In the Name of God Amen I John Read of St. Mary's County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and weak but of sound and perfect disposing mind and Memory, praise be to Almighty God for the same, do make this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. First, Provided my Grandson John Hatton Read is bread up, lives and Continues in the Religion of the Church of England, and protests against the See of Rome, then and in Such Case I give unto my Said Grandson John Hatton Read the part of my Plantation, and whereon I now Dwell, Beginning at the Pond the Original Beginning of this Tract called Orchard Neck and Running from the Said Pond a West Course to a Berch Tree by the branch at the House, thence Sixty perches South, and then West untill it Intersects the Line of Mr. Platers Land to him the Said John Hatton Read his Heirs and Assigns being Protestants forever, but in case the Said John Hatton Read or his Heirs should Embrace or be off the Roman Catholick Religion, then and in Such Case I give the Land above mentioned to my Grand son John Read Jenifer and his Heirs and Assigns forever, and further it is my Wile and Desire that no Roman Catholick shall posess any part of my Lands. Secondly. I give and bequeath unto my Grands Philip Read, under the Same Restrictions made in the above Clause to his Brother, the remaining part of my Land called Orchard Neck lying on the South Side of the lines mentioned above to him the Said Philip Read his Heirs and Assigns being Protestants forever but if the Said Philip Read or his Heirs should be of the Romish Religion, then and in Such Case, I give the Said Land to my Grandson John Read Long and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Thirdly I give my Grandson John Hatton Read a Negro Boy called Tom my best Bed and furniture a young Horse called Sadbury, & a Cow and calf to him and his Heirs and Assigns. — Fourthly. I give unto my Daughter Gemima King a Negro Man named Ben to her and her Heirs and Assigns.

(Fifthly)

Fifthly. I give unto my Grand Daughter Amy Clark Read a Negro Girl called Pegg to her and her heirs & Assigns. Sixthly. I give unto Elizabeth King my old Sorrel riding Horse and a Side Saddle in the House, to her and her Assigns. 7thly One third part of the Remaining part of my personal Estate (Exclusive of the above Legacies and after my just Debts and Funeral Charges are paid) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ellen Hopewell and her three Sons Samuel Jenifer, John Read Jenifer & Daniel Jenifer to be equally divided between them and their heirs and Assigns. 8thly Another third part of the remainder of my personal Estate I give and bequeath to my Daughter Barbara Long and her heirs and Assigns. 9thly the other third part of my Said personal Estate I give and bequeath to my Daughter Gemima King and to her heirs and Assigns. Lastly I hereby appoint John Hatton Read to be Executor of this my Last Will and Testament (requesting John Long to be aiding and Assisting to him in the Execution thereof) hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third King of Great Britain, and in the Year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one being the Sixth Day of September in the Same Year —

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the above named John Read to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of Us who have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

John Read (Seal)

Igna. Taylor
Henelm Clarke
Young Parran

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

On the 6th March 1770 I hereby renounce the within Will and will not abide thereby Witness my hand.

Ann Read.

Witness
Owen Allen —

You John Hatton Read as Executor of John Read Solemnly make Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the only true last

(Will)