Negro woman named Beck and her increase from this day  
to be delivered after the death of my beloved wife Relatine McElroy  
provided my children are all of age or married previous to this