

James Adams of the County of Charlotte at present indisposed, but of sound and perfect mind and disposing memory do make and Ordain my last Will and Testament in manner and form following 1st In order that there may be no misconstruction or misunderstanding of my true meaning and intentions I have taken a View of former donations to some of my Children, and declare that I have heretofore advanced, there herein mentioned the following sums in money or the value in property - I have advanced my daughter formerly wife of Elizezer Vornow the sum of Seventeen pounds, my son James the sum of Thirty three pounds, my son David the sum of thirty five pounds, my daughter Peggy wife of Michael Randall Twenty pounds, my daughter Sally wife of George Lawson, Twenty pounds, my son William fifteen pounds, and my daughter Anna the sum of eleven pounds fifteen shillings

2^d I give and devise unto my dear wife Sarah the use of the following estates real and personal during her natural life. The whole of my Lands in the County of Charlotte whereon I now live with her ^{heir} and heirs, except three specific acres in Lands hereafter mentioned - so that she take for life the whole remainder of my Lands; I also give and devise to my wife during life the following negro Slaves, to wit James, Clay, Nancy, Jerry, and Cy or Harry, whichever of those two last she may Choose, and further I direct that my Executors Cause to be purchased with money on hand a negro Girl, such as one as my wife may like, and that the slave so purchased be added to those before given to my wife, with the same

the slave to purchased be added to those before given to my wife, with the same
limitation - I also give to my wife the use during her life of so much of my live
Stock, household and kitchen furniture, and Utensils, plantation tools, and other
Conveniences as she may think herself in need of, also my still and implements
thereto belonging, for the same term - But from the estate given to my wife as aforesaid
she is charged with the exclusive support and education of my son John in and
to the adviser to him. Let her take there, ~~before~~ this year - 3^d I give to my
daughter Anna the sum of Twenty pounds in addition to the advance made her -
4th I give and bequeath to my son James Adams and to his heirs thirty acres of
Land along his line, - joining me - 5th I give and bequeath to my sons David
and William each thirty acres of Land at the South end of my tract to them respectively
and their heirs lying from Morgans to Paylois Land; - 6th I give and devise to
my daughter Polly wife of Thomas A. Stevensons a negro girl named Liddy
also a walnut Chest, horse saddle and bridle a feather bed and furniture and a
Cow and Calf already delivered - 7th I give ^{I devise} to my daughter Elizabeth wife of James
Brown a negro girl named Rose, also a walnut Chest, horse saddle and bridle a
feather bed and furniture and a Cow and Calf - 8th I give and bequeath to
my son John and his heirs the reversion in Land, devised to his mother for life
and my still & his profession to commence at the death of his mother, I also give
to my son John a negro boy named Bob, a walnut Chest, a horse saddle and bridle

she is charged with the excellent instruction and education of my son John in accordance
to the wishes to him. Let her take House, Crop &c this year - 3^d I give to my
daughter Anna the sum of Twenty pounds in addition to the advances made her.
4th I give and bequeath to my son James Dickman and to his heirs thirty acres of
Land along his line - joining me - 5th I give and bequeath to my sons David
and William each thirty acres of Land at the South end of my tract to them respectively
and their heirs lying from Morgan's to Payson's Lands - 6th I give and devise to
my daughter Polly wife of Thomas S. Stevenson a negro girl named Judy
also a walnut Chest, horse saddle and bridle a feather bed and furniture and a
Cow and Calf already delivered - 7th I give to my daughter Elizabeth wife of James
Brown a negro girl named Rose, also a walnut Chest, horse saddle and bridle a
bed and furniture and a Cow and Calf - 8th I give and bequeath to
my son John and his heirs the reverse side Lands devised to his mother for life
and my self & his possession to commence at the death of his mother. I also give
to my son John a negro boy named Bob, a walnut Chest, a horse saddle, bridle
a bed and furniture and a Cow and Calf. If in case of the death of my son John
under the age of twenty one years and before marriage his personal interest
under this will shall pass and go to his sister Stevenson and Brown or Stevenson
if she is dead in case of the death of the said John before my son John comes of age

or married, the difference is directed to be supplied from my other share - 10th
As to the remainder of my estate and interests in union or otherwise, I now and direct
that the whole be sold at the discretion of my Executors and executor, and the proceeds
be equally divided amongst all my Children except my daughter Anna - The
Children of my daughter Vernon to represent their mother and to take one share -

11th In case of the death of my son John under age and not married the revenues in
Lands devised to my wife shall also be sold, and the proceeds divided as is directed
in remaining personal estate - and Letter to be made by Executors and Executor as such
of them as may act, each son and daughter however to acquit for former donations
as first stated - 12th I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Executors and
my friends William Attorney and Joel Watkins Executors of this Will declaring it to be
my last - In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my Seal
this twentieth day of June in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred
and three (1803) (the word Eye & the word personal interlined before sealing)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator } James Adams L.P.
to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of }
O. Carrington, Joseph Reynolds, Joel Sullivan, Oliver Johnson
At a Court held for Charlotte County the first day of August 1803

This Last Will and Testament of James Adams dec^d was presented in Court and
the same was proved by the oath of Joseph Reynolds, Joel Sullivan and Oliver

This Last Will and Testament of James Adams dec^d was presented in Court and
the same was proved by the oath of Joseph Reynolds, Joel Sullivant and Oliver
Solomon three of the Witnesses hereto Subscribed to be acknowledged by the said James
Adams in their presence to be his Last Will and Testament and Ordered to be
Recorded

Teste Thomas Read Sec^y

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 3^d day of October 1803.

On the motion of Leanne Adams the executrix herein named and sworn to according
to Law Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form she
giving Security, Whereupon she with James Adams, William Adams, George Lawson, James
Brewer, Thomas A. Stephenson her Securities entered into & acknowledged their bond according to Law
for that purpose securing liberty to William Adams & Joel Watkins the other executor herein named to
sue in the probate thereof when they shall think fit.

Teste Thomas Read Sec^y
Truly Recorded Thomas Read Sec^y

In the name of God amen I John Morton of Charlotte County Virginia being in a low state of
health but of sound mind & memory do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament as
follows. Item I send all my estate to my Wife Elizabeth Morton during her natural life and at
her death Item I give the part of Land whereon I now live to be equally divided according to value
between my two sons Stephen Morton & Thomas Morton to them their heirs & assigns forever. Item I
give the remainder of my estate to wit. Stock house hold & kitchen furniture to be equally divided
between my three daughters to wit. Elizabeth Morton, Franky Morton, & Agnes Morton to them their
heirs & assigns forever. Witness my hand and seal at this twenty fourth day of August and the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three