

State of Georgia

Chatham County.

I Brother Chatham of the City of Savannah, being and state aforesaid being bound in mind do make this my last will and testament. viz:

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto the Protestant Episcopal Church called St. Johns in this City of Savannah One thousand dollars being in City Bond No. 178.

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my executors for the relief of indigent families in this City of Savannah One thousand dollars being in City Bond No. 179.

Item 3rd I give & bequeath unto Catharine the eldest daughter of the late Doctor Michael Burt and Elizabeth Elbert Burt his dead. Five hundred dollars.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth the second daughter of the late Doctor Michael Burt and Elizabeth Burt his wife dead. Five hundred dollars.

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto Mrs. Pellen Chalmers daughter of the late Dr. Moses Shephard One hundred dollars.

Item 6th It is my desire that my negro man John be permitted to work out, and to pay his wages to Mrs. Mary Pooler the wife of Captain Robert Pooler to be made use of as she thinks proper for her own benefit.

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto Mrs. Caroline M. Prater my Tea set of silver.

Item 8th I give and bequeath unto Anna Saxon Radick only daughter of Saxon and the late Mr. Radick's, Three hundred dollars to be placed in shares of the State Bank, and the interest therefrom to be applied to her use in

Item 9th It is my will that after all my expenses and the above bequests are paid, the proceeds of the residue of my property (see enclosed statement) I give to my executors to be appropriated to the relief of indigent unmarried Females and orphans in the City of Savannah.

Item 10th It is my desire that my body be not interred before three be visible signs of putrefaction, and then to be buried on the piece of ground now enclosed and held by one in the Old Cemetery (being part of that belonging to Mrs. Saxon Radick) and that a plain Marble Tomb cover the grave over, and I request particularly that my body is not to be placed in any vault.

Lastly - I constitute and appoint the Reverend Rufus White, Jacob de La Motte Esq. and the Honble Robert M. Chatham my executors

Signed, sealed and Published by the above named Brother Chatham as her last will and testament in our presence and at her request hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses this the twenty first day of May Eighteen hundred and forty nine.

Brother Chatham.

John P. Howland
John R. Norton
Anna S. McCluskey

State of Georgia
Chatham County

Partake of will.

Present John M. Driscoll

Ordinary for the County of Chatham.

Personally appeared John J. Rowland as subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Dorothie Abrahams late of Chatham County, dead. Who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Dorothie. And deponent further saith that the said Dorothie, at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was to the deponents knowledge & belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that John J. Rowland (the deponent) and John R. Gordon, and Ann S. McCleary in the presence of each other, and of the said Dorothie, and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

Sworn to before me this
4th day of February 1853 } John J. Rowland.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the within named Dorothie Abrahams dead, so far as I know or believe: and that I will once and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as her goods and chattels will thereto extend and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels - So help me God -

Sworn to before me this
4th day of February } J. de la Motte.
(Chas M. Mullen

W.C.B.

Georgia

Chatham Co. } I Dorothie Abrahams widow of Abraham D. Abrahams do make public and declare this to be my last will and testament made and executed on the 28th day of May 1849.

The legacy of five hundred dollars which in my said will I gave to Catherine Burk of Augusta Georgia being by her death lapsed. I give, devise and bequeath the said sum of five hundred dollars to her daughter Mary Ann Gardner of Augusta Georgia, and to her heirs & assigns forever.

The sum of one thousand dollars in a Bond of the City of Savannah which in my said will, I bequeathed for the benefit of the poor and indigent Israelites in the city of Savannah, I do hereby direct to be given to the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Savannah, and to no other purpose or purposes whatever, the principal is in no event to be diverted from the purpose here intended. As soon as the said bond is due & paid the said society must invest the same and in the interest as may not have been required and used as herein directed in such security or securities as the said society may deem safe, and the interest accruing therefrom be appropriated as already directed.

