

# Gordon County Wills 1856-1894

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Be it known for record that I Will & Publish my last will and testament made this 17th day of October 1853 in the County of Gordon Georgia before the Honorable J. C. Price, Justice of the Peace, and being duly sworn deposed that they know to S. W. McNeely & friend publish the witness as his last will and testament while of sound and disposing mind that they do desire the person at his request and in his presence and of each other and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been executed  
J. C. Price, Justice of the Peace  
S. W. McNeely  
L. C. White  
before me this 6th day of Feb 1871  
R. W. McNeely

## Copy will

Georgia Gordon Co In the name of God. Amen  
I Will & Publish my last will & Testament being in full health  
but sound and disposing mind and memory  
Do make & constitute & declare this to be my last will and  
Testament revoking all others.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> My body I bequeath to my friends to be interred in a plain  
and Christian like manner and my soul to my God from  
whom I received it

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I wish all my just debts first discharged out of my estate by  
Selling off the perishable property

Item 3 It is my will that my land shall not be sold but equally divided  
between my wife and my three children at the death of my  
wife her part to revert back & equally divided between my  
children

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I now hereby appoint S. D. McNeely, W. H. Clark & James C. M.  
Marland my executors to carry this my will into effect  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
This 17<sup>th</sup> of Aug, 1853 Will, H. C. Byrd

Tested by A. J. Davenport

Olive L. Dunn

Stephens Mc Neely

S. M. White

Court of Ordinary September Term 1853

In open Court personally appeared Joseph McNeely  
Olive Dunn Isaac H. Clark the undersigned Justice of the

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nothing written or signed by the testator  
but say they saw Mr H C Byram the testator  
sign and declare and publish the writing in a state  
ment never presented to the Court as his last will  
and Testament freely voluntary and of his own  
accord and without compulsion or influence  
whence that at the time of the execution thereof  
the testator was of sound and disposing mind  
and memory that deponents and H C Byram do  
afford all due signs a true Will as witness in the  
presence of said Testator and at his Special instance  
and Request and in the presence of each other  
deposse to the Open Court Sept 5-1853

Alexy Stroup

Witness

Joseph Wilson

Isaac M. Fite

Other Witness

I do certify that the above and foregoing is a true  
Copy of the last will and Testament of Mr H C  
Byram as presented and proven in open Court Sept  
5-1853 given under my hand and seal this day  
of 1853 Alexander Stroup witness

State of Georgia <sup>in</sup> In the name of God and before  
Gordon County <sup>in</sup> the witnesses I N E Fawcett do  
make this my last will and Testament To wit  
I in the 1<sup>st</sup> I dohere and bequeath that all my just  
debts be paid  
Int & I desire and bequeath that my husband James  
A Fawcett shall have all my property his life time  
and then to be at his disposal to wit Lot of Land  
No 108 in the 14 District and 3 Section of Gordon  
County of my horses Cattle Hogs & Sheep & all house had  
& Kitchen furniture & other as bees Beasts & Clothing  
for the same Given under my hand & before these witnesses  
This the 23 of May 1868 N E Fawcett

Test John Brugh  
Miles D. Sherriff  
D S Floyd  
W. D. Muncell