

In the name of God Amen -
I Am Now lying on the bed of affliction
but of sound mind. knowing there is a time
allotted for all men to die do make this my
last will and Testament.

1st I will my soul to God and my body
to the dust from whence it came.

2nd I will that all of my just debts to be
paid out of the proceeds of the present crop
so much of it as can be spared after having
a plentiful support for the ensuing year
for my family and the notes and accounts
due from others should then not be
sufficient so much of the ensuing crop
as will satisfy the whole the residue of any
to come to my Estate.

3rd I will that my plantation Negroes
& stock farming tools and all other
implements thereto belonging should
be kept together My Wife Sarah Elizabeth
Reed to occupy my house & supervise
the farm on the Cultivation of the same
under the direction and advice of my heirs
after mentioned Executors & further I will
that my dear little children shall be kept
together by my Wife Sarah Elizabeth raised
cloathed and educated out of the proceeds
of the Annual Crop made on said farm
thus to prosper from year to year until
the eldest child marries or becomes of age
then she to wit my daughter Martha Ann
Reed is to have as much of the property
out of my estate as the judgment of my
Executors may think can be spared to
her the next eldest child to be treated
as the first when it becomes of age
or marries the residue of my

48 Children to be treated as the two first when they become of age or marry until the youngest arrives at the age of twenty one year then the residue of my property is to be Equally divided between the whole of my Children having an equitable share for my youngest child with the first Children -

4th I Will That my beloved Wife Sarah Elizabeth Rivers to have an equal share of my property with my Children at the time of the division but in case she should marry then the whole of property is to be thrown together & she draw from it a child's part & the residue to be managed by my hereinafter mentioned Executors

5th My Wife Sarah Elizabeth Rivers is authorized by me to buy or sell any and every article that may or can be spared off of said farm or wanting to keep up said farm so long as she remains my Widow under the advice of my Executors & further she is authorized to employ an Counselor & attorney with the same under the advice of the aforesaid Executors -

6 I do hereby appoint Thomas Barnes and Abner Rivers my legal Executors Given under my hand and seal this 31st day October Eighteen hundred and forty (1844)

In presence of

Witnesses

Asa Rivers

R. J. Rayland

John B. Fuller

Asa Rivers

Georgia
Meriwether County
Court of Ordinary
May Term 1845
The Last Will and

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Testament of Asa Reeves having been
proven at this regular Term in open Court
upon the oaths of William D. Lindsey, R. S.
Rayland and John B. Fuller.
Ordain that the same be admitted to record

Recorded 4th May 1841.

Geo M. Adams
Clerk

Georgia
Meriwether Co. 3 I in the name of God Amen
I Zachariah Butts being of sound and
disposing mind do make and Ordain
this my last will and Testament to wit.
Item first. That my Burial and funeral
expenses be paid. Item second That all
my just debts be paid. Item Third. That my
two eldest daughters or heirs to wit Sarah
McClendon and Frances Fuller receive
from my estate the sum of Four dollars
each. Item Fourth. That my beloved
wife Mary and my five Youngest Children
to wit Martha, Elizabeth, David Ross, James
Madison, Mary Amanda and Caroline
Annica inherit equally all the balance
of my estate both personal and real
Signed and sealed in presence of -
February 5th 1841. - Butts ZB
Jesse Robt. Hamilton
James Witcher Sur.
Joseph M. Anthony

Supplement

N.B. Item Fifth

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That my Brother in
law David C. Ross execute the