

to be my last Will and Testament
In Witness where of I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this the seventeenth day of
June One thousand eight Hundred and Forty

Georgia In the name of God Amen
Macon County } I William Read of said State &
County being of advanced age and
knowing that I must shortly depart this life
deem it right & proper both as respects myself
and my family that I should make a distribu-
tion of the property of which a kind Providence
has blessed me with I therefore make this
my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
and annulling all others heretofore made by
me

Item first I desire and direct that my body be buried
in a decent and Christian like manner suit-
able to my Circumstances and Condition My soul
I trust shall return to rest with God who gave
it & I hope for eternal Salvation through the
blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose re-
ligion I have professed and as I humbly trust
enjoyed for fifteen years

Item second I desire and direct that all my just
debts be paid without delay by my Executors
herein after named as I am unwilling my
Creditors should be delayed of their rights espe-
cially as there is no necessity for delay

Item third I give and devise to my beloved wife Sarah
with whom I have lived in the strictest conjugal
and love for forty one years for and during her
natural life lot of land number one hundred and
in the twenty ninth district Originally in now
Macon County Containing Two Hundred two and
one half acres about one hundred of which is cleared
and in cultivation with all the rights members
and appurtenances to said lot of Land

in any way appertaining or belonging will from
all charge or limitation whatever. In his own
proper use benefit and behoof I also give
and bequeath to my wife in the same reserved
manner one gun & ammunition. One warpon
and yoke of oxen all my stock consisting
of Horses Cattle Hays and Sheep The farming
utensils used and belonging to said farm of
any description whatever

Item fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Lavinia
Colburn wife of Absalom Colburn ten dollars

Item fifth I give and bequeath to my son Hambleton ten dollars

Item sixth I give and bequeath to my daughter Lorena, daughter
the wife of Peter Draper fifty dollars

Item seventh I give and bequeath to my son William C
ten dollars

Item the eighth I give and bequeath to my daughter Letha
Hansen wife of S. J. Hansen ten dollars

Item ninth I give and bequeath to my son John
ten dollars

Item tenth I give and bequeath to my son Walter
ten dollars

Item Eleventh I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha
Sarah Stewart the wife of Thomas Stewart
fifty dollars

Item Twelfth I give and bequeath to my son Sumpter H
Twenty five dollars & one cow & calf

Item Thirteenth I give and bequeath to my daughter
Marion Caroline Sims the wife of Frederick
Sims fifty dollars and one cow and calf

Item Fourteenth I give and bequeath to my minor daughter
Selitha One hundred dollars to be paid her
at the death of my
wife or at her marriage or becoming twenty
years of age

Item fifteenth I give and bequeath to my
minor son Martin all the property of

every description of furniture and household to my wife in the Third Item at her death

Item Sixteenth In case there should be any money on hand at the death of my wife I give and bequeath it all to my minor son Martin & I appoint my trusty and worthy son John A Read and my son in law Frederick Sims Guardian of the person and property of my two minor children viz) Selinda & Martin

Item Seventeenth I constitute and appoint my son John A Read and my son in law Frederick Sims Executors to this my last Will and Testament
this April 3rd 1848

William Read (ES)

Signed sealed declared and published by William Read as his last Will and Testament in the presence of viz the Subscribing who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator and in the of each other April 3 1848

Seaborn J Holston
Burial Finch
W H Thornton
Joseph Mott J.C.

Seaver
Macon County 3 Court of Ordinary May Term 1848

The within last Will and Testament of William Read having been duly proven at this Term of the Court upon the Oaths of the Subscribing Witnesses Ordered that the same be admitted to record
atone Extract from the Minutes W H Corbett Clerk

Georgia
Macon County 3 Clerk's Office Court of Ordinary May 1848
I Certify that the within contains a true Copy of the within last Will and Testament of William Read as appearing file in my office given under my hand and seal this day as clerk of office
W H Corbett Clerk