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## Last Will &amp; Testament of James Rea Deceased

The Last Will & Testament of James Rea of the City of Macon  
State of Georgia

I the said James Rea do make and  
Publish this as my last Will & Testament  
First I do give and bequeath unto my Sister Elizabeth  
of Saratoga Springs N.Y. The Sum of Twelve thou-  
sand Dollars

Second I do give and bequeath unto my Niece  
Helen Rea the Daughter of my deceased Brother Robert  
Rea late of the City of New York The Sum of Five  
thousand Dollars

Third, I do give devise and bequeath the rest and  
Residue of my Estate both Real and Personal unto my

Three Nephews as follows one third part thereof unto  
Thomas Rea Son of the said Robert Rea deceased  
one third part thereof unto Henry R. Rea Son of  
Hamilton Rea deceased my Brother late of Liverpool  
England and the other <sup>one third</sup> third unto James R. Rea also  
the Son of the said Hamilton Rea

I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend  
S. S. Whittle <sup>for my executor</sup> as also my friend John  
H. Wyle of Saratoga Springs N.Y. Executors  
of this my last Will & Testament

For Witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my  
hand & Seal at Saratoga Springs Saratoga  
County N.Y. this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1860  
the said S. S. Whittle <sup>read</sup>  
and rewritten before execution  
& John S. Jones Erased before  
Execution

James Rea

Runion Martin  
Amos S. Maxwell  
Jno C. Hulbert

The foregoing Instrument was  
at the date thereof signed sealed and Published and  
declared by the said James Rea as & for his last Will  
and Testament in Presence of us each at his home  
and in his Presence & in the Presence of each  
other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thus  
Runion Martin of Saratoga Springs N.Y.  
Amos S. Maxwell of Saratoga Springs N.Y.  
Jno C. Hulbert of Saratoga Springs N.Y.  
demonstrated before me by said James Rea as his last  
Will & Testament & duly executed by him on this day  
19<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1860

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## Last Will &amp; Testament of James Rea Continued

The above & foregoing acknowledged declared & published by said James Rea on this the 18th of July 1861 by & for his last Will & Testament together with a Codicil thereto of this date before us & we have hereto signed our names as witnesses at his request in his presence & in the presence of each other this 18th July 1861

James Mercer Brown

Wm M Logan

James Rea



City of Macon. I James Rea of said City County of Bibb State of Georgia sing my own and memory do hereby declare and publish my last Will and Testament which I executed at Saratoga Springs in New York on September 18th 1860 except so far as the same may be altered & changed by this Codicil thereto that is to say:

I wish my Executors by said Will & this Codicil also to act as Trustees for my said Sister Elizabeth & my Niece Ann Helen Rea & for the amount given them in said Will & from time to time as often as my said Sister & Niece may require it to pay to them the annual income & interest of said amounts

at the Deaths of my said Sister & Niece they to have the power to dispose of by last Will & Testament the amounts so given them & I request my said Sister in disposing of her Part to remember Mrs Maxwell with whom she has so long lived & who with her family have been so kind and attentive to my said Sister Elizabeth

I desire my Executors to use their Discretion in investing the part of my estate that may be received in cash as they may think best for the parties interest, and I also desire my Executors in selling my Property also to use their discretion as to so at Public or Private Sale as they think best my great object in this being to secure good Masters & Hangers for my two Servants

I am aware I should die in Macon, I wish my body buried in the Cemetery here, or if near my said Sister, to be interred where she may be buried & in either case in such manner as is ordered by my circumstances & I desire

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I desire a Biquet Ring Purchased for each of my said Executors as a memento of my regard & I wish a liberal allowance made to them for the arrangement of my affairs.

I wish my two Servants Phillis & Henry to select their Master the two to be kept together and the Price to be paid for them not to be high but moderate & reasonable.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1861

James P. Rea  
The above and foregoing signed & sealed declared & Published by said James Rea as & for a Codicil to his last Will & Testament before us on the above day & we have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses at his request in his Presence & in the Presence of him & of each other this 18<sup>th</sup> July 1861

James Mercer Gorman  
George M. Logan  
James Meera

Bibb Court of Ordinary  
September Term 1861

Personally appeared in open Court Dr James Mercer Gorman & George M. Logan who each being duly sworn depose that on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1861 James P. Rea late of said County deceased acknowledged the foregoing to be his last Will & Testament and the Signatures thereto to be his that the same was done in the Presence of both the undersigned & of James Meera that on the same day said James Rea, <sup>signed</sup> declared & Published the within foregoing as a Codicil to his said last Will & Testament in Presence of each of the undersigned & of James Meera that he acknowledged said Will & executed & Published said Codicil freely voluntarily & of his own accord without any influence Persuasion or Control whatever that at the time he was of sound Mind & Memory that Defendants & also James Meera at his request subscribed each of same as Witnesses in the Presence of said Testator & of each other sworn to & subscribed

in open Court this  
September 3<sup>d</sup> 1861

Wm. Riley

Ordinary

James Mercer Gorman  
George M. Logan

Recorded Sept. 1861