

On ^{by} ~~John~~ ^{John} Hamilton Esq.
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Geo. Grundy
Andrew Blackburn
Dudley Rountree

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A Court held for Bedford County April 26th 1773

This Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of Thomas

Hamilton as Produced in Court by John Hamilton the Ex^{or} therein

Named & Ordered to be Recorded in

Teste

Ro. Alexander D. C.C.

Reads } In the name of God Amen
Wise } John Read of
Bedford County Planter do make my Last Will and Testament
in manner following, In the first place, I Resign and

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Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my
Body to the Earth Trusting and hoping in the Infinite mercies of
God for a Resurrection to eternal life through the Merits and Mediation
of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As to my Worldly
Estate which it has pleased God to Bless me with I Will as follows.

I leave all my movable personal Estate together with the plantation
where I live to my Wife to Remain in her full possession and
Prerogative during her Natural Life. I give and Bequeath
unto my three Sons viz William Jonadab and Daniel all my
Real Estate, to wit, the Land where I live on Both Sides of Halling
River including where my Son William lives and the Land on the
South Bank of ~~Halling~~ ^{Halling} River including my Mill to be Equally
Divided amongst them either by Division or agreement and here it
is to be Understood that at my Decese the Mill and the Mill
Land is Immediately the Property of my three Sons aforesaid and

that my Son William Remain in Quiet Possession where he
lives in my Wifes life Time. I give and Bequeath unto my
Daughter Elizabeth Simmons and my Son Thomas Reads
Children to wit Abraham Maria and Isaac my whole
movable personal Estate to be Equally Divided Between them
four. I appoint my two Sons Jonadab and Daniel my
Executors in Witnesses whereof I have to this my Last Will and
Testament Signed here and Seal this 3^d Day of June 1767.

John Read

Eds

Signed Sealed and published by John Read as and for his Last
Will and Testament in our presence who in the presence of the
Said John Read Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

Richard Slith

Lucy Slith

John Patrick

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I have and Bequeath unto my
Daughter Elizabeth Simmons and my Son Thomas Reads
Schilders Land Abraham Manna and I gave my whole
movable personal Estate to be Equally Divided Between them
four. I appoint my two Sons Jonadab and Daniel my
Executors in Witness whereof I have to this my Last Will and
Testament Set my hand and Seal this 3^d Day of June 1767.

John Read

Eds

Signed Sealed and Published by John Read as and for his Last
Will and Testament in our presence who in the presence of the
Said John Read Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

Richard Slith

Lucy Slith

John Patrick

Harry Terrill

Attn

Walloaheld for Bedford County May 21th 1773.

The within last Will and Testament of John Read deceased was Proved by the Oaths of Richard Stith and Harry Terrill Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of Jonadab Read one of the Executors therein Named who made Oath thereto Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due Form giving Security: whereupon he together with Harry Terrill and Richard Stith his Securities Entered into and Acknowledged their Bond in the Penalty of One Thousand pounds for the Said Executors due and faithful Administration of the Said Decedents Estate and performance of his Will Liberty being Reserved the other Executor therein Named to Join in the Probate thereof when he shall think fit.

Teste

Robert Alexander D.C.C.