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In the name of God Amen. I William Read of Jones County, in the State of North Carolina do this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament -

First: I devise that all my just debts be paid out of what can be best spared from my family.

Secondly, I devise my beloved wife Susannah and our Children to continue as one family while they remain unmarried, and that she have all my Estate real and personal (after payment of debts) for her and their support, and for their schooling until it happen that any of them marry, and become separate families, then I give to be set off to each of the married separated from the family, One Bed and Furniture and one Cow and half.

Thirdly, In case my said wife marry then at her marriage I order an equal share with all my Children to be set off to her and severed from the Childrens shares, appropriating to her and to each Child one Bed and Furniture and One Cow and half as a part of their shares, and the residue to be equally divided among them in the final settlement of my Estate.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Susannah Read and my son James Read to Execute this my, Last Will and Testament. In witness to these presents I the said William Read hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written

Signed sealed & published  
in presence of

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court May Term 1819.

Then was the within instrument of writing or Will of William Read del. produced in open Court by George Read who being duly sworn deposed and said that the Testator acknowledged this to be his Will - ordered that it be recorded - and at the same time James Read one of the persons therein named as executor qualified as such - Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly.

Attest Copy from the Original Will filed in the  
Clerks office of Jones County. Notary at 1818

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