

Will of William Adams,

Georgia, In the name of God, Amen.

Lee County, I, William Adams of said State and County being of advanced age, and knowing that I must shortly depart this life, deem it right & proper, both as respects my family and myself that I should make a disposition of the property which a kind Providence has blessed me, do therefore make this my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all others made by me.

Item 1st = I desire and direct that my Body be buried in a decent Christianlike manner suitable to my circumstances and Condition in life, my Soul I trust shall return to rest with God, who goes first.

Item 2nd = I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid without delay by my Executors herein after appointed, as I am unwilling my Creditors should be delayed in their just rights.

Item 3rd = I being ^{Lee County Wills} ¹⁸⁵⁴⁻¹⁸⁹¹ ^{www.georgiapioneers.com} leaving a large number of Children, some of them of tender age, and having their general welfare in view, and intending to provide for their being raised, Educated &c. I give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Sarah all my estate, both Real and Personal, except as much as is hereinafter excepted, to the use of her and my minor children, she having all power & control to have and to use as she may see proper for the benefit of the family, for and during her natural life, and after her death, it is my Will that the Estate, entire Real & personal shall be divided equally, share and share alike between among my Children, Mary Jane, William, Jasper, Nancy Green Wiley, Laviney, Susan Suffern, Daniel Melcomb, Alice Landie, -

Item 4th = I give and bequeath to my daughter Frances A. E. Hart, wife of Laurence J. F. Hart, and all her Children free from the disposition of her present or any future husband, One Cow & calf. Item 5th = I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Catharine Hobbs, wife of Hador Hobbs

Will of William Adams, deceased.

and all of her children, free from the disposition of her present or any future husband, but cows & calves.

Item 6th =

I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friends Andrew J. Sisson, & Jacob M. Sessions, Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, this Sept. 30th.

Item 7th =

Furthermore I give & bequeath to my son William Jasper one horse bridle and saddle with to be his property free from use until after he shall have left his mother's home this Sept. 30th 1853. -

William Adams.

Signed, sealed, declared & published by William Adams, as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who subscribe our names here to in the presence of said Testator at his special instance & request, this Sept 30th 1853.

Thos. S. Tuggle,
James H. Bell,
John L. Erving.

Attest,

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I, do hereby certify that the above is a correct Copy of the Last Will & Testament of William Adams, as entered upon Record. Given under my hand and official Seal in office, this January 30th 1854. Samuel G. Giddens, Ordinary, Lee County, Georgia.

County of Lee, Georgia. In the Court of Ordinary November Term 1859. It appearing to the Court, that the Last Will & Testament of W^m Adams late of said County, dec'd, was regularly proved & admitted to Record in this Court & that the Original Will & Record of the same was destroyed by fire in the burning of the Court House of this County, & Jacob M. Sessions, Executor of said William Adams, has produced in Court a Certified Copy of said last Will & Testament, & the Letters Testamentary of Jacob M. Sessions & Andrew J. Sisson, Executors in said Will named, & also the original Returns of said Executors on said Estate; It is ordered by the Court that the above named Certified Copy of Will, Letters Testamentary, Returns &c. be established & admitted to Record, and stand in lieu of said Last Originals, & Record thereof, this November 21st 1859.

Geo. Kimbrough, Ordinary.

Recorded this November 23rd 1859.

D. A. J. Sessions, Depy. Ordinary.