

Mrs. Mary A. Williams Will

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State of Georgia } In the name of God Amen
Muscogee County } I Mary Ann Williams of said County and
State, being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind
and memory, knowing the uncertainty of life deem it right and proper
both as respects my family and myself, that I should make a dispo-
sition of the property with which a kind Providence has blessed me
I do therefore make this my last will and testament hereby revoking
and annulling all others by me heretofore made

First I 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 salvation
through the merits and Atonement of the blessed Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ

Second I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without
unnecessary delay by my Executor herein after named and appointed

Third I give bequeath and devise to my Grand Son Charles H. Williams Jr
son of Charles H. and Sallie G. Williams the sum of Two Hundred Dollars
which sum is to be given his protector and deposited in some Savings
Bank or otherwise safely invested for the education and
maintenance of my said Grandson -

Fourth I give bequeath and devise, a like sum of two Hundred Dollars for the
purpose stated in the third item of this my will and to be like invested
to any other Grand Child that may be in life at the time of my death -

Fifth I give, bequeath and devise to my dear Brother Chesley B. Howard the
Portrait of my Brother George deceased, To my Brother R. R. Howard the Portrait
of my Mother and Father which were painted by me, To my Brother John
Howard I give my writing Desk, which has been my constant Companion
from my early girlhood, To my Sister A. L. Lockhart the Portrait of my
sister Sarah deceased, To my Sister Lila the work Table that was by my
mother used during her life

Sixth In the event that I die while my daughter Caroline is still unmarried
or my daughter Roberta should be a widow and being under my
care and protection, or my daughter in law, Sallie Gordon Williams
should be a widow and living under my care and protection, then
I direct that my Executor shall pay over to them, each of them as the case
may be the sum of Five Hundred Dollars each, for their immediate support,
this amount being given them or either of them as the case may be
independent of their share in the Estate and not be charged against them
in the final distribution

Seventh I desire that my Household furniture, Plate, Portraits &c be divided by my
children Charles H. Williams - Caroline L. Williams and Mary Roberta
body equally between them as near their value as possible and
cost lot for them

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Eighth The residue of my property I give, bequeath and devise to my three children or their heirs share and share alike, To Charles, H. Williams his share and to each of my daughters Caroline and Mary their shares for their respective sole benefit and separate use free and exempt from the debts and liabilities of their husbands or future husbands

Ninth Desiring above all things that my children shall retain the family affection for each other, which has been the can of my life to cultivate and keep alive, and knowing that Pecuniary matters are the most fruitful sources of misunderstanding and estrangement in the family circle, therefore after mature and prayerful consideration I have deemed it best for the future happiness of my children, that neither of them be charged with the Executorship of my Estate Therefore I hereby nominate and appoint my Dear Brother John Howard as my sole Executor of this my last will and testament This June 24th 1873.

Mary Ann Williams (S)

Liquid sealed declared and published by Mary Ann Williams as her last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of testating at her special instance and request, and in presence of each other

This June 24th 1873

J. P. Dozier

George H. Fontaine

W. R. Blanchard

J. S. Jones -

Codicil

State of Georgia Chatham County

Whereas, I, Mary Ann Williams of the County of Muscogee and State aforesaid have made and duly executed my last will and testament in writing bearing date on or about June 24th 1873, Now I do hereby declare this present writing to be a Codicil to my said will, and direct the same to be annexed thereto, and I do hereby give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Caroline L. Williams, all my right title property and interest as Trustee for the Georgia State Lottery, for the benefit of the Marine Orphans Homes, and do hereby appoint her as my successor in and for said Trust, to do and perform all such acts, and to receive such emoluments as are declared by act of the Legislature, approved December 12th 1866, and I do hereby declare and appoint the said Caroline L. Williams as Trustee for Mary Robetta body and Charles, H. Williams to receive for herself and for them, the profits, emoluments fees and salary, arising from, and conferred by said act of the Legislature above referred to, and to divide between them the said Caroline L. Williams, Mary Robetta body and Charles, H. Williams all such profits and emoluments, it being my intention that the said profits and emoluments shall be collected by the said Caroline Williams Trustee, and shall be divided equally between the said Caroline L. Williams, the said Robetta body and the said Charles H. Williams their heirs and assigns

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

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and seal this tenth day of July Eighteen Hundred and seven by me

Witnesses

W. R. Blanchard

Charlton, H. May

W. D. Chipley

Mary Ann Williams (S)

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
In Vacation April 20th 1874

Before me F. M. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County personally, came William R. Blanchard who upon being duly sworn depose and saith that he saw Mary Ann Williams sign and publish the foregoing instrument of writing as her last will and testament on the day and year the same bears date. Deponent further says that he, and J. S. Jones, D. P. Dozier and George H. Fontaine signed the same as witnesses, at the request of the said testatrix and in her presence, and all in the presence of each other

And deponent further says that he saw the said Mary Ann Williams sign and publish the Codicil attached to said Will, and that he deponent subscribed the same as a witness with Charlton, H. May and W. D. Chipley at the request of the said Mary Ann Williams and in her presence, and all in the presence of each other. And deponent further says that at the time of publishing said Will and Codicil, the said Mary Ann Williams was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and so far as witness knows or believes she did it freely and voluntarily without any undue influence or compulsion.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this April 20th 1874
F. M. Brooks Ordinary

W. R. Blanchard

Georgia Muscogee County

I, John Howard do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will and testament of the within named Mary Ann Williams 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 and subscribed before me
this 4th day of May 1874
F. M. Brooks Ordinary

John Howard

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
May Term 1874

The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate and Records in Common form of law as the last will and testament of Mary Ann Williams deceased

F. M. Brooks
Ordinary