

Powhatan County Court &
ordered to be recorded.

John Tucker. (Seal)
James Tucker. (Seal)
William Stratton. (Seal)

Teste

J. B. Dexter 6/2/66

In the name of God amen I John Swan of the County of Powhatan of sound, perfect, and disposing sence and memory do make or-
dain constitute & appoint this to be my last will & testament in
manner & form following: First it is my desire that my body be
decently interred in the plainest manner: That my family have
no mourning and as to what worldly Estate I hath pleased God
to bestow on me I dispose of in manner & form following. After
my just debts are paid, which I desire may be out of such Debts
as may be due to me at my death & the money if any in hand
at such time: but if this is not sufficient, and my creditors
pushing for payment, my executors hereafter named must sell
such things out of my Estate as they may think can be best
spared for the purpose of paying my Debts.

I lend to my wife Lavinia Swan during her natural life the
use of the following Slaves to wit Willm. Joe Anthony, Sally, Liddy,
Harismond Hanny & Pleasant and Patience: also the use of three
hundred & thirty two acres of the land I live on which shall in-
clude the Dwelling house and other houses with in the yard, the
garden Barn and Orchard with fire wood and rail lumber
off any part of my land during her natural life which three
hundred and thirty two acres of land shall be laid off as com-
pact as is possible to take in some woods this tract I bought of dif-
ferent people but I consider it as one tract of land - I also lend
my said wife the use of one third part of my horses horn
Cattle, sheep, and hogs, also one third part of my household
all my Kitchen furniture with my charriot waggon, & my

and what plantation tools my executors, may think she ought to have, all of which I lend her during her natural life. I give to my son John Thompson Swann a Negro Man by name Tom which slave he has at this time in his possession. he is not to be answerable for any money or any thing else I may have let him have heretofore notwithstanding he may be charged with money &c. &c. on my Books. It is my desire that whatever provisions may be in the house at my death, and laid in for the use of my family, may be kept for the use of the family, and no notice taken of them in the Inventory of my Estate, also the Cotton and flax both spun & unspun.

The Three hundred and thirty two acres of Land which I have lent my wife during her natural life, I give at her death to my son Richard Archer Swann. The slaves with their future increase which shall commence from the date of this Will, and other property (the Land excepted which I have lent my wife, I give at the death of my wife to my daughter Elizabeth Reynold Swann & my son Richard Archer Swann to be equally divided between them. I give to my son in law Robert Craig my Negro boy Sam the son of Nanny, with the Negroes & other property given him when he married my daughter which he stands charged with on my Books. The two Negro Men to wit, Charles and Sam now hired to my son Tom Swann Robert Craig he is to return into my Estate. I give to my two sons Samuel & Edward Carter Swann, the remainder of the tract of Land I live on to be equally divided between them. I give to my son Thomas Swann three Slaves to wit, Aaron, Stephen and Titus, & two Horses, and One hundred and five pounds in Cash, which Cash, two horses and Negro man Aaron I have this day put him in possession of, the other slaves to wit Stephen and Titus is to be given him at the same time.

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to be equally divided between them my said two sons & three Daughters. I give to my three Daughters Caroline Mary, Jane & Meliora two thirds of my household furniture. but before a Division of the household furniture takes place between my wife and Daughters my desire is that my sons Samuel & Edward Carter have each of them a feather Bed & furniture given them.

If any of my sons are found charged with any thing on my Books or that my Estate may have to pay for them after the Date of this my Will, It must be considered in the division of the Estate, but not what is already charged to them unless they bring an account against the Estate for any thing heretofore.

The Slaves given my sons Samuel & Edward Carter together with my Daughters Caroline Mary, Jane & Meliora I give them with their future increase which shall take place from the date of this Will.

Having left nothing for the support of my daughter Elizabeth both Reynold & my son Richard Archer till the death of their mother, My desire is that my wife pay one third towards their maintenance & Education and as I consider I have given double to my sons Samuel & Edward Carter what I have given my Daughters Caroline Mary, Jane & Meliora my desire is that my sons Samuel & Edward Carter pay in that proportion towards the support & Education of my Daughter Elizabeth Reynold & my son Richard Archer.

No Division of my Estate to take place untill my Debts are paid except what I have already given up, after my Debts are paid, as my children marry or come of age they may have their parts of the Estate. My wish is that my son John Tolson take particular care of my son Richard Archer, should any of my daughters remain single at the Death of their Mother it is my desire that they have if they choose it the exclusive use of the East end Room in in my dwelling house as long as they remain single & that they be found in fire wood which shall be cut & brought to their door, from any part of my plantation that

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I do hereby appoint my Son in Law Robert Craig and my son John Thompson Livern Guardians to my Children hereby most earnestly requesting them to bring said Children brought up in a Christian manner & that as soon as my

I Swann shall think my son Richard Archer Swann
 sufficiently taught for such business that suits his capacity
 that he puts him to it. And lastly I do appoint my son in
 Law Robert Craig and my son John Thompson Swann Ex-
 cutors to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
 all Wills heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of
 September One thousand eight hundred and five, all
 being wrote with my own hand

Signed Sealed, published

and Delivered to be the last

Will and Testament of

John Swann

John Swann (test)

Thomas Watkins

James Wilson

James Tucker

At a Court held for Powhatan County on the 16th day of
 November in the year 1809. This last will and testament of
 John Swann deceased was presented in Court and proven by
 the oaths of Thomas Watkins and James Tucker two of the
 subscribing Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

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And at another Court held for the said County on the 16th day of May 1810 John
 Thompson Swann one of the executors named in the said Will came into Court and a *

Know all men by these presents that we James Nettles
 and Benjamin Mosby and Dabney M Wharton are held
 and firmly bound unto Edward Mosley Francis Lewis Joseph
 Smith and James Crawford Gentlemen Justices of the Court
 of Powhatan County now sitting in the Just and full sum
 of Ten thousand dollars to the payment whereof well and
 truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors
 we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs

names him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of the said John Swann
 Attest his Will of said Swann in and form to the said John Swann being taken
 and presented by Swann and together with William Watkins & James Tucker his names
 entered into and acknowledged in the presence of the said Swann as the said Swann

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