

In the Name of God Amen I John Reed of the County of
 Orange and State of North Carolina being in good
 health at present blessed be god but calling to remembrance
 the Uncertainty of Life do make this twenty first
 day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred and Eighty Six make and publish
 this my last will and Testament in manner following
 that is to say first I give to my beloved wife Lydia
 Reed all that mesuage or tenement of land
 whereon I now live situate in Orange County on
 the waters of Stages Creek and the waters of North
 River to hold to her during her natural life she
 making no waiver of it also all my household
 furniture with all my stock Horses Cows
 sheep hogs to hold to her for maintainance
 during life and from and after her decease to be
 equally divided between my Daughters Rebecca
 & Lemmah Reed to have and to hold forever
 to their proper use except a sum avided of five
 shillings for each one of my other Children and
 I make and ordain her my wife sole Executrix
 of this my last will in trust for the Intent and
 purposes in this my last Will contained and
 I do make my loving friend Henry Cole overseer
 to see it rightly executed In witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand in presence Testes in
 presence of
 Thomas Cole
 Wm McMeaamy
 John McMeaamy

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