In order to carry out more fully my wishes and intentions

in regard to the relief of the poor and indigent widows and single women in the City of Savannah as expressed in the ninth article a clause in my will, I do hereby revoke the said ninth article or clause and substitute the following lieu thereof; I do hereby direct that my executors named in my will do sell all my Real Estate with the exception of my Lots Numbers 33 and 34 Washington Ward (Thirty three and Thirty four) of Savannah fronting on East Broad Street, and with the Net Proceeds thereof build of brick on said lots Nos. 33 and 34 Washington Ward a plain but substantial building or buildings of two stories high on a foundation of two feet above ground and of such size and dimensions, and divided into separate compartments as are designated in, and according to the plan here annexed or so near thereto as the best sale of said Real Estate will admit, and for that purpose my Executors are authorized to alter the plan so as to bring the area of the building or buildings with the necessary outbuildings on a well within the full amount that my said Real Estate will bring, and when so completed and finished I do hereby give devise and bequeath the said lots Nos. 33 & 34 with the buildings thereon to be constructed as herein directed to the Widows Society of Savannah or such other name by which it is incorporated, to be exclusively appropriated to the free use and occupancy of poor and indigent widows and single women of Savannah without child or children and without restriction of sect, as the Directors of said Society may deem worthy, each female to occupy one room by herself, but no female having children or a child shall occupy or use any part of room in said building or its premises or lots. The said Widows Society is to keep the said buildings in good repair, insure from loss or damage by fire and pay the Taxes. The said building and premises with the lots when in the possession of said Society are never to be used or devoted for any other purpose or purposes than here stated. My object being to provide a home for poor reputable indigent widows and single females without children in this city.

The legacy of one thousand dollars which in my said will I bequeathed to St. Johns Church in this city I direct and my will is that in case the wooden building occupied as St. Johns Church in South Broad Street be removed for the purpose of converting the same into a free church for Episcopalian. I then direct that the said legacy of one thousand dollars be paid to the Vestry or Managers of said Church, but should the design of converting said wooden building now known as St. Johns Church into a free church be abandoned, I then direct and my will is that the said sum of one thousand dollars mentioned in my said will be paid by my Executors to St. Johns Church proper, in this city of the Protestant Episcopal Church and

to the living and warden or both names as the same is incorporated or known.

I do hereby direct that my body be interred in my last rest in the Saint John Cemetery in this city and a plain but substantial tomb of marble be erected over my remains and be enclosed with an iron edging, the expenses of which and those of my last illness, funeral and portale of my will and this my codicil be paid from such sum or sums I may leave, and I do hereby not herein in my will otherwise disposed of be paid except my negro woman named Eda who is not to be sold, but to remain with my dear friend Mrs Richardson. My silver plate furniture &c to be sold except such as stated in a memorandum which I shall direct to be given to friends thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this seventh day of January, Eighteen hundred and fifty three.

Do: Abraham (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and acknowledged and declared by the Testatrix to be her Codicil to her last will and testament in our presence, who have by her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses.

S. A. Wood

C. B. Hicks

J. S. Laddy

I do hereby change and alter that part only of my will and Codicil which relate to the One thousand dollars which I give to St. John's Church and direct as follows that the said sum of one thousand dollars be paid to Stephen Elliott Jr. Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia on trust for to build a church or chapel to be called the Powers Lane St. John's Chapel a free church in the City of Savannah. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 Jan'y 1853.

Do: Abraham

Signed, sealed, published, acknowledged and declared in the presence of us who have in the presence of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses.

S. A. Wood

A. J. Rogers

J. B. Durand

Portale of Codicil.

State of Georgia }
Chatham County } Court of Ordinary.

Present John M. Miller Esq. Ordinary for the County of Chatham
Personally appeared S. A. Wood a contracting Int aff to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be a codicil to the last will and testament of Abraham Abrahams, late of Chatham County deceased, who being duly sworn depose and say that he was present and did see the said instrument of

writing duly executed by the said Brooker. And deponent further said that the said Brooker at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that S. A. Wood (the deponent) and A. C. Rogers and J. B. Durant in the presence of each other and of the said Brooker and at her request, signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same, sworn to before me this

7th day of February 1853 } S. A. Wood.

John M. Mullen

clerk.

I do solemnly swear that this writing contains a correct and true copy of the within named Brooker's last will and testament, so far as I know or believe: and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained in the said will, as far as her goods and chattels will thereto extend and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels - So help me God. sworn to before me this

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John M. Mullen

J. A. La Motte

Notary in Chief

State of Georgia } Court of Ordinary.
Chatham County }

Present - John M. Mullen Esq. Ordinary for the County of Chatham. Personally appeared S. A. Wood, subscribing witness to the annexed instrument of writing, purporting to be a correct and true copy of the last will and testament of Brooker Abrahams, late of Chatham County deceased, who being duly sworn deponeeth and saith that he was present, and did see the said instrument of writing duly executed by the said Brooker. And deponent further saith that the said Brooker at the time of executing the said instrument of writing was, to the best of deponent's knowledge and belief of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that S. A. Wood (the deponent) and A. C. Hicks and J. S. Ledy in the presence of each other and of the said Brooker and at her request signed their names as witnesses to the due execution of the same.

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