

Will of Charles Burrus

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

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State of Georgia Muscogee County

I, Charles Burrus of the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and having in view the uncertainty of human life do make and publish this my last Will and Testament

- Item 1st I direct my Executor to give my body a decent burial in the Cemetery at Columbus Georgia and place upon my grave a suitable monument to cost about Fifty hundred dollars.
- Item 2nd I give and bequeath the sum of Three or Four hundred dollars as may be necessary to be judged of by my Executor to be used by him in placing a suitable monument over the grave of my deceased brother George who is buried at Saint Louis
- Item 3^d I give unto my niece Mrs Anna Kling of Marlenheim Germany the amount of Fifty Thousand francs, and desire my Executor to pay her the same as soon as practicable, at least half of the amount to be paid within five months after my decease and the balance within twelve months; and I also give to her a sufficient sum to purchase the exchange on Germany - so that she shall receive in Germany, and without any deduction for cost or exchange the full amount of Fifty Thousand francs
- Item 4th I give unto Mrs Mary Hartman of Columbus Georgia the sum of Five Hundred dollars
- Item 5th I give unto each Jacob G. Burrus, Lawrence W. Burrus William Burrus and George Burrus the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars
- Item 6th I am indebted to my friend Philip Gittinger of Muscogee County Georgia about Three hundred dollars and he is indebted to me about Thirteen hundred dollars whatever may be the difference between the amount due me and the amount I owe him I hereby release and give unto him; and I also give unto him Twenty (20) shares of stock of the Central Rail Road Banking Company of Georgia

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- Item 7th I give unto the Catholic Church in Columbus Georgia the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars - and I also give the sum of Three hundred dollars to be devoted to such charitable purposes as may be designated by Father Schlank the Priest now in charge of said Catholic Church and I desire my Executor to pay these two bequests within two months after my decease
- Item 8th I give unto my niece Mella Springer the sum of Two hundred dollars
- Item 9th I give all the balance of my estate both real and personal including certain real estate in Saint Louis Missouri and in Eufrasia Alabama unto my half brother Francis J. Springer of Muscogee County Georgia to have and to hold unto him and his heirs forever in fee simple
- Item 10th I nominate and appoint my half brother Francis J. Springer of Muscogee County Georgia to be executor of this Will not only in Georgia but in Missouri and Alabama and I give him full power and authority to sell at his discretion any part of my estate either real or personal either at public or private sale at his discretion and I desire that he shall not give any bond either in this State or in any other State nor be required to make any returns of his doings and doings or make any inventory to any Court or public officer
- Item 11th I hereby increase the bequest to Mrs Mary Hartman mentioned in the 4th item of this Will from Five hundred to one thousand dollars

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in Muscogee County Georgia this the 25th day of October A.D. 1878

Charles Burns *CS*

Signed sealed declared and published by the testator Charles Burns in our presence, who have hereunto set our hands and seals as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other this October 25th 1878

John Peabody *JP*

W. F. Tigner *FT*

W. H. Brammon *HB*

Georgia Muscogee County

Before me J. M. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County
personally came John Peabody who upon being duly sworn
deponent and said that he was present and saw
Charles Burms then in life but now deceased, sign
seal, publish and declare the within instrument of
writing as his last will and testament on the day
and year the same bears date, and deponent further
says that at the special instance and request of the
said Testator, he subscribed his name thereto as a
witness, and deponent further says that he saw J. M.
F. Tigner and William H. Brannon at the like request
of the said Testator, sign the same as subscribing
witnesses in the presence of the said Testator, and all
in the presence of each other. Deponent further says
that at the time of publishing and declaring said will
the said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and
memory, & so far as witness knows or believes he did it
freely & voluntarily, and without any undue influence
or compulsion.

Sworn to & subscribed before
me this November 4th 1878
J. M. Brooks
Ordinary

John Peabody

Georgia Muscogee County

I Francis J. Springer do solemnly swear that this
writing contains the two last will and testament
of the therein named Charles Burms late of said
County deceased, so far as I know or believe, and that
I will, well and truly execute the same in accordance
with the laws of this State. So help me God

Sworn to & subscribed before
me this November 4th 1878
J. M. Brooks
Ordinary

F. J. Springer

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
November Term 1878

The foregoing instrument of writing having been proven in common
form by John Peabody one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
to be the true last will and testament of the therein named
Charles Burms, ordered that the same be admitted to record
November
5th 1878

J. M. Brooks
Ordinary