

John Read
Will

In the Name of God Amen I John Read of the
County of Culpeper being Sick and Weak of Body
But of perfect mind and Memory praise God for
knowing the Uncertainty of this Mortal life
In the first place Bequeath my sole estate & interest
in the same to my beloved Son John Read
Captain of my beloved Son John to receive same
Exemption of all my Sins and as touching
Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow
with I Give and Dispose of the Same in Manner
Following Viz my will and Desire is that
First Debts & funeral Charges be first paid

Then I Give unto my beloved Wife Mary Read during her
life the Following Slaves to wit Tom & Jerry and after her
Decease I Give the said Negroes to my beloved
Son Theophilus and his heirs forever and the Negro
Jerry I Give after the Decease of my said Wife unto
my Son John Read and his heirs forever.

Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless
with I Give and Dispose of the Same in Manner

Following Viz my will and Desire is that
first Debts & funeral Charges be first paid

Item I Give unto my beloved Wife Cornelia Dursey her will
life the Following Slaves to wit Tom & Jerry and after her
her Decease I Give the said Negroe Tom with my before
son Theophilus and his heirs forever and the Negro
Jerry I Give after the Decease of my said Wife unto
my son John Read and his heirs forever.

Item I Leave and bequeath unto my daughter Mary
who was the wife of Joseph Womasson & to her heirs one
shilling current Money

Item I Give unto my beloved son John Read one negro
Boy Peter in trust upon this special proviso that after
the said Slave arrives to the age of sixteen Years my

Said son John shall allow and pay unto my daughter
 Winifred the wife of John Shackelford in his own clothing
 and apparel the Sum of Six pounds current Money
 to be laid out the best advantage yearly and every year
 during both the lives of the said Winifred & Negro Peter
 aforesaid Nevertheless if the said Winifred Winifred
 should out-live her said husband then I give the said
 Negro Peter to her and her heirs but if she should die
 before her said husband then I give the said Negro Peter to
 my said son John Read & his heirs forever
 Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth
 the wife of Stephen Pett one Gold Ring
 Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John
 Read one Negro Boy to him and his heirs forever
 I give to my said son John Read one Black Walnut Chest

Head one Negro boy
I give to my said John by Great Black Unimut Child
Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved son
Harrison and to his heirs forever the said Negro
man lives with all the Stock tools thereon and the
following Slaves to wit Great Child & Little Child.

Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Frederick
one Negro Woman Moll & one Negro girl Andy to him
his heirs forever.

Then I give and bequeath unto my beloved son James one
Negro Man Mollam one Negro Woman Hannah & one child
Wann to him and his heirs forever.

Then I give and bequeath unto the children of my daughter
Ann (the wife of Hugh Freeman) which the said child or may
have to be equally divided between them at the Death of my
said Daughter Ann One Negro girl Lily and her
Innace One Feather bed and furniture and One Corn Scoop
the whole being now in the possession of the said Hugh
Freeman.

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Herr I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter
Mary Henshaw and Father bed & Furniture
Cord and Calf.

Herr I give and bequeath unto my Son John and
Heatherston my best wheat and rye I am receiving
to my wife the use of the Wheds During her life.

Herr I Herd the use of the plantation & all negroes
I now have with all the house hold furniture Stock
Tools of all kinds (not before bequeathed) with
Petersons wife & wife. During her Natural life and
After her Death I Give the same to be equally di-
vided among my two Sons Theophilus and James
their heirs forever.

Herr it is my Desire that after death any
Monies be Recovered of William Cashman

at the General Court belonging to me & my Self

At the General Court concerning a Debt my self
H^{on} John paid for Stephen Pett. I give my power
of what shall be Recovered to be equitably divided to
the children of Stephen Pett. my daughter Elizabeth
Sixthly to my beloved Son John
Hankerson. Read Exors of my last will & Test
hereby Revoking all other and former wills
by me made. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth
of August One Thousand Seven hundred & thirty
Signed sealed Published &
Declared by the said John
Pett to be his last Will
and Testaments in presence of
James Pondleton
Koumfitray Sparke
Peter Robinson

John Pett L^d

(205) At Court held for County of Culpeper on Thursday the 19th
of September 1765. This last Will and Testament of John
Read Dec^d was presented in Court by John Read and
Humphreys Read Executors thereof. The said Will was read
aloud and being also proved by the oaths of James Smith
Humphreys Sprack & Peter Barmer Witnesses thereof
Ordered to be Recorded and the said Executors having
performed what the said Dec^d required Certificate was given
therefor. Ataining a probate thereof in due form
etc. James Smith
John Read

In the Year of our Lord 1765. John Humphreys of the
County of Culpeper and Colony
of Virginia being Sick and Sound and of perfect Memory
Thanks be to God for the same and being Sane and of
sound Mind and Memory