

State of Georgia
Berrien County

In the name of God Amen.

I John E Connell of said state and county being low in health and daily sinking from effects of decreased lungs (?) and knowing that I must shortly depart this life while yet of sound and disposing mind and memory deem it right and proper both as Respects myself and family that I should make some disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has Blessed me. I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all others heretofore made by me at any time.

1st I desire and direct that my body be Buried in a decent and Christain (sic) like manner suitable to my conditions and circumstances in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for Salvation through the merits and atonement of our Blessed(?) Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

2nd I desire that all my just debts be paid without delay and so direct my Executors hereafter named and appointed.

3th I desire and direct that my beloved wife Missouriia be allowed by by (sic) my Executors to take charge of and use as She may see proper Without hindrance any and all the effects owned or possessed by her and brote (sic) into the ???? at our marriage. I further desire and bequeath that my Said wife shall have out of any stock of cattle to be Selected by herself three head and out of my Stock of hogs likewise to be Selected herself four head. If She Should consider it best to move (sic) from the place where we now live and live to herself that ?????

I give and bequeath to my Said Wife one hundred and fifty dollars to aid paying for Such place and the Education and Mantainiance (sic) of our two mutual little children. If however she should consider it best to remain with the family on the farm where [she] now lives until such time as my Executors think best to sell my Remaining effects as hereinafter provided then and in that case no such Division need be made Yet. I do not desire that this latter clause Shall in the least effect (sic) her rights If she Should choose to move before a general Sale by my Executors Shall be made the provisions being for at any time when she may demand it.

4th I desire and direct that my single daughters to wit Margarett E Connell, Wealtha J Connell, Alice J Connell and Rachel M. Connell, Frances M. Connell & Ellen L. Connell Shall each as they get married or come of age be furnished with a feather bed and foundation such as the married girls have each had as my desire is that all my children should be started in life as near equal as it is in my power to start them.

5th I desire and direct that my Single Sons to wit Mosses E Connell and William O Connell Shall Each have a house as good as the boys all had who have married and left me and wish is that these two when they come of age or get married Should be put upon an equal footing with older sons and If either of my Single Daughters or Sons Should bet married or come of age before a general Sale as provided for my will Shall take place and there is no Such Stock or foundations that can be turned over to them, my Executors must make Some Sale or arrangement to furnish them.

6th I desire and direct that all my property both real and personal be kept together and the family remain on the Homestead all together (unless some circumstances as Should occur as provide[d] for previously) until such as my Executors shall think the interest of the family and the Estate shall demand a Sale then the whole to sold and Equally divided amongst my heirs according to law.

7th I hereby constitute and appoint my two oldest Sons B J Connell and R W Connell Executors of this my last Will and Testament this Nov 19th 1874

John E Connell

Signed Sealed and published by John E Connell as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who Subscribed over names hereunto in the presence of Said testator at his Special Request and in the presence of Each other.

H. J. Peeples
Mosses Giddens
J.H. Kirby

Georgia

Berrien County

Personally appeared H J Peeples and J H Kirby who being duly Sworn say that they saw Jno E Connell sign the above as his last will and testament and that they Signed the Same as Witnesses at his Request

Sworn to be before me

Jan 4th 1875

H.J. Peeples
J.H. Kirby

W. E Connell ordy