

William J. McAlister's Will

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The last will of me, William J. McAlister of the City of ~~Charleston~~ ^{Atlanta} Georgia, being of sound mind at the time of making and publishing this my last will and testament

I give and devise all my Estate real and personal whereof I may die seized or possessed to my son in law William Murrah Muckenfuss of the City of Charleston South Carolina Atty at law, to have and to hold the same to himself his heirs and assigns forever upon the uses & trusts following namely, In trust to pay all my debts and funeral expenses, Secondly - to pay to my wife Elizabeth Christina upon her sole and separate receipts, the interest, income and dividends of all my said Estate including the sum for which my life is insured, ten thousand dollars in the Equitable Life Insurance Co of New York, to collect and invest the same to the best advantage, Also any and all sums realized from the sale of my land in Milam County Texas, Also all other property of whatever kind that I may die possessed of, to have and to hold the same with full power to invest or change the investment, if the said William Murrah Muckenfuss sees fit to do so. All the interest and income of whatever kind to be paid to my wife during her natural life, Thirdly upon the decease of my said wife, to convert all my said Estate into money, if such a course shall be thought best by my said trustee, and to pay out of the said Estate to my eldest daughter Mary Anna Bradford the sum of Five Thousand dollars, and to my second daughter Sarah Louisa Muckenfuss the sum of Five Thousand dollars, and to my third daughter Laura Emma Chandler the sum of Two Thousand dollars, her husband H. W. Chandler having received from me to start him in business Five Thousand dollars, which will account for her portion being less than her sisters, the residue and balance of my estate to be equally divided between my Children and grand children that may be living at the time of my wife's death share and share alike, for their sole use and benefit, he the said trustee holding for each Minor Child, until they become of age, the sum due them, paying the interest to them or their Guardians, and as soon as they have come the age of ^{and} twenty five years, pay to them the principal, And I then give to my ^{and} trustee full power and authority to sell any or all of my real estate at private or public Sale and invest the proceeds, or to lease the same, as he may deem best for the interest of my family.

And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint William Murrah Muckenfuss Executor of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this Twenty Seven the day of May, One thousand eight hundred and Seventy two

W. J. McAlister (S)

The above written instrument was subscribed by W. J. McAlister in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament, and we at the testators request & in his presence have signed our names as witnesses thereto & written opposite our names our respective places of residence

W. H. Thomas Columbus Ga Alex. S. Matheson Columbus Ga
O. S. Gordon Columbus Ga

Muscogee Court of Ordinary
May Term 1875

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In the matter of the Probate of the last will and testament of William J. McAlister late of said County deceased, the Executor of said will having filed his petition for the probate of the same in Common form, and the said Executor to wit William W. Muckenfues being present with his witnesses to wit Alexander S. Matheson and Oscar S. Jordan who upon being sworn say on oath that they were present when William J. McAlister published the instrument now presented, as his last will and testament that at the time he was of sound and disposing mind and memory that he did it voluntarily, of his own free will, without any undue influence or compulsion that he called upon the subscribers and William H. Thomas to sign the same as witnesses which they did in the presence of the testator and each other after the testator had signed his name in the presence of all the witnesses

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this 5th day of May 1875
J. M. Brooks Ordinary

Alex. S. Matheson
O. S. Jordan

Georgia Muscogee County

I, William W. Muckenfues do solemnly swear that this writing contains the true last will of the therein named William J. McAlister deceased so far as I know or believe, and that I will well and truly execute the same according to the laws of this state So help me God—

Sworn to & Subscribed before me
this 5th day of May 1875—
J. M. Brooks Ordinary

W. W. Muckenfues—

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The foregoing instrument of writing admitted to Probate and Record in Common form of law upon the affidavit of Alex. S. Matheson and Oscar S. Jordan two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, as the last will and testament of Wm. J. McAlister deceased—

This October 3rd 1875—

J. M. Brooks
Ordinary