

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

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I, A. Z. Reeder, being of sound mind and memory and having a desire to dispose of the property it has pleased God to bless me with I now make this my last will and testament.

ITEM 1st. It is my will and desire that after I am dead that my body be decently buried.

ITEM 2nd. It is my will and desire that all of my just debts be paid.

ITEM 3rd. It is my will and desire and I give and bequeath unto my sons Thomas Milton Reeder two negro boys twin brothers names William and Jack, but he is and must account in a final settlement of my estate for the true value so that he may share and share alike with all the balance of my children. Also I desire that my long shot gun and my white handle razor be carefully reserved and kept in safety and given to him so soon as he may be capable of handling and taking care of them these two last named articles I desire that he does not account for them in a final settlement of my estate that he receives them extra of a share.

ITEM 4th. It is my will and desire that all my negroes remain unsold with my wife and children for the support and education of my children that is during the widowhood of my wife if she marry again then I desire that all the negroes be sold or divided equally with my wife and all my children. It is further my desire and wish that my children all be schooled agreeable to the means I may leave on hand.

ITEM 5th. It is my will and desire that if any of my daughters should marry then I wish a true valuation of my estate that may be on hand and pay to that daughter in property her distributive share or thereabout.

ITEM 6th. It is my will and desire if any of my negroes become unmanageable or ungovernable in any way that such negro or negroes be immediately sold privately or publicly as my Executors as will here-

after be appointed may deem best any funds that may arrive from such sales I desire that it be put to interest as other property purchased for the benefit of my children whichever may be deemed best by Executors

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ITEM 7th. It is my will and desire that all of my stock hogs, horse cattle sheep and all remain with my wife and children for their use and support or so much as they may desire.

ITEM 8th. It is my will and desire that all my household and kitchen furniture stock of provisions corn and fodder and all farming utensils remain unsold or so much as may be desired by my family.

ITEM 9th. It is my will and desire that all of my real estate be sold on one or two years credit with interest from date. I desire that the funds arising from such sale that all of my just debts be paid out first, the balance of such funds I wish to be applied to the purchasing of another piece of land that will be more convenient to the friends and relations of my wife and children in case my wife and children should desire to remain on the home tract I desire that a part of the land be sold says a shot line from a blackjack corner near to Jackson's field to the fork of the branches on mill path to the outside line all the land on the Northwest of that line including the Benner Hide tract I desire sold for the payment of my debts provided my wife and children wish to remain on the home place. In case they do not all to be sold and applied as first stated. My Executors will have an eye to the times not favor sales in time of pressure if can be avoided.

ITEM 10th. It is my will and desire that provided the death of my wife or marriage as before stated should take place before my children should become of age I desire that all of my property both personal and real be sold and put to interest, and paid to my children as they should become of age or marry and so paid out that they all may share and share alike.

ITEM 11th. It is my will and desire that the negro boy Harrison and girl Polly that is joint property with myself and my brother S. C. Reader be sold and if any debts remain against the firm of A. P. & S. C. Reader for the debts to be satisfied and the remaining portion to be equally divided between him and my relations. Also all

the concern is due in favor of A. P. & S. C. Reeder if no demands should be against the firm my Executors are authorized to divide the two negroes above named if can be done agreeable if not to be sold.

ITEM 11th. It is my desire if any difficulty should take place in property heretofore set apart for the payment of my debts my Executors are authorized to make such selection of other property as they may think best to satisfy the same.

ITEM 12th. It is my wish and desire that my Executors do not make any joint sale of my land that may cause a sacrifice of the same if too great a loss should be likely to take place they are authorized if they should think best to raise the amount that may be necessary out of other property to satisfy all debts that may be against me.

ITEM 13th. It is my wish and desire that one half acre of land be reserved and not sold including the family burial ground.

ITEM 14th. It is my will and desire that if one or both of the negro boys I have set apart for my son Thomas Milton Reeder should die or become valueless that he made equal with the balance of my children or his loss be made up out of the other portion of my estate so that all may share and share alike.

ITEM 15th. I now constitute and appoint my friend Samuel Knox and Morgan Harbin my only Executors and fully authorize them to transact and wind up the affairs of my estate as I have directed the same as if I were alive to transact.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this January 11th day 1856.

BALUS HIX.
J. H. MARET.
JNO. H. MAXWELL.

A. P. REEDER. (SEAL)

SOUTH CAROLINA.
PICKENS DISTRICT.

PERSONALLY appeared J. H. Maret and made oath in due form of law that he saw A. P. Reeder late of Pickens District, deceased, sign seal and publish the foregoing to be his last will and testament and that Balus Hix and Jno. H. Maxwell and himself did sign their names as witnesses in the presence of each other and the testator thereto.