

M^{rs} Susan M. Rounds Will

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In the name of God - Amen

I Susan M. Rounds of the County of Muscogee and State of Georgia being on sound and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, while I have strength so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And first I commit my soul to God who gave it, and my body I desire to be buried in a decent and Christian manner, and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows -

First I will and desire that all my just debts be paid out of my personal Estate if sufficient for that purpose -

Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Jane Blankenship my House and Lot in the City of Columbus, upon which I now and have for many years lived, the same being a portion of Lot No ^{situated} on the Corner of Troop and Franklin Streets, save and except so much of said lot as is, in this my last will devised to the wife & children of my son James, Porter, Mays

Third I give and bequeath to a suitable Trustee for the sole and separate use of Catharine Mays wife of my said son James Porter Mays and the children she has now or may hereafter have by him, independent of the debts, contracts or control of her husband the said James Porter Mays, that portion of my lot on which he now lives, the same being forty five feet in front & running back the ^{whole} length of the ^{same} lot, the remainder on which my House stands being devised by this my last will to my daughter Sarah, Jane Blankenship

In witness whereof I the said Susan M. Rounds to this my will consisting of the foregoing one sheet of paper have set my hand and seal this ^{day of} ¹⁸⁶⁶

Susan Mary Rounds (S)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Susan M. Rounds as her last will and testament in presence of us, who at her request in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses - hereto -

D. J. Black of Bibb County
James A. Mercier of Lincoln County
A. Passmore of Bibb County -

Georgia Muscogee County -

By His Honor J. M. Brooks Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the County of Muscogee & State aforesaid

To Charles Cook and Peter Harris Esqrs. Counting
Whereas a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Susan M. Rounds has been presented to this Court for Probate and Record

And whereas A. Passmore the only surviving witness to said instrument

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in writing resides in the County of Bibb and cannot attend our said Court in person, without manifest inconvenience, Now, know ye, that we supposing especial trust and confidence in your prudence and fidelity, have appointed you - and you are hereby authorized and required to cause the said A. Passmore personally to come before you, and after being duly sworn to examine said instrument in writing and if it be the true last will and testament of the said Susan M. Rounds to sign the annexed affidavit - if otherwise to answer & testify accordingly - which answer you are to send up closed under your hands and seals to our said Court to be held on the first Monday in November next to gather with this Court.

Witness the Honorable F. M. Brooks Ordinary this 22^d day of October A.D. 1873

F. M. Brooks

Ordinary & Ex-officio Clerk

State of Georgia Bibb County

Before us Charles Cook and Peter Harris Commissioners appointed by the Hon F. M. Brooks Ordinary of the County of Muscogee personally came A. Passmore who upon being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was present when Susan M. Rounds then in life but now deceased executed the instrument hereto annexed bearing date the day of 1866, That said Susan M. Rounds published and declared the same to be her last will and testament and signed her name thereto in the presence of deponent - J. F. Clark and James A. Mercier who at the request of the said Testatrix subscribed their names thereto in her presence and all in the presence of each other, And Deponent further says that at the time of executing and publishing said Will the said Susan M. Rounds was of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that the act was done without any undue influence or compulsion -

Answered subscribed & sworn to before us } A. Passmore
this 31st day of October 1873

Charles Cook Com^r (J. F.)

Peter Harris Com^r (J. F.)

A. J. Simmons J. P.

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
November Term 1873

The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate and Record in Common form of law as the last will and testament of Susan M. Rounds deceased upon the affidavit of A. Passmore one of the subscribing Witnesses this 3^d day of November 1873

F. M. Brooks

Ordinary