

Last Will and Testament of Thomas Reynolds

In the name of God Amen.

I Thomas Reynolds of the State of Georgia and County of Burke County, being weak and feeble in health and body, but of perfect mind and disposing memory and taking into consideration the certainty of death and wishing to dispose of what worldly goods and estate it hath pleased a kind Providence to bless me with in this life. I give and bequeath, the same as follows, and my will and desire is—

- 1st That my body be decently buried in the County of Columbia near to the grave of my Father.
- 2nd My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid by my executors as soon after my decease as they conveniently can.
- 3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved brother Reuben T. Reynolds my Mills in Burke County on Brushy Creek, and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging together with all the land that is attached to said Mills and together with all the privileges thereunto belonging. I also give and bequeath to him two hundred and twenty acres of Oak and Hickory land situate lying and being in said County of Burke adjoining said Mill tract known by the name of the Rutledge tract—also three hundred acres of pine land in Jefferson County, on Brushy Creek purchased from the heirs of Samuel Slater deceased—also one hundred acres of pine land adjoining the heirs of David Brown, decd. and Robert Allen—also T. Callard & others—lying in Burke and Jefferson Counties. I also give and bequeath unto my said brother Reuben T. Reynolds the following negroes to wit: Neal and his wife Rachael—Phil and his wife Enap and a child named Margaret—also Mack & his wife Margaret. Though about twenty years old—also my old cook woman Nancy—being given by bequeath unto him two yoke of Oxen belonging to the Mills and the Carry log.

- 4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved brother Walter Reynolds the tract of land in the County of Burke known as my place of residence, containing about thirty hundred and thirty seven acres, adjoining lands of Smith Robinson, Pittman and others—also the tract of land in Lee County, Ga.

and the money so collected to be equally divided between my executors as their own.

14th. My will and desire is that all my unwilld property to be sold for cash or credit, as my Executors may deem best and out of the proceeds thereof that they pay off the monied debts specified in this will, and that the balance of said money be equally divided between my Executors as their own - yet if the monied legacies can be sooner paid out of my judgments & c. I do, it is my will it be done.

15th. I constitute and appoint my said brothers Walter Reynolds (and) Reuben S. Reynolds my Executors to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others.

Signed, sealed, published and declared in our presence by the testator to be his last will & Testament - & witnessed by us in his presence and in the presence of each other - this 26th day of June 1829.

Thomas Reynolds

Jesse Lettis
Edmund Tucker
Joseph E. Biggs
James Higginbotham

Georgia Warren County

Jesse Lettis, Joseph E. Biggs and James Higginbotham

You swear that you saw Thomas Reynolds sign, seal, publish and declare this writing to be & contain his last will & Testament, that at the time thereof he was of sound disposing mind and memory and that he did it freely without compulsion to the best of your knowledge. So help you God. September 7th 1829.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court.

Recorded 13th Nov 1829.
Zeph. Franklins Clerk

elects - 1826. I also give and bequeath unto my dear brother
Nathan the following negroes to wit: 1. Fanny, 2. Mary and her child.
Fanny also Hannah & her two children Charlotte & Betty, also
John and Adam.

5th. I give and bequeath to my two aforesaid brother Reuben W.
Reynolds and Walker Reynolds jointly the following negroes to
wit: Peter & his wife Lucy and three of the youngest children
to wit: Susan, Grace & Mary and also - yet notwithstanding the
said six last mentioned negroes, mentioned in this section to
be held in trust by the said two brothers for the use of my
beloved brother John Reynolds, out upon these special con-
ditions that if the said John Reynolds shall attempt to break
the instrument made by him some months ago conveying his
constitutive share of our Father's estate in trust for himself to
Reuben W. Reynolds and Walker Reynolds, or shall attempt
to break this will, then the negroes conveyed in this section in
trust for his use to be equally divided between the said
Reuben W. Reynolds and Walker Reynolds and held as
their corp, free from any use or trust for the said John Rey-
nolds, whatever - & if he die before my Exrs then said negroes
to be theirs.

6th. I give and bequeath unto Esther Ann Mahony, Henry a ne-
gro woman about twenty years old and her increase - also Betty
a negro girl 10 or 12 years old.

7th. I give and bequeath to (Edmund) Stone - Bill a negro boy
about nine years old - also cousins a negro girl about 8 or 10 years
old.

8th. I give and bequeath to Margaret Stone a negro girl named Barbara
about nine years old.

9th. I give and bequeath to my dear Cousin Mary Stone, two negro boys.
Emilio sixteen & Sebastian years old and Susan about ten years
old. I give and bequeath unto my said Cousin Mary Stone five
hundred dollars in Cash.

10th. I give and bequeath to my beloved friend William Stone five
hundred dollars in Cash.

11th. I give and bequeath unto Isaac and John Stone one negro boy
named John about 18 years old.

12th. I give and bequeath to an old negro woman belong to
my brother Walker named Amy, the sum of forty dollars
to be paid by my exors.

13th. My will and desire is that my personal notes, to pay and
redemption be collected without delay and also my accounts