

Richland District - I John A Reese of the District of Richland and the State aforesaid of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and declare the following to be my last will and testament: I give and devise to my wife Mary Reese for ~~the term of her life only my plantation and my present place~~ of residence with all my household and kitchen furniture and all my stock of horses, mules, cattle, hogs, waggons and carriages of every description, my crop of provisions and all my plantation and household utensils of every description: And I give and devise to my wife aforesaid for the term of her life as aforesaid one sixth part of all my slaves: And it is my will and desire in the division of my slaves aforesaid that my wife shall recieve as part of her sixth aforesaid the following slaves, to wit, Sam, Cato, Matilda, Sally and her children Henry, Adeline, Bram, Eliza, Albert, McDuffie and Celia and the remaining part of the sixth aforesaid it is my will and desire shall be taken in average slaves from my slaves generally: The above property both real and personal is given to my wife aforesaid in lieu and bar of dower: And it is my will and desire that the estate aforesaid both real and personal to my wife aforesaid for the term of her life only, shall after her death be equally divided among such of my children hereinafter mentioned as may then be living, subject nevertheless, to such condition, trusts and limitations as are hereinafter expressed:

I give and devise to my daughter Mary Howell Reese to her and her heirs forever one sixth part of all my estate both real and personal, and in the division of my slaves it is my will and desire that the said Mary Howell Reese shall have allotted to her as part of her sixth of my slaves, the following slaves, to wit, Hull, Venus, Nick, Fanny and Isabella I give and devise to my daughter Martha H Reese to her and her heirs forever, one sixth part of all my estate both real

my slaves that the said Martha S. Reese shall have the following slaves allotted to her as part of her sixth of my slaves, to wit, Lawrence, Hester, Preston, Isom and Ellen : I give and devise to my daughter Mrs Gracy E Brown for the term of her life only and in no wise to be subject to the debts or contracts of her present or any future husband one sixth part of all my estate both real and personal, and after her death it is my will and desire that the legacy or devise to the said Gracy E Brown shall be equally divided among the issue, child or children then living of the said Gracy E Brown: But if the said Gracy E Brown shall die without leaving such child or children living at the time of her death, then it is my will and desire that her part of my estate as aforesaid shall be equally divided after her death among such of my children as may then be living, subject to such trusts and limitations as may be hereinafter expressed : I give and devise to my son Joseph E Reese to him and his heirs forever one sixth part of all my estate both real and personal : I give and devise to my son the aforesaid Joseph E Reese, his executors Administrators and assigns ^{other} one/sixth part of all my estate both real and personal, in Trust Nevertheless and on condition that the said Joseph E Reese shall use and appropriate all the rents and profits arising therefrom for the sole and exclusive use and benefit and support of my son Arthur H Reese for and during the term of his natural life : And Provided that if the said Arthur H Reese shall die leaving a child or children living at the time of his death lawfully begotten, then and in that event that the said Joseph E Reese shall execute the said trust estate to the child or children as aforesaid of the said Arthur H Reese to be equally divided among them: And Provided that if the said Arthur H Reese shall die without leaving such child or children as aforesaid then and in that event that the said Joseph E Reese shall execute the said trust estate to such of my children aforesaid as may be

then living, to be equally divided among them : I give and devise to my grand daughter Emma G Reese daughter of my son the aforesaid Joseph E Reese my negro girl Julia, to her and her heirs forever ; It is my will and desire in the division of my estate both real and personal, that such of my children as have been heretofore advanced by me, shall account for the same in the general distribution : And I do hereby revoke and cancel all former wills by me made, and do nominate constitute and appoint my son the aforesaid Joseph E Reese, my son in law John M Brown and my friend Mr Andrew P Vinson Executors of this my last will and testament : In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty three

Signed Sealed & published in John A. Reese

our presence and in the presence

of the Testator as & for his last will & Testament --

Jno. Marshall

South Carolina

T R Horrell

Richland District --

H Edmunds

Personally appeared Thomas R Horrell and made oath that he saw John A Reese sign seal publish pronounce and declare the within Instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and that he with John Marshall and Howell Edmunds at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof -- and that the Testator was then of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding according to the best of this Deponents knowledge & belief

T R Horrell

Sworn to before me 11 March

1844,

James S Guignard, Ord.

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Joseph E Reese qualified