

25th January 1817. appeared Abraham Delyon & qualified as executor of the foregoing will of Christopher Gunn decd. by taking the oath of an executor as prescribed by law. Bond etc

Recorded 25 January 1817.
Bond etc

(Seal of the State) State of South Carolina.

By his excellency David R Williams
David R Williams Governor & Commander in chief in
& over the State aforesaid
To all to whom these presents shall
come -

Know ye, that James D Mitchell Esquire
who has certified the annexed "instruments of writing
is Ordinary of the district of Charleston in the
State aforesaid

Therefore, all due Faith, Credit and Au-
thority be and ought to be, had and given to his
Proceedings and Certificates as such.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my Hand, and caused to be affixed the Seal
of this State, in the City of Charleston, the thirtieth
Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & fifteen, and in the thirtyfirst year
of the Independence of the United States of Amer-
ica.

By the Governor
John H. H. H.

Secretary of State

In the Name of God amen, I Jacob
Read of Charleston So Carolina now being at New-
York in the State of Rhode Island do make
& publish this my last will & Testament

been credited in account by the Executors of the Estate
David Van Horn deceased of New York Merchant with certain
sums of money as the dividends or share to which my
Wife was intitled of the Estate of the said David
Van Horn her Father. Now it is my Will and I
do hereby direct that my Executors and executors herein
after named do raise and make out of the first
receipts sales produce or other Income of my Estate
so much money as will pay the Principal of the sum
or by me received and pay the same over as speedily as
possible to my said wife for her sole & separate use & for

I give devise and bequeath to my said wife
Catherine all such of my Household and Kitchen
Furniture plate Bedding Household linen and utensils
of every kind and whosoever being as she may choose
and select at her discretion to hold to her sole and
separate use during her life. — without any account or
impeachment of waste the remainder I will & direct
shall be sold and the monies arising therefrom shall
be applied as is herein directed as to the residue and
remainder of my Estate I give devise and bequeath
to my said wife her Executors and Administrators
my Coaches and Harness and pair Bay Horses —

I also give devise & bequeath to my said wife
if she shall choose to live in Charleston the use
and occupation of my Southern Brevinment or Dwelling
House on East Bay Street and in which I lately
lived and the out Houses and appurtenances free
of any Charge of Public or City Tax or assessment
and I direct that the same Brevinment be constantly
kept in due and gentle repair for her use during
her natural life. And if my said wife shall
to reside out of Charleston I will and direct that she
may be allow'd one Hundred pounds sterling money of
South Carolina per Annum during her life in lieu
of the use and occupation of said Brevinment, which
such case I will and direct shall be sold with
rest of my real Estates in such manner as in
my last Will is directed, & the monies arising
therefrom shall go and be disposed of as is directed
therein.

Further in case my said wife should choose to reside in South Carolina or Georgia. I give devise & bequeath to my said wife the use labour or service of any such of my House servants or other slaves as she may choose to select, not exceeding six in number to attend on her and on my children (who I expect and direct shall reside with their said mother, the Boys as long as their Education & professional studies will admit and the Girls until they are married) during their infancy youth, and which slaves so selected shall not be disposed of or sold during the life of my said wife unless by her direction & consent. but they shall in no case be carried out of the States of South Carolina or Georgia.

I will ^{direct} that my Executors and Executive hereinafter named or such of them as shall qualify and will act shall sell either at Public or Private Sale and in the manner they shall judge most of the benefit of my Estate and the advantage of the Legatees, and for the most money that can be had for the same — All my Estates real & personal except my Bank shares & public stock) and not otherwise disposed of by this my Will, which Estates are situated in the States of South Carolina and Georgia and consisting of Lots & Houses Lands & Plantations Slaves, Cattle, Horses, and other stock household goods and effects, and I thereby empower my said Executive and Executors or such of them as shall qualify and will act to make & deliver good & sufficient Deeds in Fee Simple of and for such real Estates and after payment of my just debts and funeral Expenses, I direct that they shall pay to my said wife One fifth part or share of the neat amount of the residue of my said Estate to hold the same to her, her Executors and Administrators for ever, and shall lay out the remaining four fifths and all interest dividends & profits that shall from time to time arise therefrom after deducting the Expenses of maintenance and clothing for myself Children, the Expenses of a liberal education

