

Muscogee Court of Ordinary

Muscogee County, Georgia Wills, Book C, 1875-1891

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The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate upon the affidavit of John Peabody & Wm. H. Prannow two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be admitted to record as the last will and testament of the therein named George L. McGough dec'd

Will of Abigail J. Woodruff

State of Georgia } In the name of God. Amen.
Muscogee County } I, Abigail J. Woodruff of said County & State, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament

Item 1st My will and desire is and I hereby direct that my Executor herein after named shall collect all the available means and sums which may be due and owing to me and with the proceeds arising from the same shall pay off all just and legal Debts which are of force against me.

Item 2^d It is my will and desire that whatever may remain of my individual property (either personal or real) at my death shall be equally divided between my Children or their Children share and share alike, and that the portion coming to each of my Daughters shall be invested for her sole benefit and use during her life as her sole and separate Estate free from the Contracts Debts & Liabilities of her husband, and after her death her Estate shall be for the sole benefit & use of her own Children, as their sole and separate Estate free from the Contracts, Debts & Liabilities of their Father

Item 3^d Should any of my Daughters die Childless, their property received from me shall revert to my surviving Children to be divided equally between them, and that portion reverting to my surviving Daughters shall be for their sole benefit and use, as their sole and separate Estate free from the Contracts, Debts & Liabilities of her husband

Item 4 I hereby appoint my son Henry W. Woodruff the

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Executor of this will and Testament with full power and authority to execute the same, without giving security on amount of the same in any Court or Jurisdiction whatsoever and without being required to make returns of his actions and doings to the Court of Ordinary or Probate Court and having full confidence in his judgment and discretion to act for the benefit of my children

In testimony whereof I have here to set my hand and seal this third day of January 1876
Abigail J. Woodruff *AB*

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the Testator to be her last will and Testament in our presence, and who at her request witnessed the same and in her presence at her like request and in the presence of one another subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

Wm. M. Key

Wm. M. Good

Ann R. Freeman

Georgia Muscogee County

Before me Francis M. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County personally came Ann R. Freeman who upon being duly sworn depose and saith that she saw Abigail J. Woodruff then in life sign, seal, declare and publish the within instrument of writing, as her last will and testament on the day and year the same bears date that at the special instance and request of the said testatrix she subscribed her name thereto as a witness - Deponent further says that she likewise saw Wm. M. Key and Wm. M. Good. Subscribe their names to said will, at the like instance and request of the said testatrix and in her presence and all in the presence of each other - Deponent further says that at the time of signing publishing and declaring said will, the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory & so far as witness knows or believes she did it freely and voluntarily and without any undue influence or compulsion

Sworn to & subscribed before

me this Nov. 10th 1879

F. M. Brooks Ordinary

Ann R. Freeman

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State of Georgia }
Muscogee County }

Codicil

Whereas I Abigail J. Woodruff did on the third day of January in the year Eighteen Hundred and twenty six sign seal & declare and publish my last will and testament in the presence of Wm. M. Key Wm. M. Good & Ann R. Freeman - who signed said will and testament as witnesses; and whereas I am desirous of acting & changing a part of said will and testament I therefore make and publish this Codicil to said will

I revoke and annul the Fourth Item of my said will appointing my son Henry H. Woodruff Executor of said will & testament with full power to execute the same without giving security in any amount in any Court or Jurisdiction whatsoever and without being required to make returns of his actings & doings to the Ordinary or Probate Court - and I now in this Codicil appoint and constitute Henry H. Woodruff my Son and George M. Dews my Son in Law my Executors of my said last will & testament and require the said Henry H. Woodruff & George M. Dews to give bond & security for the faithful execution of my will; and to make full returns as required by Law of all their actings & doings and in all respects to comply with the Law in the execution of my said will with as little expense as possible.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty Eight day of October Eighteen Hundred & twenty Nine.

Abigail J. Woodruff

(S)

signed sealed published and declared by the testator to be her last will and testament in our presence and who at her request witnessed the same and in her presence at her like request and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses here to

S. F. Beckham

(S)

Ann R. Freeman

(S)

Robt. Lg. Berner

(S)

Georgia Muscogee County

Before me, F. M. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County personally came Ann R. Freeman who upon being duly sworn deposed and said that she said Abigail J. Woodruff did make and publish the within instrument of writing as a Codicil to

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her last will and testament on the day & year the same bears date, that at the special instance and request of the said Abigail J. Woodruff she subscribed the same as a witness - that she also saw J. F. Beck-ham & Robert L. Bernot likewise sign the same as witnesses at the like request of the said testatrix and in her presence and all in the presence of each other. Dependent further says that at the time of subscribing said Codicil the said Abigail J. Woodruff was of sound & disposing mind and memory & that she did it freely & voluntarily & without and undue influence or compulsion.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

This November 10th 1879

J. M. Brooks

Ordinary

Am. N. Freeman

Georgia Muscogee County

We George M. Dews & Henry W. Woodruff do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will and testament of the therein named Abigail J. Woodruff so far as we know or believe, and that we will faithfully execute the same according to the laws of Georgia to help us God.

Sworn to & subscribed before

me This December 1st 1879

J. M. Brooks

Ordinary

Geo. M. Dews

Henry W. Woodruff

Muscogee Court of Ordinary December Term 1879

Ordered that the will of Abigail J. Woodruff be admitted to record, as satisfactorily proven in common form, and that the Executors Geo. M. Dews & Henry W. Woodruff have leave to qualify, upon each entering into bond & security in the sum of twenty five thousand dollars and upon so doing that said Testametary issue to them.

December }
1st 1879

J. M. Brooks

Ordinary