

# Matilda S. Torrence's Will

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

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In the name of God. Amen

I, Matilda S. Torrence of the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament

Item First I Give and bequeath all my property, of every kind, both real and personal and mixed, unto my two nieces Mary M. and Cordelia C. Torrence to be equally divided between them, share and share alike to have & to hold, to them, their heirs and assigns, forever.

Item Second I nominate and appoint my friend Henry Stevens of Baldwin County, as Executor of this my will

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1875-

Matilda S. Torrence (S)

signed, sealed, declared and published, by the above named Matilda S. Torrence, as her last will and testament, in the presence of us the subscribers, who have hereto set our hands and seals in the presence of the said Matilda S. Torrence, and at her request, and in the presence of us, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1875-

F. G. Wilkins (S)

T. O. Douglass (S)

W. H. Proctor (S)

State of Georgia Muscogee County

Before me F. W. Brooks, Ordinary in and for said County personally came William H. Proctor, who upon being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he saw Matilda S. Torrence, then in life, sign, seal, publish and declare, the within instrument of writing to be 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 he affixed his name thereto as a subscribing witness, in the presence of said Testatrix, and of each other. Deponent further says that he likewise saw F. G. Wilkins and T. O. Douglass, sign the said will as subscribing witnesses at the 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 publishing and declaring said will, said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1881

F. W. Brooks, Ordinary

W. H. Proctor

Georgia Muscogee County

I Henry Stevens do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will and testament of the therein

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named Matilda S. Torrence, so far as I know or believe, and that I will faithfully execute the same, in accordance with the laws of Georgia. So help me God.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me

this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1887

P. W. Brooks, Ordinary

Henry Stevens

Muscogee Court of Ordinary  
August Term 1887

The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate in Common form upon the affidavit of W. H. Brannon one of the subscribing witnesses, and ordered to be admitted to record as the last will and testament of the therein named Matilda S. Torrence deceased.

P. W. Brooks

Ordinary

## William J. Coffield's Will

I William J. Coffield of the State of Georgia and County of Muscogee, being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Isabella Coffield, all and singular my estate, real and personal, of whatsoever character, To have and to hold the same, to and for her own use and benefit, and the use and benefit of my daughter Mary Ann Coffield, for and during the life of my said wife, or during her widowhood, and I desire that my wife have the care, custody and control of my said daughter, and upon the marriage or death of my said wife, then I give all and singular my said estate, to my said daughter in fee simple.

Second In case my said daughter should die unmarried, (or leaving no child or children, then I give and bequeath all my said estate which I have given to my said daughter, under the first item of this will to my niece Martha Jane Linderay, wife of John A. Linderay, daughter of Johnathan Cash deceased, and to have and to hold under her and her children in the same manner as my said daughter would hold the same under the first item of this will.

Third I nominate my said wife Isabella Coffield, to be Executor of this will.

In witness whereof I the said William J. Coffield to this my will, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1880.

William J. Coffield