

Will of Margaret Beihler

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

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State of Georgia Muskegee County

In the name of God, Amen.

I Margaret Beihler of said State and County, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and being warned that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right and proper that I should make a disposition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my last will and testament.

Item 1st I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian like manner, suitable to my circumstances and condition in life. My soul I trust shall return to rest with God who gave it, as I hope for Eternal Salvation through the merits and Atonement of the blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose religion I have professed, being a Member of the Holy Catholic Church,

Item 2^d I desire and direct that a tomb stone with a suitable inscription be placed over the grave of myself and husband, by whose side I desire to be buried, and also that a tomb stone be placed over the grave of my deceased child Johnnie.

Item 3^d I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without unnecessary delay by my Executor herein after appointed.

Item 4th I give bequeath and devise to my children Peter Beihler, Emily Reese, Louisa Smith, Maggie Leguin and Laura Beihler, all the property real and personal of which I die possessed, to be divided among them by my Executor herein after named in the following manner. My said Executor shall, at such time as may in his judgment seem best, sell, either at public sale, at his discretion, all the property real and personal of which I die possessed, and after paying all my just debts, and carrying out the provisions herein after made he shall make an equal division of the proceeds of said sales among my children, except as mentioned hereafter.

Item 5th Having advanced to my son in law Charles Leguin the sum of Four Hundred dollars, I direct that my Executor shall deduct that sum from the distributive share of my daughter Maggie Leguin; that is to say all of my children shall be first paid an amount equal to each Four Hundred dollars, before my daughter Maggie Leguin shall have any thing. No interest is to be charged on said amount.

Item 6th I desire and direct that my Executor shall take the distributive share falling to my son Peter, and invest the same as he may deem best, and pay to him the interest thereon each year as long as he may live. At his death his distributive share shall go to any child or children he may have, but if he die childless

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then his share shall be equally divided among my other four children herein named.

7th

I hereby constitute and appoint William L. Salisbury Executor of this my last will and testament

This October 23^d 1877

Margaret ^{her} Beihler
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Signed, sealed, declared and published by Margaret Beihler as her last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of said testator, at her special instance and request, and in the presence of each other

This 23^d day of October 1877

F. A. Stanford

John J. Mason

Chs Coleman

Filed in office November 10th 1877

F. W. Brooks. Ordinary

Georgia

Muscogee County

Before me F. W. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County personally came (at Chambers) Charles Coleman who upon being duly sworn deposes and saith that he saw Mrs Margaret Beihler sign, (by making her usual mark) the within instrument of writing, as her last will and testament; that he deponent signed the same as a witness, at the request of the testatrix, and in her presence, that F. A. Stanford and John J. Mason likewise signed the same as witnesses at the like request of said testatrix, and all signed in the presence of the said testatrix and of each other. And deponent further says that at the time of publishing said will the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that she did it freely and voluntarily, without any undue influence or Compulsion, so far as witness knows or believes

Sworn to & Subscribed before me

this 21st day of November 1877

F. W. Brooks. Ordinary

Chs Coleman

Muscogee Court of Ordinary

December Term 1877

The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate & Record as the last will and testament of Margaret Beihler deceased

F. W. Brooks

Ordinary