

State of Georgia & In the name of God Amen
Abster Colony & I William M. Burch of said
State and County being of advanced age and
weakness I must shortly depart this life and being
of a sound and disposing mind deem it right
and proper that I should make a disposition of
the property with which a kind Providence has
blessed me as therefore make this my last will and
Testament hereby bequeathing all others heretofore made
by me.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a de-
cent and Christian like manner suitable to my
circumstances and Condition in life and hoping
for Eternal salvation through the merits of Christ
whose Religion I have professed and as I humbly
trust enjoyed for many years I commend my
soul to the God who made it.

Item 2nd I desire and direct that all my just debts be
paid without delay by my executor herein after
appointed.

Item 3rd I desire and direct that my Executors have placed over
my remains **Gordon County Wills 1856-1894**
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Item 4. I desire and direct that the farm on which I now
reside together with all the perishable property
Except my Library, House hold and Kitchen furniture
be disposed of by my Executors at such time and in
such manner as they may think most conducive
to the interest of my family.

Item 5- I desire and direct that my Dining Room and Kitchen
furniture be left to the use of family to be disposed of
by them whenever they may see fit or proper and that
Library be left to the use of my family till a general
distribution then divide among my wife & children.

Item 6. I desire and direct that my Farm in Gordon County
Georgia be left to the direction of my Executors to Rent
or have Cultivated as they may think best until
my youngest Daughter becomes of lawful age or
married and in case should die before then then until
my Daughter Salula & becomes of age or
married at which time said Farm to be sold
and the proceeds arising therefrom together with all
other means belonging to my estate be equally

desired amongst my wife Mary I and my daughter
Olivia Woodruff and my now single daughters
Virginia C. Margaret M. Talula I and Susan E.
I desire and direct that the portion reserved by my
wife be given her instead of a dower and that
my daughter Olivia Woodruff have an equal share
of my property regardless of what she has received
hitherto.

Item 7 I desire and direct that the property given my
daughters now single Virginia C. Margaret M.
Talula I and Susan E. be placed in the hands
of trustees who shall be appointed by proper author-
ity and shall be held by said trustees for the sole
only proper use and benefit of each of my said
daughters and shall not be subject to any debt or
contract made by their husbands or husbands
should they ever ever marry.

Item 8 I desire and direct that the proceeds arising from
the rent - lease or cultivation of my farm in Gordon
County Georgia be appropriated so much of it as
may be needed or necessary to the support and main-
tenance of my family and the education of my
minor children.

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Item 9 I desire and direct as I am Guardian for the person
and property of my nephew William V. Burch that
my Executors make a full and liberal settlement with
him.

Item 10 I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Mary J. Burch
Gideon J. Woodruff Executors to this my last will
and Testament. William V. Burch (D)

Signed Sealed and approved in the presence of
Almarion Dillard W. W. Dozier E. Shugart W. H.
Lowry who saw the Testator and each other signed this
last will and Testament of William V. Burch
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighty eight on the eight day of August.

Almarion Dillard
W. W. Dozier
E. Shugart
J. W. H. Lowry

Georgia Webster & Cozart of Ordinary in
County Chambers Nov 10th 1868
Present Geo W Davenport Ordinary The Last Will
and Testament of William W Burch late of said
County deced dated August 8th 1868 having been
produced by Mary V Burch and Gideon J Moorhuff
the Executors therein named and N M Doyen and
Elihu Stinson two of the subscribing witnesses
to said Will being duly sworn depose and
say that they saw William W Burch the Testator
sign seal and publish the said Will now pro-
duced as his last will and Testament that
the same was done freely and voluntarily and of
his own accord and without any compulsion
or influence whatsoever as far as they know
or believe that at the time of the execution of
said Will said Testator was of sound and dispo-
sing mind and memory and said deponents signed
said Will as witnesses in presence of the Testator that
they saw A Dillard and V M H Lowry sign the
same as witnesses in the presence of said Testator
and saw the said A Dillard and V M H Lowry
sworn to and signed the same
Subscribed before me E. Stinson
This Nov 10th 1868

Geo W Davenport
Ordinary

State of Georgia & Dec 2nd 1868
Webster County The within Last Will and
Testament of W W Burch deced having been
produced in open Court by Mary V Burch and G. J.
Moorhuff Executors therein named and duly
proven by N M Doyen and Elihu Stinson
two of the subscribing witnesses thereto
It is ordered that said Last Will and Testament
be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and
that Letters Testamentary issue to the within named
Executors
Geo W Davenport
Ordinary