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In the name of God, Amen. I John Reed of the County of Rutherford in the State of North Carolina, being in common health of body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God; calling unto mind the Mortality of the body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate as God has been pleased to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of in the following manner and form. - First, I allow all my lawful debts and burial expenses to be paid out of my personal estate - And secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved sons John and Archibald Reed my plantation that I now live on, at the decease of my negro man Ace. - Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my daughters that is Anne Plerson, Martha Guffy, Mary Givins, Elizabeth Guffy, Lettice Lockman and Fanny Hood, all my stock of cattle now mentioned in this will, at my decease each an equal share; I also allow each of the above mentioned daughters eight dollars in Cash. I also allow to my daughter Fanny Hood my large looking glass. - Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Reed my bay horse now five years old, also one large trunk, one small trunk

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one feather bed and ~~feather~~ bed furniture that I am possessed of, and one half of all my household furniture of every description, and all my other estate not otherwise disposed of. - I also give and bequeath unto my trusty servant Ace all my tract of land, all my farming tools and utensils, and my horse with a bald face, one other young horse one cow two heifers and all their increase from this date all my stock of hogs, one feather bed and furniture, one large bed rug, one large pot, one small pot, one oven, two pot crocks, one set of fire dogs, tongs and shovel, one large trunk, and one half of the draper furniture, all during his natural life, and at his death to be equally divided between my two sons John and Archibald Reed. I also allow my servant Ace one half of my chairs and table, I also allow to my daughter Jane all my books at her own disposal: Lastly I appoint and constitute my son in Law Robert Cockran and my friend John Carson my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, disannulling all other wills by me heretofore made, and ratifying and confirming this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen in presence of us

John Carson (Sust) } John Reed Seal
John Long (Sust) } Mark