

In the Name of God Amen I Clement Read of the County of
Charlotte being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to
God for the same do Dispose of my Estate of which it has pleased him to bless me
with in manner following first I recommend my Soul to the Almighty who gave
it me, In presence I give and bequeath all that part of my Fathers Estate
that shall fall to me or my heirs to be equally Divided
Between my Loving Brothers and Sister and my own Children but if any of my
Brothers or Sister should be more than Equally provided for by my Mother than the
rest of the Children then my Desire is that such Child or Children, receive no more
of that part of my Estate which shall fall to me or my heirs nor in possession of my mother
than to make it equal to the rest of my Brothers & Sisters, Exclusion of such part
of that Estate as I have already made Sale and Disposed of for my own benefit, Item
my will and Desire is that all my Estate of what Nature soever be kept Together as
long as my Eldest son shall come of age for the Support of my wife and Children
then his part to be allotted of, at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named

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my will and Desire is that all my Estate of what Nature soever be kept Together as
long as my Eldest son shall come of age for the Support of my wife and Children
then his part to be allotted off, at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named
and then the Remainder of my Estate to be kept Together until the next Child shall
come of age for the same purpose and so on until they shall all come of age.

Equally Divided amongst them by my ^{said} Executors to them their heirs and assigns forever
but my will and Desire is that should my Dear wife survive the Youngest of my
Children coming of age that in that case the said Child should remain in my wife's
Possession and be to her use so long as she shall live and after her Death that then
the said Estate go to my Youngest Child to him his heirs and assigns forever.
Item I give and Devise all my Lands of what Nature soever to my Brother
Thomas Read and his assigns for the use and purposes aforesaid. And lastly I do
Constitute and appoint my loving wife and Brother Thomas Read sole Executors
of this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore
made. Testimony Here and This only to be my Last will & Testament In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighth day of September one thousand
seven hundred & twenty. Witnessed before Signed

Read L. L.

James L. L. I acknowledge to the said Testament Read to be his Last will &
testament and I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighth day of September one thousand
seven hundred & twenty. Elizabeth L. L. Read

County

At Court held for Charlotte the fourth day of January 1777.

The within written Last will & Testament of Clement Read Junr. Gentlemen Deceased
was Exhibited in Court and proved by the Oath of Black Courtnay a Justice of the
Peace, and at a Court held for the said County, the fourth day of February the same
was further proved by the Oath of William Harrison, and at another Court held for
the said County the fourth day of March following the same was Exhibited in Court
by Mary Read and Thomas Read the Executors and Executor here named and the same
was further proved by the oath of Elizabeth News, and Ordered to be Recorded and on
the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted
them for obtaining a Probate of the said Will in due form they giving security,
whereupon they Together with Paul Harrington, Isaac Read & Edmund Read their
Security entered into and acknowledged their bond according to Law for that purpose.

Truly Recorded

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Tho. Read &

Thomas Read & Co.