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In the Name of God Amen.

The seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1784.

I **GEORGE REED** of the County of Rowan and state of North Carolina Planter being very sick and weak in body tho of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men ? to die do make and ordain this my last will and 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 I recommend my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors ? [too faint to read], but at the general resurrection I shall ? the same again by the mighty power of god and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I do give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

In primis I do give and Bequeath unto my dearly Beloved wife **ABIGILL REED** the Third part of my land whereon I now live her lifetime. Likewise the third part of all my moveable property and the best feather bed and furniture. Likewise one years provision for the whole family to be at her disposal for one year. Likewise a bay mair which mare and feather bed I do give to her over and above her third part.

I do give and bequeath unto my well beloved son **AVENTON REED** the plantation hereon he now lives from the Branch dividing between George Yearnart and himself to the fence Dividing betwixt him and his father. Likewise ? cow called ? and no more.

I do give and bequeath unto my beloved Son **GEORGE REED** three hundred acres of land lying on the waters of the ? [probaby Beaver] dam Branch begining at a stake John Hollis corner.

I do give and bequeath unto my Beloved Son **FELPS REED** two Hundred Acres of Land Bounding on Hugh Cunningham and Aventon Reed N^o 653 which land is only entered and survaid likewise one hundred and fifty acres of land Bounding on his other corner likewise entered and survaid likewise on Black Horse.

I do give and bequeath unto my Beloved son **THOMAS REED** on hundred acres of land bounding on Robert Ginnings John ? John Hollis Entered and survaid N^o 1612 likewise one hundred acres of land it being part of the place

whereon I now liveth lying on the south side to be run out East and west likewise a Young Bay colt.

I do give and Bequeath unto my Beloved son **WILLIAM REED** one Hundred Acres of land it being part of the place whereon I now live Lying on the North side running East and west likewise forty Acres of land it being part of the old survey & ?

I do give and bequeath unto my Beloved Son **AMOS REED** one Hundred Acres of land it being part of the place whereon I now live adjoining to the land I willed to his Brother William also running East and West likewise a small White Backed Heifer.

I do give and Bequeath unto my daughter **EDATHE REED** one feather Bed and furniture likewise one little spinning wheel likewise one Sorrel Horse.

I give and Bequeath to my Beloved daugther **ELIZA REED** one spinning wheel likewise one feather bed and ? likewise one Hound (?) Horn.

I do give and bequeath and ? my Beloved Son **JONATHAN** in care of my Beloved wife so long as she or he shall live. Likewise I do give & Bequeath unto my dearly Beloved wife the sum of five pounds per year for her maintainence and I do allow my ? negroes to be hired out in my family and out of their hire the five pounds paid to my Beloved wife yearly likewise I do give and Bequeath to my Beloved wife her side saddle and little wheel

all the reaminder of my good and chattels not here willed or bequeathed I do allow to be set up at public sail and the money to be equally distributed with the remainder part of the hire of the Negroes Amongst seven of my Children to wit, **GEORGE REED, FELPS REED THOMAS REED WILLIAM REED AMOS REED EADITH REED ELIZABETH REED.**

I do appoint and ordain **Robert McKee** Esq and **Richard Wilson** my Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke and disanul all and every other Forms or Testaments Wills legacies and Bequaths and Executors anywise Before named willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year & have Written signed seald pulshed and pronounced and declared by the said **GEORGE REED** in the ? of us.

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John H Hollis J^{nr}
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