

Henry Tucker
Priscilla Gurley

Sarah Edwards

1779 This will was presented in Court by Henry Tucker one of the ~~executors~~
thereto and proved by the oaths of Priscilla Gurley & Sarah Edwards the
witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded. And on the motion & re-
quest of the said Executor who made Oath according to law to testify that it is
Granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving Security whereupon

Samuel Kellos &c

Joseph Reese In the name of God Amen I Joseph Reese of the County of Southampton and
parish of ~~St. Luke~~ ^{St. Luke} ~~being~~ ^{having} my perfect Senses of a just disposing mind thanks
be to Almighty God for the same do make this my last will and testament in
manner and form following to wit
Item After my funeral expences are defrayed and my just Debts paid
I dispose of my worldly Goods both real & personal which it hath pleased God
his mercy and goodness to bestow on me in the following manner Viz
Item I give to my Son John Reese my Gun commonly known by the name of
Item I give my wearing Clothes to my wife Mary Reese my to be disposed of according
to her discretion

Item I give and give the use of all the remainder part of my estate in whatsoever
manner it may be found to my said wife Mary Reese during her natural life
Item After my said wife's decease I give and bequeath to my Son Edward Reese the land
or plantation whereon I now live containing 155 Acres be the same more or less to him
the said Edward Reese & to his heirs forever likewise my money Seals and
all appurtenances also I give unto my said son Edward Reese my Signe man

Named Hoy provided my said Son Edward Reese shall pay or cause to be paid unto my son John Reese the sum of fifty pounds lawfull money of Virginia within twelve months after the day my said wife shall make her exit then on the said term I give & bequeath to my said Son Edward Reese my Negro man named Toby. Item provided my said Son Edward Reese do or shall neglect or refuse to pay to my Son John Reese 50 lawfull money of Virginia within twelve months after my aforesaid wife makes her exit then I give and bequeath to my said Son John Reese my Negro man called Toby to him the said John and to his heirs. Item I give to my grandson Joseph Reese son of my Son Edward Reese my Negro Girl named Beck.

Item I lend or give the use of my Negroes Mogg Arthur & Grace and their future Increase
 unto my Daughter Mary Thomas during her natural life and if at the death of
 my said Daughter she has any lawfull Issue then living my desire is for the said
 Mogg Arthur & Grace and their future increase to be equally divided between such
 lawfull issue ^{but if no such lawfull issue} shall be at my said Daughter death then I desire the said three Negroes
 Mogg Arthur & Grace and their future Increase shall be sold and equally
 divided betwixt my Sons John Reese and Edward Reese.

Item my Will and desire is that if my said daughter Mary Thomas departs this life and leaves any lawfull Issue living that my exors take into his or their possession what I have left or given in the above mentioned Claus or bequest untill each of them shall arrive to lawfull Age putting out the same or making use of it to the best ^{advantage for the said} Issues.

Item I give to my son Edward Reese my Chest of Drawers and desire my estate may not
be diminished

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Item my will and desire is that after my said wifes decease all the remainder of my estate which I have not bequeathed shall be sold & the money Arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided betwixt my Children Joseph Reese John Reese Edward Reese and Mary Thomas if she is living at the time of my wifes death but if my daughter Mary should be dead at the time of her mothers death then I desire her equal part to be equally divided between all the Children that she shall have living at the time of her death and if she the said Mary should depart this life before her mother and without lawfull Issue then I desire the same to be equally divided between my said sons Joseph Reese John Reese and Edward Reese

Item I do constitute and appoint my loving wife Mary Reese and ^{my son} Edward Reese my whole and Sole exactors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 14th day of November 1775 Signed sealed published and declared by the said Joseph Reese in presence of A. B. the words twixt between the 15. 16. 17. 18 & 19 lines

John F. Fry

Moses Thompson

Robert Fry

Joseph Reese Seal

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Reese and Mary Thomas if she is living at the time of my wifes death but if
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her equal part to be equally divided between all the Children that I shall have
living at the time of her death and if she the said Mary should depart this life
before her mother and without lawful Issue then I desire the same to be equally
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inter lined before signed

John Fry

Miss Thorp

Robert Fry

Joshua Wilson

his
Joseph Reese Seal
mark

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 11th day of July 1779
This will was presented and proved by Edward Reese one of the exors thereof
and proved by the oaths of John Fry Miss Thorp & Joshua Wilson the witnesses the
same to be Recorded And on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according
to his Certificate was granted leave for obtaining a probat thereof in due form
giving Security &c

John Wells cc
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