

Reuben McLeroy's Will

Georgia I Reuben McLeroy of the State of Georgia and County of Jones County being in a reasonable state of health and of sound mind and memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, Do make + ordain this my last will and testament and what worldly goods it hath pleased almighty God to bestow on me + I dispose of them in the following manner, I now give and bequeath unto my son Thomas McLeroy the tract of land whereon I now live being part of lot No: ninety three in the Eighth district Bolton where I surveyed now Jones County including five acres that I bought of Saml. Hamlin.

I will that my wife Christian McLeroy have the loan of my mill + thirty acres of land joining the same during her natural life or widowhood also all my house hold + kitchen furniture also my stock during the time or before mentioned time, at any time decease or if she should marry then my house hold + kitchen furniture, also my stock to be equally divided between my daughters Rebecca McLeroy + Esther McLeroy. I also constitute + appoint my son Thomas McLeroy Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Witness:

J. Lucas

Nathan ^{his} C. bridge

Reuben McLeroy

Georgia In Court of Ordinary then came Littleberry Lucas Jones County & Nathan C. bridge into court who being duly sworn saith that they saw the within Reuben McLeroy sign & execute the above to be his last will and testament, and signed it in his presence + in the presence of each other + at the request of the testator and he was sound in mind at the time.

Swear to + subscribed in

Open Court 13th June 1820.

James Smith C. C. O.

J. Lucas

Nathan ^{his} C. bridge

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Richard Hamlin Seal

Georgia In the name of God Amen, finding myself in body but of a sound mind and memory I do this my last will and testament witness all the land

In the first place I Richard Hamlin sever all and bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors. In the next place I will and bequeath to my son John Hamlin one hundred & one & one fourth Acre of my land of the square No 5 lying in the eleventh district of Baldwin now of one County and granted to myself lying on the west side of the branch and if that lacks quantity as much off the South corner as will make up said quantity. My next desire is that all the rest of my Estate real & personal do belong to my beloved wife Alsey Hamlin during her natural life for her maintenance and support and after both our deaths I will & bequeath to my son John Hamlin my negro fellow Gober, I also will and bequeath to my grand son Richard Hamlin Jr the remainder the remainder of my lot of land No 5 as aforesaid together with a negro boy named Hinlin, I also will & bequeath to my son John Hamlin one negro girl by the name of Bettie. I also will & bequeath to my daughter Betsy Hamlin now Betsy Hedges two dollars to be paid out of my Estate by the Executrix within six monthes after the death of myself and wife, all the rest of my Goods & Chattels, tenements in the house & out of doors to be divided into three parts two parts to belong to my son John & one part to my grandson Richard after paying all my just debts, my wife's wearing clothes excepted they to be at her disposal as she thinks proper. It is also my next desire that my son John Hamlin and Abram Cabanis should act as the Executors of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed & delivered in

the presence of us this 4th day

of July 1817

Richard R. Hamlin Seal
Sam'l W. Langston

James Lockett

Henry B. Cabanis.

County of Orange Court of ordinary adjourn term Jan'y 16th 1820.
Jones County Personally appeared in open Court Sam'l W. Langston & Henry B. Cabanis who being sworn say that they are subscriber int'res of the above will and testament of Richard Hamlin deceased & that they saw him make his mark as his signature to it as such & his seal annexed, and that the said Richard Hamlin was then he executed said will of sound & disposing mind and that these deponents saw James Lockett sign it or

a witness.

Served to witness Court }
J. Smith C.C.O. }

Henry B. Calaniss

Sam'l W. Langston

John Ward's Will.

Know all men by these present, That I John Ward of the State of Georgia Jones County calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory have thought proper this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty to make and ordain this my last will and testament.

1st That my just debts be paid from the sale of my present estate.

2nd I give to my wife Ridley Ward during her natural life or widowhood the third of the tract of land whereon I now live to be laid off in such a manner as to include the dwelling house, barn lot & cotton machine with the privilege of the woodland together with five negroes viz, Sam, Molly, Dick Armstrong and Cynthia, two beds, & bedsteads, and furniture, two fine chests, side board, tables earthen ware and all the kitchen furniture and the sitting chairs, one bay mare and a sorrel horse colt, three herd choice cows and calves & one yoke open one cow and ten sheep fifteen hundred weight of pork for the ensuing year seventy five barrels corn, thirty bushels wheat, three thousand weight of fodder, two plows, with three hoes to each and two pairs of gear complete.

3rd I give to my two sons John and Peatons Ward two thirds of the tract of land whereon I now live and at the death or marriage of their mother I give them the other third to be equally divided between them.

4th I give to my son Anderson Ward one dollar having already given him in land and money seven hundred and seventy five dollars which I consider to be a full share, though should he not be equal on a division of the estate I wish him to be made equal with the rest.

5th The remaining part of my estate to be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months and the money arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided between my children Nancy Cole, Maria Clements, Jacob