

Will of John Purgason Reed

Georgia Heard County.

I In the name of God, Amen! I John Purgason, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but being advanced in years and in infirm health, and knowing well that it is appointed unto man once to die, and desiring to dispose of the worldly goods with which a benignant Providence hath blessed me, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby expressly making all wills heretofore made by me.

Item first. I devoutly commend to the Lord Most High the spirit which inhabits this frail tabernacle, looking for the resurrection of the body in the last great day when the trumpet shall sound and the earth shall give up her dead. Amen.

Item second. I desire that my executors hereafter named shall as soon as practicable after my death pay all my just debts.

Item third. I devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Rebecca Purgason five hundred acres of land situated in Heard County, Georgia, wherein I now live, and more particularly described as follows: Three hundred acres of stone land lies on New River in said County, and known as the New River land, and the premises wherein and whereon I now live being part and parcel of said New River place; two hundred acres of said land known as the Potato Creek Cox place in said County, making in all five hundred acres, bounded on the North by lands of Wiley Lee and Tom Fredericks, on South by lands of Wiley Lee on the East by lands of James Buttrill and on the West by New River, together with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to take effect at my death. I make this devise in confidence that my said son will support, maintain and care for me and my beloved wife Rebecca Purgason for and during our natural lives.

Item fourth. I give and bequeath to my daughter Amelia Etcherson the sum of five dollars, which I direct my executors hereinafter named to pay over to her after my death, and she is to have nothing more out of my estate.

Item fifth. I give and bequeath unto my

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daughter Mary Baker. The sum of five dollars in full of all she is to receive from my estate to be paid by my executors hereinafter named. And this is to be all she shall receive.

I am sixth. All the residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, I desire to be equally divided among my children named as follows: Rufus B. Purquason, John B. Purquason, Ambrose Purquason, Alice Purquason, wife of S. J. N. Cook, now Alice Cook, Hattie R. Cook, wife of Alper Cook. If the land can be partitioned among the above named children I desire it to be done. The personal property I desire to be sold and the money equally divided among them.

I am seventh. I desire and require that my son Robt D. Purquason shall clothe, feed and protect my wife for and during her natural life, that she shall live and be supported by him on the home place and out of the proceeds of the rents, issues and profits of the home place, consisting of the five hundred acres given to him in item third of this will. He is to have absolute title, management and control of said land, but out of the rents I enjoin on him the duty of furnishing for his mother, my said wife, a home and comfortable support during her life; and this provision is made expressly in lieu of dower as well as years support.

I am eighth. I desire that my executors hereinafter named shall retain a sufficient sum out of the proceeds of the sale of my personal property to erect a suitable monument over my last resting place, and I strictly enjoin on my son Robt D. Purquason to have a suitable monument erected over the grave of my wife should he survive her.

I am ninth. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint as the executors of my will Dr John D. Cook, Robert D. Purquason, and Rufus B. Purquason. I do not require them to give any bond. Confidently believing that they will faithfully execute this my last will and testament, and will discharge all the duties of executors without giving the bond usually required.

Signed, declared and published by John Purquason his last will and testament in presence of us, the subscribers who subscribe

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our names hereto in the presence of said
testator at his special instance and request
and of each other he signing in our pres-
ence and we signing in his presence and in
the presence of each other This Sept 1890
James H. Jones witness John Purgason
J. S. Shackelford witness
J. M. Warden witness.

Clerks Office, Supreme Court of Georgia
Atlanta, Ga. Sept 5 1894.

I hereby certify that the foregoing pages hereto attached con-
tain true extracts from the transcript of record in
the Case of Robt A Purgason et al. vs. Anna Ethel-
son et al No 2, Cowles Circuit Supreme Court of
Georgia March Term 1893 as appears from said
transcript now of file in this office. Witness my sig-
nature and the Seal of said Court hereto affixed.
(Seal) J. D. Harrison Clerk

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After examining the within petition, caveat and copy
will of John Purgason, decd and it appearing that
the original of said petition, caveat, will & order of
probate are lost, having been destroyed in the burn-
ing of the Court house, it is ordered that the
within be established as copies of said lost
originals. Chas James

J. S. C.
State of Georgia I We have sufficiently adminis-
tered the estate of John Purgason
to enable us safely to acquit to the legacy of Robt
A Purgason and be therefore formally acquit to
and set over to him and place him in pos-
session of all the property bequeathed to him in
the will of John Purgason.

C. A. Benin

Ordinary.

J. D. Cook
Robt Purgason

Recorded October 2nd 1895

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