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of George Richardson, late of the City of Savannah, deceased,
who being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith, that
he was present and did see the said Testator, sign, seal, pronounce,
publish and declare the same to be and contain his last Will and
Testament, and that he was of sound mind at the time (to the best
of this deponent's belief) and that Simon Gonnors and Francis Voll-
-erton together with this deponent subscribed their names as
witnesses at the request and in the presence of the said Testator and
of each other.

John C. G. G.

Sworn to this 8th day
of June 1791.

J. Whitefield
B. P. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen, I James Read
of Savannah in the Province of Georgia, Esquire, do make
this my last Will and Testament: I give, devise and bequeath
to my son Jacob Read all that my tract of Land or Plantations
at Great Ogechee in the Province of Georgia aforesaid, known
by the name of Chester, to hold the same to him and his heirs
forever. I give, devise and bequeath to my son William
Read all those my two tracts of Land at Bryan Creek in the
same Province, containing one thousand one hundred Acres,
to hold the same to him and his heirs forever, I give, devise
and bequeath to my son George Addison Read, my tract of Land
in the Parish of Saint Andrew in the same Province, con-
-taining five hundred Acres, on Canachee River in the
same Province, to hold the same to him and his heirs
forever.

forever, provided, nevertheless and my Will is, that in case of the
 death of the said George Paddon Read, before he shall attain
 the Age of twenty one years and without Lawful Issue, the said
 tract of Land in Saint Andrews Parish shall be, and I do here-
 by in such case, devise and bequeath the same to my daughter
 Susannah Read and her Heirs forever. I give devise &
 bequeath to my said Daughter Susannah Read, and to my
 daughter Elizabeth Read, all that my tract of Land situate
 on Coanoches River aforesaid, containing one thousand
 Acres, to hold the same to them, and their Heirs forever, as
 tenants in common provided, nevertheless and my Will is,
 that if either of my said daughters shall die before the age of
 twenty one years, or, without Lawful Issue, then and in such
 case, the whole of the said tract of Land shall be, and I do
 in such case, give, devise and bequeath the same to the
 survivor and her Heirs forever. I give, devise and be-
 queath to my daughter Sarah Catherine Read, all that
 my tract of Land on Great Ogeches aforesaid, containing,
 two hundred and fifty acres, to hold the same to her and
 her Heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my Sisters Catherine
 Jacques of Annapolis in the Province of Maryland, and
 Jane Allen of the City of Philadelphia, the sum of Ten
 Guineas each for Mourning. I give and bequeath to my
 sister, Mary Read of Annapolis aforesaid, the sum of
 one hundred pounds Lawful Money of Great Britain,
 to be paid to her, whenever my just debts shall be fully dis-
 charged and paid, and not before. I give, devise and
 bequeath unto my dear Wife Rebecca Read, my son
 Jacob Read, Thomas Savage of Charlestown in the
 Province of South Carolina, Esquire, Josiah Nuttall of

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of Savannah, Esquire, and George Houstoun of the same place
Merchant, and to the survivor of them, and to the Heirs of
such survivor, forever; All that my Town Lot on the Bay of
Savannah aforesaid, with the Buildings and Improvements
thereon, and also all those my two peckarf Lots under the
Bank or Bluff of the said Town of Savannah or the common
thereof, — James Read. And also all that my tract
of land containing nine Hundred and twelve acres situ-
ate at New Port in the said Province of Georgia, and also
all that uppermost part of my tract of Land at Great Ogeechee,
adjoining Land heretofore of Benjamin Goldwire, now of
Grey Elliott, containing two Hundred and two acres by
admeasurement; Upon trust that they or some of them do as
soon after my decease as may be, sell and dispose of the
same to the most advantage, and do out of the proceeds thereof
pay and discharge such debts as I may justly owe, and the
Legacies hereby given and bequeathed to my Sisters, and also
upon trust, that the remainder of such proceeds, after payment
of my said just debts, and Legacies, be vested in Slaves to be
put and employed upon my Plantation called Lancaster,
and my Will is, that whenever any of my Children shall res-
pectively attain the age of Twenty one Years, or if a Girl be
Married, such child shall be paid his or her proportionable
share of the remainder of such proceeds vested in Slaves as
aforesaid, together with his or her proportionable share of the
Increase, Profits, hire or rent of such Slaves, and in case
of the death of any of my said Children before they attain the age
of Twenty one years, or are Married as aforesaid, my Will
is that the part or share of such child so dying, be vested in
the surviving Children, and be dividable among them.

as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless that in case such proportionable share to be so divided, shall not amount to the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, my Will is that, so much be paid out of the produce of my Estate as will make up the said sum of One hundred and fifty pounds.