for my sons, and of a gentill education for my Daughters,
long, in Bank shares Public Stock or Securities or put
the same out at interest on Mortgage of Lands, Towns
Lots and Houses taking also in every Instance good
Personal security for the benefit of my Children or the
survivors of them untill they shall arrive at the age
of twenty one years or the females be married, whiche
ever shall first Happen, and I give devise & bequeath
the said remaining five shares of my Estate and
all interests and profits to arise therefrom to and
among my two sons Jacob Read & William George
Read and my two Daughters Catherine Ann Lou-
isa Read and Cornelia Annabella Reads and
to the survivors or survivor of such of them as shall
live to come of age or be married their Executors
and administrators forever. And Whereas my
Father the Honorable James Reads Late of Savannah
in Georgia by Deeds of Sale & Release duly executed
did convey and assign to me all his Estate Real and
Personal in trust for the payment of his Debts and
for other trusts in the said Deeds (which are duly
recorded) mentioned and also that I should give
to each of his Children such parts of his said
Estate Lands and Negroes or money in lieu thereof
as I should see fit, and whereas from the great
uncertainties of the public affairs at the time long
after the death of the said James Reads the little
value of the current money at that time in Circula-
tion, the small amount of the Income or Produce of
his estate, the uncertainty of the amount of his
debts & particularly of his debts due in Great Bri-
tain as a Copartner of Messrs Read & Worsman and
was impossible to settle the Estate of the said
Read, and I have been induced ^{to sell the said} ~~to sell the said~~ ^{to sell the said} ~~to sell the said~~
it in any part - and from my own earnings and
funds have supported the widow and family of my
father educated his Children and from time to time
paid and satisfied such debts and demands
appaid against his Estate whiche I have become
very largely in adowed for the said Estate

more than any income hire or profits made or received
from the said Estate slaves could have ever refunded
and which in fact has nearly absorbed the whole of the
profits of my professional income & other revenue, and
whereas the English debt of the said James Read &
James Crossman having been at length ascertained
by a Decree in the Federal Circuit Court of the State
of Georgia, I made large payments thereon & in order
to reimburse myself and satisfy that demand have
sold and disposed of the House and lot in the Town of
Savannah & two wharf lots under the Bluff of the said
Town & which were in and by this said will directed and
appropriated for the payment of that debt. And whereas
as the debts of the said James Read as far as I am
informed of them being settled and paid by me his neces-
sary that I should now make some final disposition, set-
tlement and adjustment of the said Estate and after the
most mature and conscientious deliberation with the most
earnest and sincere wish to do justice to my Brothers and
sisters I have determined to give to each of them and to
be by them received in full satisfaction of my claim
which they may have under this said conveyances or other
ways to any dividend or share of the personal Estate man-
ies Chattels or Effects of the said James Read or of any
cries Income or Interest that may have arisen from
the same, so much money as together with the several
Slaves I have already given and allowed them to pass
from my said Father's Estate, will make to each by-
about a sum of Five hundred Pounds Sterling money of
South Carolina, Exclusive of the real Estate intended by
the Will of the said James Read for each of his said
Children. I therefore give devise and bequeath to
Doctor William Read in full satisfaction as aforesaid
the sum of Four hundred Pounds which together with
the negro man Billy by him possessed from the Slaves
of the said James Read will be equal to five hundred
Pounds. I give devise and bequeath to Mrs Susan
Ann Read wife of Hugh Read Esq in full satisfaction
as aforesaid the sum of three hundred twenty five pounds
which with the woman Venus & her family and the Boy

Having by her possessed of the said Estate will be fully
equal to Five hundred pounds — I give devise and bequeath
bequeath to my brother George Paterson Read in full
satisfaction as aforesaid the sum of four hundred &
twenty pounds which with the negro man (Maurice)
by him possessed will be equal to Five hundred Pounds

