

In the Name of God Amen, I, Mary Read the
 Elder of the parish of Cornhill County of Charlotte, being in perfect health,
 of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, do
 make and Ordain this ^{my} last Will & Testament; first I recommend my soul
 to God, and my body to be buried in a Christian and decent manner by my
 Executors. As to my worldly estate, which providence has blessed me with,
 I give and dispose of in the manner following, that is to say, first I give and
 bequeath unto my loving Daughter Anne Jameson my Chest of drawers, I
 also give to her the said Anne my Negro Woman Pitha, to her & her heirs forever
 but the Apparel of the said Pitha I give to be equally divided among the Children
 of the said Anne Jameson, at the death of their mother to them and their heirs
 and assigns forever. I give to my Grand Daughter Mary Jameson a
 Negro Girl named Betty, daughter of Betty Galt to her & her heirs forever.
 I give to my Great Grand Daughter Mary Read Cameron the daughter of Anne
 Owen Cameron a negro Girl named Lige, the Child of Catenate, to her & her
 heirs forever. I give to my Son Jonathan Read my desk & Book Case with
 my Libary of Books to him & his heirs forever. I give to my son Thomas Read

Heirs forever - I give to my Son Jonathan Read my desk & Book - Case with
my Libra of Books to him & his Heirs forever - I give to my son Thomas Read
my Court house Tract of Land to him and his Heirs forever - I direct that all
my Negroes not herein bequeathed be sold, and the Money arising from the
Sale I give to be equally divided between my Sons Thomas Read and Jonathan
Read and my Daughter Anne Jameson to them and their Heirs & assigns forever
I give all my Movable Estate together with my Cattle - Horses - Sheep - Hogs &
and ^{every} other Species of Article ^{to} be equally divided between my Sons Thomas Read
Edmund Read & Jonathan Read and my Daughter Anne Jameson, to them &
their Heirs forever, - but first subject to the payment of my Just debts, which
I desire may be paid as soon as possible by my Executors - I desire my son
Thomas Read to pay his Aunt Anne Read the Widow of James Read the Annual
Sum of Five pounds during her Natural life, out of the Rents of the Court house
Land given him - And lastly, I do Constitute and appoint my Sons Thomas
Read, Edmund Read, & Jonathan Read Executors of this my last Will & Testament,
hereby Revoking all others by me heretofore made, and declare this only to be
my last Will - In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this Twentieth day of April One thousand seven hundred &
Eighty three.

Mary Read A.S.

Read and my Daughter Mary Jamison to them and their Heirs by signs foreever
I give all my Honorable Estate together with my Cattle Horses Sheep, Hogg &
and ^{every} other Species of Article ^{to} be equally divided between my Sons Thomas Read
Edmund Read & Jonathan Read and my Daughter Annie Jamison, to them by
their Heirs forever, - but first subject to the payment of my Just debts, which
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Mary Read A.S.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in the
presence of Claiborne Watkins

At Court held in Charlotte County the 4th day of December 1786.
This last Will & Testament of Mary Read deceased is Exhibited in

Court my Thomas Read by another Auditor of the Executors there named
and the same was proved by the oath of Charles Watkins the Witness here
subscribed and sworn to be true in the matter 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
with said Watkins their security entered into and acknowledged their bond
in the penalty of Fifty pounds and for the due and faithful Execu-
tion of the said Will leaving liberty to Edmund Read the other Executor
to join in the probate when he shall think fit.

Teste Thomas Read Secy

At a Court held for Charlotte County the first day of January 1787.
On the Motion of Edmund Read one of the Executors of the
Read late deceased who made oath according to Law, Certificate is
is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will with the
other Executors he giving security whereupon he with Jacob Atterton
his security entered into and acknowledged their bond for that
purpose.

Truly recorded,

Thomas Read Secy