

This Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of Minter per Pardice
deceased was returned to Court & Ordered to be recorded

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Reads In the Name of God Amen I William Read of the County of Bedford being
Will } in perfect mind & memory but calling the Mortality of Man do make
this my last Testament to wit
Item I lend to my beloved wife Johanna Read of Virgiana the wright & profits
arising from my Landed Estate together with the one half of my Stocks all my
household furniture & Plantation utensils of the different Kinds to have & Enjoy
the same for and during her natural Life at the Expiration of which it is
my will that all my Landed household furniture Stocks of different Kinds
& Plantation utensils shall be sold & the money arising from such shall be
equally divided Betwixt my Children to wit Samuel Read John Thomas
Wyatt Read Edmund Read to them & their heirs forever I also lend to my
beloved wife Johanna Read fourteen Negroes to wit Peter Jacob Bess Mose
Judith Phoeby Prudence Lucy Nick William Sophrona Senkey
James & Isaac to be remain in her possession untill my two youngest
Children John Thomas Wyatt Read Edmund Read attains the age of
twenty

twenty-one years when it is my will that they be equally divided between her & my two Sons John Thomas Wyatt Read & Edmund Read if it is also my will that when it shall please the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to take my beloved wife from this life that my Negroes be equally divided between my two Youngest Sons to wit John Thomas Wyatt Read & Edmund Read to them & their heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my son James Read ten Shillings he being already provided for

Item I give & bequeath to Daughter Elisabeth Miller ten Shillings she being already provided for

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Anderson twenty five pounds to her & her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Rucker ten Shillings she being already provided for

Item I give & bequeath to my son Samuel Read four Negroes to wit Francis James Aaron & Silvey and their Increase together with one feather Bed and furniture to him & his heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sally Rucker ten Shillings she being already provided for

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jockey Rucker ten Shillings she being already provided for

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Johanna Read three Negroes to wit Delph Martin & Leaver together with a feather Bed & furniture one Riding Horse & their Increase to her & her heirs forever, and lastly

I recommend my Soul to him who gave it & my body to be Buried at
the direction of my Executors & Executors it is my Will that my beloved
wife Johanna Read be appointed my Executor & my son Samuel Read
& James Becher my Executors to this my last Will & Testament In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this
twenty third day of March one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven
Further more averse that there shall be no Inventory taken of my
Estate.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us
Teste
Paris Sayre Rebecca Sayre
Nancy Sayre

William Read

At a Court held for Beaufort County the 24th day of September 1798
This Last Will & Testament of William Read deceased was proved by the
Oath of Paris Sayre Rebecca Sayre & Nancy Sayre witnesses whose names
are thereunto subscribed & ordered to be recorded And on the motion of
Samuel Read one of the Executors therein named who made Oath that he
Certificate is granted him for Obtaining probate thereof in due form
on giving Security to wit on he together with Thomas Logwood James
Miller William Miller & James Duaries his Securities entered into
& acknowledge their bond in the penalty of ten thousand Dollars
condition for the said Executor due & faithful Administration
of the said Decedent's Estate & performance of his Will Liberty
being reserved to James Becher the other Executor & Johanna Read

35^A Heretofore therein named to join in the probate when they shall think
fit.

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Payne, I John Payne of Bedford County do hereby make & declare this my last
Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Payne all the use & profit
of my whole Estate both Real & Personal during her Natural life or Widow-
hood and at her death or should she marry then give my Estate away
in manner & form as follows that is to say

I give & bequeath to my Son William Payne one hundred and fifty
acres of Land adjoining the Lands of John Kenneth James
Kersey & William McCoy where he now lives to him & his heirs forever
it is also my desire that my said Son shall make a new line between
him & John Kenneth by turning a line from Dices Corner straight
towards the old line between the road between my Son William & John
Kenneth I also give to my said Son William Payne a set of Old black
smiths tools which he has now in his Possession & also at the death of my
wife Mary Payne I give to my said Son William one Negro Man