I give devise and bequeath to my sister Eliza Simons
the wife of Thos. Simons Esq of Charleston in full
satisfaction as aforesaid the sum of Three hundred &
sixty pounds which with the woman Peggy and her
family and the boy Charles by her possessed from
the Estate of the said James Read will be equal
to Five hundred pounds. I give devise and bequeath
to my Brother James Read in full satisfaction
as aforesaid Five hundred pounds, and I
will and direct, my Executors & Executors in my Will
named to pay and satisfy all the aforesaid Legacies as
soon as may be after my Decease — I also give
devise & bequeath to each of my said brothers, sisters
and to their Heirs and assigns forever all such real
Estate Lands & Plantations as are particularly intended
for and given to each of them by name in the last will
and testament of the said James Read (dated before the
said conveyances) and which I have duly proved and
placed on record in the Court of Probates in Chatham
but which lands were afterwards all included in
the said conveyances to me, and I authorize and empower
my said brother Read my Executor to make good and sufficient
titles by conveyances in Fee Simple to each of the said
Legatees or their assigns for the respective Plantations or
tracts of Land in the said Will mentioned & originally
intended by my said father for them respectively and it
is my Will and I do hereby direct that all the remain-
ing personal Estate Slaves, Chattels, and effects that
were of the said James Read and that were conveyed
to me as aforesaid shall be hereafter considered and
be disposed of by my Executors or Executors as being
part and parcel of my Estate and in the said manner
as is directed in this my Will respecting my children
And I do hereby appoint my said wife

Katherine to be my Executor declaring the gift and
bequests to her herein before made to be and intended
in full of all Dower to thirds of my Estate and my bro-
thers Doctor William Read and George Padden Read and
my friend Thomas Simons to be executors of this my Will
and the said Katherine Read and William Read Guardian
of the Persons and Estates of my Children hereby revoking
all former Wills and declaring this to be my last will
and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal at Newport in the State of
Rhode Island this nineteenth day of November in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

Jacob Read (S)

Signed sealed pronounced published and declared by the
Testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us,
who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each
other have signed our name as Witnesses of the due Execution
thereof.

Abel Rutledge James Hamilton Chris G. Chamberlain

In the Name of God Amen. I Jacob Read of
Charleston in the State of South Carolina now being at
Newport in the State of Rhode Island do make and
publish this Codicil to my last Will and Testament - Whereas
heretofore to wit on the nineteenth Day of November in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one I made and
executed a last Will & Testament - And Whereas since the
date of the said Will, Elizabeth Simons my sister, late the
wife of Thomas Simons Esq. of Charleston one of the Leg-
al and Pious married in the said Will hath departed
this life whereby the Legacy or Provision intended for my said
sister has become failed - Now I do give and bequeath
unto the said Thomas Simons Esq. who hath survived my
said sister and to his heirs, Executors and administrators
all and whatever money slaves Lands or other Estates real or
personal which were in the said will given to or mentioned
for and intended to be given to my said sister Elizabeth
Simons in as full and ample manner as the same in my
said will were given to my said sister in full satisfaction
as in the said Will is mentioned of any claim which he may

have in right of his said Wife under the Conveyances
from my late Father the Honble James Read Esq to
me in my said Will mentioned or otherwise of any division
or share of the personal Estate monies, Chattels or Effects
of the said James Read or of any Drops Income or Inter-
est that may have arisen from the same. And when
as Catherine my wife may be living at this time now it
is my will and desire and I do hereby direct that any
child or children that may be born to me by my said wife
shall be entitled to an equal division of the remaining
four fifths or shares of my Estate mentioned in my
Will and therein intended for my children Jacob Read
Catherine Ann Louisa Read Cornelia Annabella Read
and William George Read under the same limitations
and conditions and with the same benefit of Sur-
vivorship to such child or children as are in my
said Will limited and expressed with respect to my
said other children in my said Will. And I
do hereby ratify & confirm my said Will in all and
every part not herein or hereby altered or amended.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal at Newport in the State of Rhode Island
this fifteenth day of December Anno Domini 1802.

Jacob Reade (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator to be
a codicil to his last Will & Testament in presence of us
who at his request in his presence and in the presence
of each other hereunto set our hands & seals the day
and year above written.

