

Monroe County, Georgia Will Book

State of Georgia,
Monroe County

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN

I, Elisha McCord of the state and county aforesaid being of advanced age and must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as respects myself and family that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me with, do therefore make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st. I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian like manner suitable to my circumstance and condition in life my soil I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it as I hope for eternal salvation through the merits and atonement of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whose religion I have professed and humbly hope have enjoyed for twenty seven years.

Item 2nd. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without any delay than is necessary by executors hereinafter appointed as I am unwilling that my creditors should be delayed any longer than possible.

Item 3rd. I give bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sarah [ZELLNER] McCord all my estate both real and personal or as much thereof as shall be of sufficient value to portion off my two minor children which will hereafter be set forth, all the balance to remain in her name to be managed by her during her natural life unless she would wish to have a part of the property disposed of in that case I wish such to be sold to the best advantage and the money to be put out at interest until a further distribution and when she my said wife shall depart this life I will that all my property that may remain in her hands at her death to be sold or divided equally among my seven sons, the property to be sold by my executors. I have heretofore given to my son William McCord twelve hundred dollars in money and property that being all I allow him to have until a final division. I also have given my daughter Cynthia Humphreys, wife of Thomas Humphreys, eight hundred dollars in money and property that is all I allow her and her children ever to have of my estate. I have also given to my sons, Andrew McCord; John A. McCord; Robert McCord; and James E. McCord, twelve hundred dollars (also to Edward McCord to each of them in property and money, that is all I allow them to have of my estate until a final division.

Item 5th. I will and bequeath to my son Edward McCord and my son Simeon McCord as they severally become of age to have in money and property of my estate one thousand dollars each as they become of age. That is all I allow them to have until a final division of my estate.

Item 6th. I will at the death of my beloved wife Sarah McCord that all my estate that remained in her hands to be sold or equally divided among my seven named sons. I will an equal division among them, not wishing one to have a dollar more than another.

Item 7th. I hereby appoint and constitute my sons Robert McCord and James McCord my executors of this my last will and testament.

July 30th, 1847.

Witnesses:

Amos Ponder

James W. H. Ponder

William M. Slaughter