

my writing office at the time
I make my last will & Testament
by me made First I desire that all my just debts be paid.
2ndly I give away and bequeath unto my friend William S Lane
and to his heirs executors administrators and assigns from all my estate
whatsoever both real & personal remaining after payment of my debts
as aforesaid in which property I mean to include a woman of color
named Suckey called my wife and her future increase if any.

My Will is that this property shall all be held by & under the
entire control of my friend said William S Lane and managed and
disposed of as we may think proper with and under this special
trust and confidence that he will at his discretion permit the said
woman Suckey & her future increase and also my brother a freeman
of color named Ned (generally called Sam) to enjoy the benefit
of the profits of said property during their lives and after their death
survivor in such manner and form as he my said friend William
S Lane shall think best so as to promote their ease and comfort
during their lives as aforesaid. It is also my Will and desire that
my said friend William S Lane shall at his discretion sell or dispose of
any part of my said property to answer the purpose aforesaid.

After the decease of said woman Suckey & her increase if any and
my said brother Ned. It is my will and desire that my said friend
William S Lane shall have no less now property the balance which
may remain of the estate hereby devised and bequeathed to himself
Neddy I appoint the sum of £1000 before the decease of
the my last will & Testament

to be left with & retained by the
said woman Suckey who substituted our names
in witness in his presence and at his request
John Shepherd - Richard D. Stitham
At a Court of Monthly Session held for Fluvanna County
on monday the the 26 day of February 1821 This Will was this
day presented in Court and proved by the oaths of John Shepherd
& Richard D. Stitham the Testifiers above mentioned to be valid
And on the motion of William S Lane the Executor the same witness
who made oath thereto as the law directs int certid who did
acknowledged Lord in the penalty of two thousand dollars and
George Haden his security conditioned to be true witness wherefore
is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due time

Richard Mayho Peal

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Sarah Perkins now of Fluvanna County Esq
Buckingham do make this my last will and Testament in manner
following Viz I give Nancy B Gray now Avery Johnson a negro
girl named Sally now in her propagation and heirs general
my will and desire is that all my other estate to be sold and disposed
shall be equally divided between Sally B Lewis, Nelly Gray, Abby
Moore & Sarah P Perkins daughters of Elisha Perkins to whom & their
heirs forever I do hereby appoint Elisha Lewis & Walter Gray my
Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking any Will
or Wills heretofore made by me. In Testimony whereof I have
set my hand and affix my seal this thirty-first day of January

Frank Perkins (test)
son of my son Frank Lewis

in due course of the same to be returned
to the said slaves and slaves to be released
Master Key an Ecuadorian named who now holds
the said slaves and intend into and released from the same
for a penalty of Two thousand dollars with damages. They are hereby
conditioned as the said slaves certificate is granted them for obtain-
ing a probate thereof in due form. And witness is signed the
other Ecuadorian named to qualify thereto.

Test. Item 1st December 1823

In the name of God, Amen: I John Adams
of the County of Fluvanna and State of Virginia being weak and
low in bodily health but of sound mind and disposing memory do
make constitute and ordain this as my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following that is to say Item 1st my will
and desire is that all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds
arising from the sales of my crop now in hand and should they be
insufficient then in that case from the proceeds of the crop of the
present year it being my desire that the whole of my estate be
kept together until the 15th of November next. Item 2nd my further
will and desire is that immediately after the 15th of November and
all my slaves together with all and every part of my personal
estate be sold by my executors to the highest bidder for a credit of
twelve months and the proceeds of such sale to be divided among
all my children share and share alike in proportion to their
having had any part of my estate or services rendered to me
during my life and the same to be returned to them in due

order and the money arising from such sale or
otherwise as follows Viz Item 1st I leave to my
daughter Polly Godfrey fifteen hundred dollars out of the sales of
my slaves but the 1st fifteen hundred dollars is to remain in
the hands of my executors for and during of her natural life they
paying her annually the legal Interest thereon and after her death
I give the aforesaid fifteen hundred dollars to her persons children
to be equally divided among them share and share alike in these in
this hands forever. Item the 3rd I leave to my daughter Anna
Adams fifteen hundred dollars out of the sales of my lands but
the 1st fifteen hundred dollars is to remain in the hands of my executors
for and during of her natural life paying her annually the
legal Interest thereon and after her death I give the aforesaid fifteen
hundred dollars to her children to be equally divided among them
share and share alike to them and their heirs forever. Item the 4th
I give to my four sons Thomas Adams, William C. Adams, Francis
H. Adams and John G. Adams the balance of the money arising from
the sales of my lands together with all and every other part or parts
of my estate not herein before particularly disposed of to them in these
hands forever. Item the 5th and lastly I do appoint constable and
witness my two sons Thomas Adams and William C. Adams my
Cofflers to this my last Will and Testament hourly working all former
Wills and Testaments made by me. In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighteenth day of
December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty one.

John Adams my signature and acknowledge as for the last will and
testament in John Adams Seal.