Ben Hazard. Edw^d G. Senter.

Daniel Latham Junr.
of Charleston S. Carolina

South Carolina. I Jacob Read, of Charleston, in the
State aforesaid Barrister at Law do make this codicil
to my last Will and Testament. I do hereby appoint
my son Jacob Read and my friend Thomas Binsted
(the latter of whom I believe I have already nominated
in my Will) Executors of my said last Will and Tes-
tament and I do authorize my Executor and Executors of
my said Will & my Executors above mentioned or each of them

as shall qualify & may act to sell and dispose of any part of my Estate real or personal, as they may think proper, either at Public or private Sale, for the purpose of paying & discharging my just debts. - It is my will and desire that my Executors and Executors do deliver over to the Children of the late Thomas Simons, Esquire, deceased, the property given to them by ^{this} Uncle George Paddock Read, deceased and that a correct and fair statement of my account & transactions with the Estate of my brother the said George P. Read, deceased, may be made, & a just allowance & credit therein given for the work and services of his slaves.

I give to my friend Thomas Winstanly the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for drawing for me sundry Deeds, Papers, & this Codicil to my Will. - It is my desire that my son William may be sent to Cambridge College in Massachusetts & that he be educated & decently maintained out of my Estate and when he shall have finished his studies at College, that he may go to such profession as he may choose. I give to my servants Cora, Sester, Tyra, Joe & Jim Twenty dollars each, for their faithful attention to me during my Illness. I give to my friend James Wallace, my Manager, One Hundred Dollars as a token of my regard & for his attentions to my Concerns to buy him a suit of Mourning. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & sixteen.

Jacob Read (Ld.)

Signed sealed, published & declared by the testator Jacob Read to be a codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence & in the presence of each other have at request signed our names as Witnesses hereto.

Abigail Ann Dart. Catherine Johnson Philip Moore

Ordinary's Office 3 I do hereby Certify the foregoing (written Charles W. District) on three sheets and containing Seven pages Aug 2^d 1816 with my signature in the margin of the first page of each sheet) to be a true copy of the original Will and Codicils of the late Jacob Read James D. Stetson

South Carolina } My James D. Mitchell Esquire
Charleston District } ordinary. Personally appears be-
fore me Nathaniel Green Cleary, of the City of Charle-
ston, Esquire, who made oath on the Holy Evangelists
of Almighty God that he was well acquainted with the
late Gen^l Jacob Read and with the manner and form
of his hand writing that he verily believes the signatures
of 'Jacob Read' together with the whole of the foregoing
Instrument^s of writing purporting to be his last will &
testament and the Codicil thereto, to be the proper hand
writing of the said Jacob Read: and also that he is
well acquainted with Gen^l In^o Rutledge and with the
manner and form of his hand writing and that he
verily believes the signature 'John Rutledge' as a sub-
scribing witness to the said Will who is now absent
from the State as the proper handwriting of the said
John Rutledge: at the same time appeared Richard Latham
of the City of Charleston, Physician who made oath
that the signature of 'Daniel Latham Jun^r' of S^c Carolina
as a subscribing witness to the said Codicil is the proper
handwriting of his brother Daniel Latham Jun^r who is now
out of the State. Given under my hand this twentyfifth
day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & fifteen and in the forty first year of American
Independence.
James D. Mitchell
Ordinary

South Carolina } My James D. Mitchell Esquire, Esq^r
Charleston District } ordinary. Personally appears before me
Philip Moore, one of the subscribing witnesses to the fore-
going Instrument^s of writing who made oath on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God, that he saw Jacob Read
sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the same to be
a Codicil to be added to and taken as a part of his last
will and testament; that he was of sound and disposing
mind memory and understanding and that deponent together
with Arabella Ann Dort and Catherine Johnson signed
their names thereto as witnesses, at the request of the
testator in his presence and in the presence of each other at
the same time qualified Catherine Read Rec^r and
Read Rec^r also therein named. Given under my hand

James D. Mitchell
Ordinary

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be
true copies taken from the Probates
on the original will of Jacob Read de:
James D. Mitchell
Ordinary