

Mary C. Gerald
"Will of"

State of Georgia In the name of God. I, Mary C. Gerald, being
McDuffie County } sound mind and disposing memory, though weak and
feeble, in body, being desirous of making a disposition
of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me, to make, ordain
and publish, this as my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all other
Wills heretofore made by me.

Item II. First of all I Commit my soul to my Greater humble trust
Alone in the merits of a crucified and risen Redeemer for an Inmi-
tability beyond the grave, and leaving to my loved ones the dear duty of
McDuffie, in leaving my mortal remains in a manner consistent with
my Condition in Life,

Item III. It is my Will and desire that my just debt be paid
out of such property as is not herein specifically bequeathed, with
the discretion of my executors and excopting herein for named.

Item IV. It is my Will and desire that the House now known
as the "McDuffie Journal" together with all the contents thereof

my house lot) be cut off from the lot on which I now reside in the town of Thomson known as "The Greenway Hotel lot" and be given to my daughter Philura E. White together with the printing press, type fixtures and office furniture of "The McDuffie Journal" to be used and enjoyed by her for and during her natural life, or as long as any interest, Son-in-law Jordan E. White shall edit, publish, or control said paper, and at the death of my said daughter Philura E. White, or when ever my Son-in-law Jordan E. White shall abandon the publication, or cease to edit or control said paper, if such event shall happen during the life of my said daughter, Philura E. White, then it is my will and desire that said property shall be equally divided between my two daughters Philura E. White and Fannie Scott, and my Son Ockie M. Gerald, share and share alike, or between those of my children then living, and the descendants of those dead, said descendants taking the share which their parents would have taken if they had been in life.

Item IV As my two daughters Philura E. White and Fannie Scott have each received two thousand dollars more than my Son Ockie M. Gerald, and as they have each a house and lot in the town of Thomson, it is my will and desire that the house and lot whereon I now reside in the town of Thomson known as "The Greenway Hotel lot" with the exception of the reservation made herein in Item 3rd be valued by three disinterested appraisers to be selected by my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named, and if said house and lot shall be estimated to be of no greater value than Two thousand Dollars, then I give and bequeath to my Son Ockie M. Gerald said house and lot without further reservation; if however said house and lot should be valued at a greater sum than two thousand Dollars, then I give and bequeath it to him upon condition that he shall pay over to my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named, such excess over the sum of Two thousand Dollars which said excess shall be equally divided between my two daughters Philura E. White and Fannie Scott, and my Son Ockie M. Gerald, share and share alike, or between those of my children then living and the descendants of those then dead, said descendants to receive the share which their parents would have received when they were in life.

Item V In as much as my daughter Philura E. White and my Son Ockie M. Gerald have each heretofore contributed the sum of fifty hundred Dollars towards the purchase of my plantation near the village of Wrightboro which sums have never been repaid to them, I wish these sums to be repaid to them, out of such funds as my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named may deem most expedient and when said sums have been repaid to each one of them then it is my will and desire, that all of the balance of my

and share alike, or between those of my children then living, and the descendants of those then dead. Said Decedent to receive the dower which their parents would have received had they been in life. In the payment of the same first above directed to be paid to my daughter Philana G. White and my son Ockie in Series, interest is not to be computed thereon, as I considered that I have otherwise given to them sufficient to cover the interest on said dower.

Item VII. I hereby Nominate, constitute and appoint my son Ockie Mc. Gerald and my daughter Philana G. White Executor and Accounting of this my last Will and Testament, for the purpose of fully executing and carrying out the provisions of the Same.

Signed, sealed, acknowledged, declared and published as my last Will and testament this 8th day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

W. C. Gerald. LS

We the Undersigned Witness and declare that we Saw Mrs. Mary C. Gerald sign the above and foregoing six and one half pages of writing that she acknowledged in our presence the Same to be her last Will and testament, that she signed said writing in the presence of all of us, and that We signed the Same as Witnesses in the presence of each other, and also in the presence of the Testatrix at her Special instance and request.

Solomon Barling
Henry A. Burnside
W. B. Dutt.