I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Rebecca Read, all my Household Furniture, Plate, Linen, and China without exception, also my riding Chairs and chair Horses; I give, devise and bequeath unto the said Thomas Savage, Josiah Tattnell, and George Housdon, and to the survivor of them, and to the Heirs of such survivor, all that my Plantation called Lancaster, situate upon Great Ogeechee River aforesaid, together with all and singular the Slaves, Cattle, Horses, Stocks, Boats, Canoes, and Plantation tools and utensils, whatever, and of every kind, which at the time of my decease, I shall be possessed of or intitled unto upon trust that they do permit and suffer my said dear Wife Rebecca Read to have, hold, use, Occupy, and enjoy the said Plantation, Slaves, Cattle, Horses, Stocks, Boats, Canoes, Tools, and Utensils, and receive and take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, during her Widow hood, she maintaining and Educating therewith my Children until they respectively attain the Age of Twenty one Years, and the Girls until they are Married: And in case my said Wife shall Marry, then upon trust that they do pay one fourth part of the nett Rents, Issues and Profits of my said Plantation and Slaves, and Stock, unto my said Wife Rebecca Read for and during the term of her Natural Life yearly and every year, the same to be to and for her sole and separate use and independance of the Power and Compulsion of any Husband

Husband she may Marry, and that they do also permit her to have the use of two such House Slaves which she may chuse, during her Natural Life. And upon trust, that they do employ so much of the remaining three fourth parts of the Rents, Issues & Profits of my said Plantation, Slaves and Stocks, as shall be necessary, for the maintenance and education of my said Children, until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years, and the Girls until they are Married; and that the remainder of such Rents, Issues and profits, after payment of the said one fourth part to my said Wife, and maintaining and educating my Children as aforesaid, shall be added to the Improvement of the Stocks of the said Plantations, either in Slaves or otherwise, and after the Youngest of my said Children shall attain the age of twenty one years, or if a Girl shall be married under that Age, then upon trust, that they do pay yearly the remaining three fourth parts of the Rents, Issues and Profits of the said Plantations, Slaves and Stocks, for and during the term of the Natural Life of my said Wife, to my said Children or to the use of their lawful Issues, share and share alike. And altho I have not particularly expressed it, I trust that my said dear Wife Rebecca Read in case she shall not Marry, will in the like case divide among her and my Children, such part of the income of the said Plantations, Slaves and Stocks, which she can with convenience spare, as she thinks proper, and they may deserve.

And after the death of my said Wife, I give, devise and bequeath unto my son James Bond Read, the said plantation, named Lancaster, to hold to him and his heirs forever; And I will that the Slaves, Stocks, Cattle, Horses, Boats, Carriages and Plantation Tools and utensils be then sold and the produce divided or the same be equally divided, if they shall

choose and agree upon it, among such of my Sons as may be then living, or the Lawful Issue of such as may be dead to represent their Fathers, Share and Share alike, chargeable and liable nevertheless with, and to, the payment of so much Money to each of my Daughters then living, or the Lawful Issue of such as may be dead to represent their Mothers, as with with the Monies herein before bequeathed them out of the Remainder of the proceeds of the Lots and Lands directed to be sold, amount to the sum of five hundred pounds, Lawful Money of Great Britain to each of my said Daughters or their representatives as aforesaid.

And I do nominate and appoint my said Wife Rebecca Read, during her Widowhood, and my son Jacob Read, the said Thomas Savage, Josiah Tettrell, and George Houshoun, to be Executors and Executors of this my last Will and Testament, contained in two Sheets of Paper, each page signed by me, in Writing whereby. I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the Eighteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven hundred and seventy two.

Signed, sealed, published and
attested by the Testator
as his last Will and Testament
in presence of us, who at his request
and in his presence, and in presence
of each other have set our names
as witnesses thereto.

James Read *JS*

James Edw. Powell
Greg. Elliott
Thos. B. Randall.

Sworn this 4th day of June 1872
from original in presence of