

Georgia Taliaferro County.

In the Name of God Amen! I James Reid being of sound disposing mind and memory and knowing that life is uncertain and that all must die and being desirous to appoint the manner of the distribution of my property among my children I ordain and establish the following to be my last will and testament revoking all other previously made

- 1st I Commend my soul and body to my Creator who gave them existence
- 2nd I desire my just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible
- 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Amanda during her natural life and no longer, and for her sole and separate use my negro boy Spencer and my negro girl Manilva - at her death to go to her Children or Children if she should die leaving any living - but if she should die leaving no child or children living then I desire said negroes and their increase to be equally divided share and share alike between the following of my children, to wit, Ann Skeew, Martha J. Burch, Sarah W. Cotton, Mary Simonson, Susan Williams, James R. M. Reid, John I. Reid and William J. Reid and should either of my said Children be dead then that ones share to go to his or her Children or Children - 4th Fourth - the balance of my estate I desire to go to my son John I. Reid - to be held and managed by him for the sole and separate use of my beloved wife Rebecca for and during her natural life, to be fully accounted for by him at her death, and distributed as follows - to wit, twelve hundred and fifty five dollars to be paid to my daughter Amanda in the same manner and with the same restrictions & limitations as the bequest to her of the boy & girl Spencer & Manilva - the balance to be equally divided between my said Children (share & share alike), to wit, Ann Skeew, Martha Burch, Sarah W. Cotton, Mary Simonson, Susan Williams, James R. M. Reid, John I. Reid, William J. Reid and Amanda Reid, the said Amanda's share being bequeathed to her in the same manner and with the same limitations & restrictions as the said bequest herein before mentioned of the said negro boy & girl Spencer & Manilva - 5th As the Children of my beloved deceased daughter Elizabeth Beck are all well provided for in this world I bequeath them nothing of my property 6th - The property bequeathed to my daughter Amanda I desire to be managed by my son John I. for her, to the best advantage & for her comfort and happiness. 7th - I appoint & constitute my son John I. Reid my executor

(257) The 17th Decr. 1855 - interlined before signing the word "at her death"
Test James Read *LR*

John W. T. Jones
James L. Sharp
Benjamin Jones

Georgia Taliaferro County. - Court of
Ordinary for said County November Term 1856. present Quinea Cheal Ordinary

The last will and Testament of James Read dec^d was
propounded (by John T. Reid executor in and by said will nominated) for
probate in open Court, and proven by the written affidavits of the
subscribing witnesses to the same, to wit,

We, John W. T. Jones, James L. Sharp & Benjamin Jones do solemnly
swear, that we saw James Read, seal publish, and declare this
writing to be and contain his last will and testament, that at the time
thereof, he was of sound disposing mind and memory, - and that he
did it freely without Compulsion and that we subscribed the same in
presence of the testator, and in presence of each other, at his request
to the best of our knowledge - so help us God. - sworn and subscribed
in open Court This Nov^r 3rd 1856.

attest

Quinea Cheal Ordinary

Ordered that the will and probate be recorded Nov^r 3rd 1856.

Quinea Cheal Ordinary

Recorded This November 3rd 1856.

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