

In the name of God Amen I John Reade of the Parish  
and County of Eliz<sup>a</sup> City, being sick and weak in Body  
but of sound mind and disposing memory thanks be to  
Almighty God for the same do think to make this my  
last Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all  
former Wills and Testaments by me made —

~~God~~ I recommend my soul into the hands of God —  
Almighty who gave it, and my Body to the earth to be  
decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter  
named, and as to the Temporal Estate which the Lord of  
his Goodness hath been pleased to bless me with, after  
my Funeral charges, and all other just debts be paid —  
I do give and devise and dispose thereof as follows to wit  
Viz<sup>t</sup>,

Item I give to my beloved Wife Anne Reade my stocks  
of Horses Cattle Sheep & Pigeons, together with my riding  
Chair & Harness, during her Natural life or Widdow  
hood — and also one fourth part of my property in the  
Mill —

Item I give to my beloved Son Robert Sandefur Reade  
that part or parcel of land situate and being in the  
County of Eliz<sup>a</sup> City, that I purchased of Claueell  
Claueell — But my Will & desire is that my  
Son John Reade who shall have the full  
priviledge to cut or make use of any timber on the  
said land as long as any shall be thereon —

Item I give to my Son John Reade above mentioned that  
Tract of Land I purchased of Thomas Skinner lying  
and in the County of Eliz<sup>a</sup> City aforesaid, and also  
three fourths of my property in the mill and one half  
half of my Property in the Miller — to him and his  
Heirs forever — And the other half of my property  
in the Mill I give to my Wife Anne Reade during  
her Natural life or Widdowhood —

Item My further will and desire is that at the Death or marriage of my beloved wife which shall first happen, that then all that I have given to her shall descend to my Son John Peade, to him and his Heirs forever

I find thought of my <sup>Brother</sup> Education here & of my  
 Brother's school, but my <sup>Brother</sup> Country, <sup>Brother</sup> Kindness and  
 for the sake of my <sup>Brother</sup> Country, and I give  
 him two feather Beds, and one Cow worth about  
 York Town,

York Town,  
Henn My further will and desire is if my love sons, to wit,  
Robert Sandefur Reader, and John Reader should die  
without Lawfull Issue, that then, all that is bequeath  
to them, in this my last Will & Testament, shall be  
equally divided between my two Brothers, William  
Reader & Hawthorns Reader, & the three children  
of my sister Mary Hurst, ~~to wit~~, to wit, Elizabeth Hurst  
Mary Hurst, & Richard Hawthorns Hurst to them  
and heirs forever.

and hereby constitute and appoint, my loving Wife  
Anne Reade, my loving Brothers William Reade  
Katherine Reade, my Whole and sole  
Executors of this my last will and Testament  
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal this thirtieth day of December  
Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and  
seventy three.

Seal'd & Delivered  
in Presence of  
In Bride  
Edw. Hunt  
George Jarvis  
Peter Sanderson

Edw. f. Annickhead  
Mark