

Thomas Reed &c

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Reed fear God of the bounty of Christ
being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and Memory and Calling to
mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die I hereby do make and Give this My last Will and Testament
in the Presence and form following to wit, First of all I recommend my
soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it and my body I
recommend to the earth to be Buried in a decent Christian Burial at the
discretion of my executors hereafter named Nothing doubting but at the
general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty power
of God, and as touching such worldly estate as I have here below I do be-
leave with I give devise and dispose of in the following manner
I Instruct I leave all my Just debts to be paid by my executors here-
after to be named - I leave to my Dearest beloved Wife Mary Ann
Reed Ten Negroes Bruto, Cuffee, Bob, Tommy, Dickey, Rachel, Sally, Laboe, Jem
and Solomon, Also three head of my best Cows, my Stock of Hogs, my Stock
of Sheep and my household and furniture, My New Wagon, Twenty head
of my best cattle, Together with the Tract of land I now live on in the
County of Charlotte and as many of the plantation utensils as my
executors shall think necessary for her use, to her use During her

sent into the hands of Almighty God that gave me my body. I
recommend to the world to be Buried in a decent Christian Burial at the
discretion of my executors hereafter named Nothing doubting but at the
general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
of God, and as touching such worldly estate as I have been pleased God to
bestow with I give do give and dispose of in the following manner
I ~~intending~~ I leave all my Just debts to be paid by my executor here-
after to be named - I leave to my Dearly Beloved Wife Mary Anne
the whole Ten Negroes Bruto, Cuffe, Bob, Tommy, Dicky, Rachel, Sally, Eliza, Jerry
and Solomon, Also three head of my best Cows, my Stock of Hogs, my Stock
of Sheep and my household and furniture, My New Waggon, Twenty head
of my best cattle Together with the Tract of land I now live on in the
County of Charlotte and as many of the Plantation Attendants as my
executor shall think necessary for her use, to her use During her
life - I leave and bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved daughter Sarah
both her and above what I have formerly given her one Negro Man
Wm. Peter to her and her heirs forever - I leave and bequeath
unto my Beloved Son Stephen Wade Twenty Shillings Cash and above
what I have formerly given to him - to him and his heirs forever -

I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Son John Maria Gregory Briggs One
and above what I have formerly given to him to him and his heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Daughter Emma Maria one Negro
female named Polly One and above what I have formerly given to her to her
and her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Daughter Mary
Ann Davis One Negro Man named Matt One and above what I have formerly
given to her to her and her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My be-
loved Daughter Elizabeth Gregory One Negro Man named James One and above what
I have formerly given to her to her and her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Daughter Nancy Pruden One Negro Man named
James One and above what I have formerly given ^{to her} to her and her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My beloved Daughter Lavinia Maria one Negro Wo-
man named William One Negro Man named Ann, the Negro Children the Children
of the said Negro Woman William named Alexander and Page, one Horse to be worth
1200 \$ of Tobacco two Cows and Calves and thirty Pounds Cash then and then
Increase to her and her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My
beloved Daughter Lavinia Maria two Negroes named Charles and Emory one
Horse to be worth 1200 \$ of Tobacco one good saddle and bridle two Cows
and Calves and thirty Pounds Cash then and then Increase to her and
her heirs forever.

