

Elizabeth Burch Will 1855.

Elbert County Georgia Wills 1890 to 1960

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Georgia } In the name of God. Amen.
 Elbert County } I Elizabeth Burch of said County and State
 } being of sound mind but feeble in
 body and having long ago passed the period of life
 allotted to the human race do make and publish
 this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 all others. Item 1st I desire all my just debts to be
 paid without delay if I should leave any unpaid
 at the time of my death.

Item 2nd I Give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Ann
 Burch and her three children to be Equally divided
 between them share and share alike all the property
 real and personal debts dues and demands and all
 other property of every kind whatever which I may
 die possessed of or have any right title or claim
 to at my death as my said niece Mary Ann Burch
 has been a faithful companion and friend to
 me for many years and I feel that I shall
 never be able to repay her for her unceasing
 kindness care and attention to me in my old age.

Item 3rd I nominate and appoint William B. Bowen and John C.
 Burch to be Executors of this my last will and Testament with
 all the rights powers and privileges which my Executors may
 have or lawfully claim.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 8th
 day of February in the year 1855.

Elizabeth ^{her} Burch 
 mark

Signed sealed and published as her last will and Testament
 in our presence and signed by us as witnesses in the
 presence of the testator and in the presence of each
 other the day and date of said will Thomas W. Thomas
 Ara Chandler
 Daniel M. Carleton

Georgia } I, Elizabeth Burch of said County and State
 Elbert County } being of sound mind but feeble in body do
 make and publish this as a Codicil to the
 foregoing will hereby ratifying and confirming the aforesaid
 foregoing will except wherein the same is altered by this
 Codicil. Item 1st In addition to the property bequeathed
 to my niece Mary Ann Burch widow of Benjamin Burch.

the foregoing will I give to her my carriage and carriage horses and harness over and above her equal share -

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Item 2nd whereas in said foregoing will, Bowen is named as one of my Executors, and whereas he has removed out of the State of Georgia, I hereby nominate and appoint my other named Executor John C. Burch to be sole Executor of my said last will and this codicil with all the rights powers privileges, and interests into and over my Estate, and into and over the Estate of my late husband William S. Burch which my Executor may lawfully have or claim -

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st June 1855.

Elizabeth ^{her} Burch 

signed sealed and published by the testatrix in our presence and by us as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of each other the day of the date of said will

Thomas W. Thomas
Henry ^{his} Adams

Asa Chandler

Georgia } Court of ordinary August Term 1855.

Elbert County } Personally came into open Court Thomas W. Thomas and Daniel M. Carlton and being sworn say that they saw Elizabeth Burch sign the will here to annexed by making her mark as her last will and testament and that these deponents and Asa Chandler signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix and at her request and in the presence of each other and these deponents believe the testatrix to have been of sound mind and memory at the time she executed the same sworn to in open Court this 6th }

August 1855 }
Attest Wm. B. Helms, ordinary } Thomas W. Thomas
Daniel M. Carlton

Georgia } Court of ordinary August Term 1855.

Elbert County } Personally came into open Court Thomas W. Thomas and Henry Adams and being sworn says that they saw Elizabeth Burch sign the codicil here to, annexed by making her mark as a codicil to her last will and testament and that these deponents and that these deponents and Asa Chandler signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix and at her request and in the presence of each other and these deponents believe the testatrix to have been of sound

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mind and memory at the time she executed the same
sworn to in open Court this 6th of August 1855
Attest W^m B. Nelson, ordinary

Thomas W. Thomas
Henry his Adams
mark

Georgia } Court of ordinary August Term 1855.
Elbert County } The within will and codicil of Elizabeth
Burich deceased having been proven at this regular
Term of the Court on the Oaths of Thomas W. Thomas, Daniel Mc
Carlton and Henry Adams. It is ordered by the Court that said
will and codicil be Recorded this 6th of August 1855
W^m B. Nelson, ordinary
Recorded the 9th of August 1855. W^m B. Nelson, ordinary

Reuben Thornton's will 1855.

State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen.
Elbert County } I Reuben Thornton of the state and County
aforesaid being afflicted in body but of
sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my
last will and Testament in manner and form following
To wit. Item 1st I will that all my just debts, funeral and
burial expenses be paid out of my Estate.

Item 2nd I. Give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Thornton
during her natural life the following property, to wit
nine negroes slaves by the names of Little Lizz,
Jimmy, Martha, Mary, Celia, Joe, Little Jerry, Loniza
and Henry, and their increase the one half of all
my Household and kitchen furniture two Horses of
her choice five cows and calves the one half of
the Hogs on the plantation whereon I now live my
Carriage, and Hameps, and provisions sufficient to
support the family and stock for one year agreed
to law, and at the death of my wife all the
above property and the increase of the negroes that
may be remaining, I give to my son William
Thomas Thornton if he be living, but if my William
Thomas Thornton should die before the death of my
wife leaving no child or children then the above
property I give to my brother and sisters, and the children
of my deceased brother and sister. The children of the
of my brother and sister to have the same share that
their father or mother would have been entitled to have