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I Cyrus Reed of the County of Calaveras and State of Northern California being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament in manuscript and form following that is to say First that my executor hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts hereafter and to whomever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of the assets of my estate.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Dicks fifty dollars worth of property which she has received I will that Nancy get thirty dollars more which will make eighty dollars.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my son Nicholas Reed eighty dollars worth of property which he has received.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy Stearns thirty dollars worth of property which she has received I will that Peggy get fifty dollars more which will make eighty dollars.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Reed eighty dollars her proportionable part I also give and bequeath to my daughter the Hannah Stearns services to me rendered the following property (viz) one of my negroes her choice of her children one bed and furniture and all of the bed clothing that she may want my horse & harness and her choice of my stock of horses and her saddle and saddle all this besides an equal portion of the rest of my property with my other children.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my son James Reed thirty dollars worth of property which he has received.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Reed thirty dollars worth of property which she has received I will that Mary get fifty dollars more which will make eighty dollars.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my son Cyrus Reed eighty dollars his proportionable part.

Item 9th My will and desire is that my three daughters have three which of my children she will live with and my will and desire is that whichever one of my children she chooses to live with have two negroes chosen and what said negroes say they shall be for the maintenance of said daughter her lifetime shall be one and above an equal portion of the rest of my children.

Item 10th My will and desire is that my negroes all within the exception of David be valued and equally divided of estimation among all of my children.

Item 11th My will and desire is that my land & all my possible property after taking out the debts and legacies above mentioned

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shall be sold and the debt owing to me collected and if there should be any surplus over and above the payment of debts and expenses and legacies that said surplus shall be equally divided between all of my children to have and share alike and my son James children representing their father and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Isaac B. Wyckoff my lawfull executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments of me heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Cyrus Reed do hereunto set my hand and seal the 23^d day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Cyrus Reed published & declared
to the said Cyrus Reed to be his last
will and Testament in the presence
of us who at his request and in
his presence do subscribe our
Names as witness thereto
Williamson P. J. Howland
J. S. Caldwell

Cyrus Reed (Seal)