

Reads family
his will

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Reads of Charles Parish
in the County of York being sick and weak in Body but of sound Mind and
Memory thanks be to God Calling to mind the Uncertainty of this
transitory Life do by these presents make and declare this my Last Will
and Testament making void and null any Will or Wills by me heretofore
made or declared either by word or writing.

Imprimis I Give ^{and bequeath} my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body
to the Grave to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the
discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned and for what worldly
Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I Give and bequeath in
manner and form following.

Item it is my Will and desire and I do hereby Give and bequeath to
my loving wife Mary Reads all this Tract or Parcel of Land in York
County whereon I now live during her Natural Life and after her
decease then to my Daughter Frances Reads to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my two Daughters Mildred Reads and
Mary Cary all that Tract or Parcel of Land in the Parish of St.
Stephens in King and Queen County whereon I now have a Quarter
to them and their Heirs forever to be equally divided between them but

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to them and their Heirs forever to be equally divided between them but
in case the said Land should be Intailed by my Fathers Will and my
Daughter Frances or any of her Heirs hereafter should claim any part
under the said Will that then my Will is that the said Land (where I live)
given to my Daughter Frances may be equally divided among my three

Daughters Mildred Mary and Frances above named to them and their Heirs forever.
Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mildred Acre to her and her Heirs forever five Negroes
namely Ned, Tom, Sawney, Gracey her Child Sarah, Betty, Phill, Lenny and Kate and likewise fifteen
head of Cattle on the Plantation in King and Queen also one good feather Bed and furniture.
Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cary to her and her
Heirs forever nine Negroes namely Old Frank, Patrick, Nell, Nanny, Mary,
Kate, Nells Child, Little Frank, Grace, Grace Child, and Quash.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughters Mildred Acre and Mary
Cary to them and their Heirs forever the remainder and residue of my
Stock of all kinds and all utensils of what kind soever belonging to or
upon the said Plantation in King and Queen (after my Daughter Mildred
has her fifteen head of Cattle) to be divided equally between them.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances Acre five
Negroes namely Hannah and her two Children Billy and Harry
Mulatto Dick Wilson Jacob Easter Also one Nells Child Sarah to
her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances Acre

Daughter Frances or any of her Heirs hereafter should claim any part -
under the said Will that then my will is that the Land (where I live)
given to my Daughter Frances may be equally divided among my three

Daughters Mildred Mary and Frances above named taking their Heirs forever.
Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mildred Read to her and her Heirs forever five Negroes
namely Ned, Tom, Sawney, Gracey her Child Sarah, Betty, Phill, Lenny and Kate and likewise fifteen
head of Cattle on the Plantation in King and Queen also one good feather Bed and furniture.
Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cary to her and her
Heirs forever nine Negroes namely Old Frank, Patrick, Nell, Manny, Mary,
Kate, Nells Child, Little Frank, Grace Grace Child, and Jack.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughters Mildred Read and Mary
Cary to them and their Heirs forever the remainder and residue of my
Stock of all kinds and all utensils of what kind soever belonging to or
upon the said Plantation in King and Queen (after my Daughter Mildred
has her fifteen head of Cattle) to be divided equally between them.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances Read five
Negroes namely Hannah and her two Children Billy and Harry
and also Dick Wilson Jacob Easter Alva and Nells Child Sarah to
her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Read four
Negroes namely Paul Calt Arguila & children to dispose of as she shall

Think proper at her death I likewise give to my loving wife Five Negroes namely York Dick Will Jack Great Sarah and Joan during her Natural Life and after her decease then to my Three Daughters Mildred Mary and Francis above named to them and their Heirs forever to be equally divided among them.

Item I Give and bequeath to my loving wife the remainder of my Personal Estate during her Natural Life and after her decease then to my Three Daughters above named to them and their Heirs forever to be equally divided among them.

Item It is my Will and desire that if I should die at any time between the first of March and the first of December that the Negroes remain on the Plantation till Christmas and that they be then well clothed and have three barrels of Corn each.

Item It is my Will and desire that my Executrix give no Security for my Estate and that it be not appraised.

Lastly I do Appoint my loving wife Mary Read my only & sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament in trust to do and perform all things herein expressed according to the true intent and meaning thereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifth seven

Hand and Seal this tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord
One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced
and Delivered in Presence of -

Samuel Reader (L. S.)

Aaron Phillips

Wm. Rose

Elizabeth Phillips
mark

James Drenry.

At a Court held for York County the 20th day of Nov. 1758

This Will was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Aaron
Phillips, Elizabeth Phillips, and James Drenry witnesses thereto
and Ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of Mary Reader
the Executor therein named into made Oath as the Law
directs Certificate was granted her for Affirming a Probate in

one form

Exam^d

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Thos. Edward Esq. Clerk.