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Last Will and Testament of Aaron Read Pendley

In the Name of God Amen. I Aaron Read Pendley
of the County of Wake and State of N. Carolina
being through the abundant Goodness and Mercies
of God tho weak in body yet of a Sound & disposing
Sense and Memory, do make Constitute, Publish &
ordain this my last Will and Testament in
manner and form as following, to wit: first and
principal I commend my Soul to the hands of
God the Giver my Body to the Earth, to be Buried
at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Mentioned
Item. My Will and desire, that first my Just Debts
be fully Satisfied and paid. Item. I give & bequeath
unto Lewis Barker and Wife Mary Barker, One
hundred Acres of Land lying on N. side of Neuse River
Joining his own line, Joining the lines of Henry Kemp
& Joseph Nix, and also the two Negroes, as my Son in
Law Lewis Barker hath in his own possession known
by the Names of Sarah and Daniel, to them & to
their Heirs or Assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath
to my Son Clement Read, One hundred and Eighty
Acres of Land be there the same more or less beginning
at the Rocky ford & running S. to my back line
that Joins the land of Dempsey Spier, thence E.
to a Corner White Oak, thence N. by Dempsey
Spier

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I give and bequeath unto my Son ¹⁶²⁴Plam Read, two hundred & eighty five Acres of Land, more or less, beginning at the Rocky ford on the S^o side of Nuce River thence by his Brother Clements line S^o to my back line, cornering with his Brother Clement Read, thence W^t to a corner Pine Aaron Reads corner, thence by James Moors lines to a corner Holly standing on Nuce River, thence down the said River, & across the said River, E^t to Shade Island Creek thence down the said Creek to the River & down the said River to the first Station, which I freely give and bequeath unto my Son Plam Read, his Heirs and assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son David Read, three hundred and ~~eighty~~ ^{Twenty} five Acres of Land, lying on the Lovell Creek Joining of Edmund Barker, Robert Bulwin, and James Jones due part thereof being, a Tract of Land as the said Aaron Read Pendrey, bought of John Radish

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I John Radish, and the other being a Tract of Land granted from the State of North Carolina, to him the said Aaron Read Pendrey, which I fully give and bequeath unto my Son David Read his Heirs and Assigns forever. Item. I also give & bequeath to my Son David Read, One hundred and Twenty Acres of Land, it being part of a Survey of Land Entered by Jacob Bledsoe, to him his Heirs and Assigns forever. Item. My Will & desire is that all my Perishable Estates, should remain on my Plantation for the Support of my Loving Wife Semimah Read, and my Children Clement Read, Elam Read, David Read, Sarah Read, Achsah Read and Rebeckah Read, during for the Term of fourteen years from the date of these presents, and if my Loving Wife Semimah Read should not survive the Term of fourteen years, that the aforesaid Estates should fall into the hands of my Executors and if either of my Children herein named should decease without Issue, that then that or their parts should descend to the other born of my Wife Semimah Read, and that no Name surmised Suspected or consented to shall debar the before named Children from the Inheritants of the above mentioned Estates

According to ¹⁶⁴ this Will Testament only what I
have given, to my Daughter Mary Barker
Wife of Lewis Barker, my Reason for the above
mentions is to procure the Peace for my Wife
and Children, as it is my desire they should
have the before Mentioned & no other person
whatsoever. Item. My Will and desire is that
after the Deces of my Loving Wife Semimah
Read, or the Term of fourteen years should be
expired that all my Perishable Estate toge-
ther with the Increase thereof should be Equal-
ly divided by my Executors by Lots to my Chil-
dren, that is to say to my Son Clement Read
Elam Read, David Read, and to my Daughter
Sarah Read, Ashsha Read & Rebeckah Read,
which I fully give & Bequeath unto them their
Heirs and Assignors forever. I do hereby nominate &
Appoint Lewis Barker, Edmonds Barker, Moses
Read, Jufe Read and William Burt whole & Sole
Executors of this my last Will and Testament
Revoaking and making Null and Void all other
Wills heretofore by me made or done. In Testimony
the aforesaid Aaron Read Pendrey, hath hereunto
set his hand and Seal this 8th of Sep^r 1783
Signed Sealed Published & } Aaron Read Pendrey Seal
declared to be his last Will & }
in presence of }
Dem. Spier, Lewis Martin, Joel } his } Martin