

Sophia Tinsley's Will

Muscogee County Wills

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State of Georgia Muscogee County

I, Sophia Tinsley of said County and State being feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life; do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and testament; that is to say,

- First** I will first that having committed my soul to God, the giver of all goods; that my body be decently buried and that all my just and lawful debts be paid.
- Second** I give and devise unto Mattie Tinsley, and to the heirs of her body begotten, after her death, all that part or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Muscogee and City of Columbus Georgia, known in the plan of said City as a part of Lot number One Hundred & Eighty five (185) containing Twenty Five (25) feet front (more or less) adjoining John Redenhour on the north, Fitzgibbons on the South, fronting on Oglethorpe Street and running back one Hundred and forty seven feet ten inches; Deeded to me by Emory Jeffers on.
- I also give and devise unto the said Mattie Tinsley that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in said County of Muscogee and State of Georgia situated in the Coweta Reserve, and Village laid off by Deaborn Jones above, and north of the City of Columbus, called the City Village, and known in the plan of said Village, as lot of land Number Four (4) containing half an acre more or less, running One Hundred & twenty eight feet and six inches North & South, and One Hundred & fifty feet east and west; to have and to hold to her, and after her death to the heirs of her body begotten, forever in fee simple -
- Third** Likewise I make, constitute and appoint Richard W. Jaques as Trustee for the said Mattie Tinsley, and as such to control the above granted and devised property, with power if desirable by the said Mattie Tinsley and with the Consent of said Trustee, to sell and dispose of the said property in the discretion of said Trustee for the benefit of said Estate, and reinvest the proceeds in other property to stand in lieu of the said granted and devised property, and for the same uses and benefits as aforesaid
- Fourth** Should the said Mattie Tinsley die without heirs as aforesaid, then the said property to go to and vest in Liza Matthews my half sister, and Henry and Eldridge Redding my half Brothers, equally share & share alike
- Fifth** I give and bequeath to Liza Matthews my half sister, my household furniture, and to said Mattie, Red and Redding
- Sixth** Likewise I make, constitute and appoint Richard W. Jaques to be Executor of this my last will and testament -

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this Eleventh day of May Eighteen Hundred and Seventy two -
Sophia Tinsley
mark

We do hereby certify that Sophia Tinsley signed, sealed, published and declared the foregoing instrument as her last will & testament in her presence and at her request and at her request we have subscribed the same as witnesses, this the 11th day of May 1872
Thos. K. Wynn
Whitfield Smith
Alongo A. Dozier

Georgia Muscogee County

Before me F. W. Brooks Ordinary in and for said County personally came Alongo A. Dozier who upon being duly sworn depose and say that he saw Sophia Tinsley, late of said County deceased, sign, publish and declare as her last will and testament, the writing now produced in Court; that deponent signed the same as a subscribing witness, at the request of the said Sophia Tinsley and in her presence; deponent further says that he saw Thomas K. Wynn and Whitfield Smith sign the same as subscribing witnesses, at the like request of the said Sophia Tinsley, and also in her presence, and all in the presence of each other; and Deponent further says that said Sophia Tinsley was at the time of executing said will, of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that as far as witness knows or believes, she did it freely, without any undue influence or compulsion.

Sworn to & subscribed before me } Alongo A. Dozier
this 7th December 1874 }

F. W. Brooks Ordinary

Georgia Muscogee County

I do solemnly swear that the within writing contains the true last will & testament of Sophia Tinsley so far as I know or believe, and that I will, will & truly execute the same in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this State. So help me God

Sworn to & subscribed before me }

this December 7th 1874 }

F. W. Brooks Ordinary }

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
December Term 1874

The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate & Record in Common form upon the affidavit of Alongo A. Dozier one of the subscribing witnesses thereto as the last will and testament of Sophia Tinsley deceased
December 7th 1874

F. W. Brooks
Ordinary