

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Reese being weak in body
but of perfect sound mind memory & fully aware & willing to mind the
mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men to die have
made & appointed this my last will & testament hereby revoking
& making null & void all other wills heretofore made & done in
any wise or manner. & first I recommend my soul to God that gave
it, & next I recommend my body to the earth to be buried in a
Christian & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors.
& next I will that all my lawfull debts be paid. & next I will
& appoint that any one or both of my Executors herein men-
tioned do sell a certain tract of land of near two hundred
acres by Estimation lying in the State of S. Carolina made
over to me to sell & dispose of by a power of Attorney by the
Legallus of William Reese Decd? & I also will & appoint That
another piece parcel or tract of Land lying in Cheselburg
County on the waters of Cheresh of about eighty acres be
sold also, & the monies arising therefrom to pay for the land
I live on, & if the money arising from the sale of said land be
not sufficient to pay the debt & costs due on this said land nor
yet the estate of my former husband William Reese Decd.
after his debts is paid & my share of his estate taken out, I
then will & appoint that the remainder due on said lands
shall be paid out of my own moveable estate & more profits
& further I do will & appoint & empower my said Executors
herein mentioned to sell the above mentioned two tracts or
parcels of Land & in my name & tried to sign make over & deliver
to the purchasers of the same a good & sufficient deed of
conveyance for said lands & to do all things concerning the
same in every way & manner as I could or would do were
I personally present to do the same, I also will & appoint that
the said persons know him & the tract of Land joining this
same & another land & a mile east on the creek thirty acres
be equally divided in quantity & value by men by them ch-
osen for that purpose which land I appoint to be divided as follows
To wit amongst my three sons Allen Reese, William Reese, &
Joseph Reese, and as to my moveable estate which with
me I have proposed I will & bequeath it in the following

[illegible]

Now I also will I give to North & Mary Reed my big kettle
for them use & let them live together & also give unto my grand-
son James Evans & twenty pence & a set of my black to be made
him when of age I also will I appoint that the remainder
of the money arising out of the sales of my moveable estate
I reserve after they children is paid & the debt due on the land as
above said be given to be divided equally between my three
youngest children North Mary & Joseph Reed also I give unto
North & Mary a cloak a piece to each one out of my best cloth
at the will & I give to William Reed a black broad cloth coat
out of the best piece & a big coat out of the other piece, I also
give unto North my Calico & striped gown & I give her the
gown with copperas stripes, & I give North my white cord
petticoat & a black petticoat, I give unto Mary my blue
calico petticoat & a striped petticoat & a dark cotton gown
& my lappet & a black gown & give to William Reed my blue
cotton gown & give my striped bedgown to North & my Calico bed
gown to Mary & the remainder of my clothing to be divided
between them, I also will unto John Reed two children
Mary & Margaret Reed as much money to each as will pay
for two years schooling for each, I give unto my son Joseph
Reed the remainder of the thick cloth above mentioned

Witness
Wm Wilson
William Brown
James Wilson

Mary Reed 

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Rodden of the
County of Mecklenburg & State of N Carolina being of sound mind
& memory, but in a dangerous state of health do make & to draw
this to be my last will & testament & in the first place it is
my desire that all my just & lawful debts be paid and
secondly it is my wish & desire that my wife Elizabeth and my
children Wm, Billy, Tommy, James, Benjamin, George
Sally remain on the plantation on which I now reside re-
taining the whole of the present stock & farming utensils
& what ever else they may acquire by their joint industry
I do hereby appoint my estate then to require as