I Give and bequeath unto My beloved son Thomas

and Calves, and Thirty Pounds Cash then and then Increase to her and
her heirs forever - I Will I give and bequeath unto My beloved son Thomas
Abel four Negro Men named Edward, Pompey, Amstead and Duffey, one tract
of land lying and being in the County of Sumner containing two hundred thirty
three acres more or less, and known by the Name of Livings Tract which said
land I purchased of John Pinckney, two Cows and Calves, also two hundred and eighty
Pounds Cash, they and their Increase to him and his heirs forever -
I Will I give and bequeath unto My beloved daughter Cecily since two ne-
gro Men named Cyrenus and Phill one horse to be worth 1200 lb of Tobacco. One
good saddle and bridle two Cows and Calves; and Thirty pounds Cash then and
their Increase to her and her heirs forever - I Will I give and bequeath unto My
daughter Lucy Abel two Negro Men named Mariah and Silly one horse worth 1200 lb
of Tobacco one good saddle and bridle two Cows and Calves and Thirty pounds Cash
then and their Increase to her and her heirs forever - I Will I give and bequeath
unto My beloved daughter Martha Abel two Negro Men named Hampton &
Chloe one horse to be worth 1200 lb of Tobacco one good saddle
and bridle two Cows and Calves and Thirty pounds Cash then and their In-
crease to her and her heirs forever - And My wife and desire for
that of that my tract of land in Sumner County on the side of Watkinson
River containing one hundred and fifty Acres more or less and

land & purchase of John Pinnister, two Cows and Calves, also two hunders and eighty
Pounds Draft, they and their Increase to him and his heirs forever
I Will I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Cecily Grace two m-
gins, Maria Cygus, and Phil one horse to be worth 1200 lb of Tobacco. One
good saddle and bridle two Cows and Calves; and Thirty pounds Cash then and their In-
crease to her and her heirs forever. I Will I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Lucy Grace two Mays Names, Maria and Lilly one horse worth 1200 lb
of Tobacco one good saddle and bridle two Cows and Calves and Thirty pounds Cash
then and their Increase to her and her heirs forever. I Will I give and bequeath
unto my beloved daughter Martha Grace two Mays Names Hampton &
Charlotte one horse to be worth 1200 lb of Tobacco one good saddle
and bridle two Cows and Calves and Thirty pounds Cash then and their In-
crease to her and her heirs forever. And my wife has desire for
that is that my tract of land in Linnets County on the side of Meherrin
River on Croppers run should be sold together with every other part and
parcel of my Estate (which I have not bequeathed but that to my
Wife) by my executor and as they shall think best and most
convenient for the discharging of the several legacies bequeathed in this
my will and the Money then arising from the sale to be first applied

to the payment of my Last Debts, and then to the Discharge of the several Legacies which I have bequeathed unto my aforesaid Children, and of them should be any Money left that is more than shall pay my Debts and Discharge the several Legacies contained in this my will. My will and sense is that it shall be my Wifes and I leave the same to her and Dispose of My Will and sense further is that after My Wifes death that I have here to her be equally divided between My aforesaid Children. And lastly I approve my loving Sons John Mendenhall Thomas Mendenhall my Sons in Law William Scott and Stephen Mace my executors to this my last will and Testament and My Will and sense is further that my estate shall not be impaired in Whichever of these Persons let My heirs and executors this twentieth day of April one thousand seven hundred and twenty eight.

Thomas Mendenhall
Signed, sealed, witnessed and declared to be the last will & Testament by the said Thomas Mendenhall and at his request we wrote the same, William Cotton John Richardson Junr, Nelson Bruce, James Bacon, William Borden, James Webb.

At Court held for Middle County the 2^d day of July 1798

Will & Testament by the said Thomas Malesonth
and at his request We attested the same, William
Pettus John Richardson Junr, Nelson Bruce,
James Beaman, William Borden James Webb.

A Court held for Charlotte county the 2^d day of July 1798

The said Will and Testament of Thomas Malesonth was presented in
Court by John Maleson one of the executors therein named and the same
was proved by the oath of Nelson Bruce and William Beaman two of the
subscribed Witnesses, and ordered to be recorded - On the Motion of the said
Executor who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for

Having a Probate of the said Will in due form the giving Security, Where-
upon he with Thompson Fowler, James Beaman, Griffin Dodd, John Smoot
and Nelson Bruce his securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond
according to Law for that purpose - Resolving Wholy to the other executors
to join in the Probate thereof when they shall think fit

Teste Thomas Reader
July record

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