

John S Read

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In the name of God amen I John S Read of the county
of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being weak
of body but of sound mind and perfect senses and a sobering
memory thanks be to almighty God for the same but
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and
not knowing how soon or how suddenly my life here
may come to make and ordain this my last will and
testament in manner and form following Viz

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha all
my estate land horses cattle and hogs household
and kitchen furniture and all things whatsoever
belonging to me including all earnings her natural
life and to dispose of as she shall think proper at
her death or before I do hereby constitute this
my last will and testament annulling all other
will or wills which may appear in my name
in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and
seal this the 27th of February 1820 signed sealed and
published by the testator John S Read as his last will
and testament in the presence of us at his request
we subscribe our names as witnesses hereunto

Witness
Elias Potter John S Read his
Mark

State of North Carolina Aug 1st September 1826
Rockingham County

The execution of the last will
and testament of John S Read was duly proved in
open court by the oath of William B Potter and
and motion made to be recorded

Prothonotary