

**Will, SC, Spartanburg, Calvin McDowell, 1871**

The state of South Carolina ]  
Spartanburg County ]

In the name of God Amen

**CALVIN MCDOWELL** of the county and State aforesaid being in health of body and of sound mind memory and understanding make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following to wit:

ITEM 1<sup>st</sup> I will let my body be decently buried.

ITEM 2<sup>nd</sup> I will let all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as can be done.

ITEM 3<sup>rd</sup> I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife **MARY MCDOWELL** all of my estate both real and personal during her natural life if there should be a surplus of personal property on the premises at my desk over and above what my wife should need desire that my executor here in after named cell at public sale at such time as they may think best at the death or marriage of my said wife I desire that my lands be divided between my two daughters **NANCY WILKINS** and **MARTHA BRIAN** accordingly to the following lines and boundaries the division lines:

Beginning on a white oak **CLARK's** corner on the banks of the old River; run thence to the mouth of the long ditch; thence up the big ditch to the mouth of a little branch running down from **DAVID MCDOWELL's** place scratch Plantation fence upset Ranch a West course to a popular just above the ford on the said branch; thence a South course to a stone near the road near the corner of a fresh field; thence a West course to a red oak on **DAVID MCDOWELL's** line. The west side of this line I desire my daughter **MARTHA BRIAN** to have together with my half interest in the tract of land where on **AARON BRIAN** now lives to belong to her and the heirs of her body the east side of this line including all the balance of my land I desire my daughter **NANCY WILKINS** to have to belong to her and the heirs of her body.

My other children having had property given them during my life time in amount equal to the land given my above named daughters.

ITEM 4<sup>th</sup> I will that the proceeds of the sale of the personal property when made be equally divided between all of my children share and share alike

ITEM 5<sup>th</sup> I nominate constitute and appoint my son **JOSEPH H. MCDOWELL** and my son-in-law **J. C. HALL** all executive to this my last will and testament giving them full power to sell the personal property without making application to the court for an or on to sell that property.

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**CALVIN MCDOWELL** {seal}

Signed, Sealed, declared and published by the above named **CALVIN MCDOWELL** as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses.

This March 11th 1871

**F. M. TRIMMIER**  
**J. H. FOSTER**  
**WILLIAM F. MCDOWELL**

[Captain Francis Marion Trimmier]

The foregoing last will and testament of **CALVIN MCDOWELL** deceased was this day proven in common form by the evidence of **F. M. TRIMMIER** one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. At the same time qualified **J. H. MCDOWELL** and **J. C. HALL** executives named therein granted letters testamentary & etc. this October 16th 1878.

**GEORGE W. NICHOLS**, judge of probate

Filed October 16th 1878