

In the name of God Amen this Seventh day of April One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, I James Read Sen of the County of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, being weak in body, though perfectly sound in mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God therefore, calling into mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, do make this once to be my last will and testament. To wit: Principally and first of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors and as touching my worldly estate of which I do possess, I wish them disposed of in the following manner To wit: Item 1st I will and bequeath to my sons James and John the land I purchased of Leonard Wheat to be equally divided between them, James to have the upper part and John the lower part, each of them is to give their sister Isabella McCormick One hundred dollars in cash apiece, also my son William is to pay her One hundred dollars Item 2^d I will and bequeath all my negroes with their future increase to my six children as follows viz William, James, John, Jane, Isabella and Polly to be equally divided between them and not to have them sold out of the families above named, and also my negro woman and her two youngest children are not to be separated until her children are seven or eight years old and she to have the privilege of choosing her own home amongst any of my last named six children.

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first written

Signed and acknowledged in presence of us and each other

James Read *(Signature)*

Stephanie Wright, William S Rose
Elijah Adams

Original Noted to Lewis Jones January 20 1834

Most houses in the City of Louisville on the third day of December One thousand eight hundred and thirty two. The within and foregoing instrument of writing was produced in Court and proved by the oath of Zephaniah Wright and William S. Rose subscribers witnesses thereto and the copy the same was established to be the last will and testament of the said James Read and ordered to be recorded and is recorded.
And on the motion of William Read and James Read Executors named in said will who made oath according to law, execution of said will is granted them, Whereupon they together with Joseph A. Fursey and Hephiah Hounds their securities gave bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollar conditioned according to law.

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In the name of God

I Richard Jones Waters of Jefferson County of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament Viz. I will that a fair and equitable settlement be made with my friends Thomas Nicholas accounting to him for the sales of between 30 and 40 barrels of good flour, four or five damaged ones, also a barrel and keg of whiskey, also sundry dried peaches and apples sold for him in his life, also for the sales of his share of a small cargo of