

Benjamin Adams

Georgia Washington County

In the name of God Amen

I Benjamin Adams, of the County and State aforesaid being low in health and knowing that it is appointed by the Creator of all things that all men must die deem it right and proper while in life, and having my mind and memory at this time do make and ordain the following as my last last Will and testament

First it is my Will and desire that my body be buried in a decent Christian like manner.

Second It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executor, as early as practical after my death

Third It is my Will that my beloved Wife Ardelia Adams keep all my property both real and personal for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood, and at the termination of either event the whole of my estate shall be divided in the manner herein directed viz at her death it shall be equally divided among my children share and share alike, Should she marry again, then it shall be divided between her and my children living and the representatives of those of my children that shall be dead at the time, And I further direct that my Wife may if she shall have it to spare over and above a support advance to each one of my children, as they may arrive at the age of twenty years or marry three hundred Dollars, but it is to be left to her discretion whether she can spare it or not.

Fourth, As my Son Irwin L Adams is now in the service of the Country and it is uncertain whether he will return again in life, my Will and desire is in the event he does not return home again in life, that his Daughter now born unto him or any other that may be born unto him by her present Wife shall receive the portion of my estate that he would have received if he was in life at the time of the Division of my estate shall take place, but should he have no child or children at the time of the division of my estate, the whole of his distributive share shall be divided among the balance of my children then living and the representatives of those of them that may be dead.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved Wife Ardelia Adams the Executor and my son John L Adams Executor to this my last will and testament

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of October 1863

Benjamin Adams, (Test)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged by Benjamin Adams, the testator in the presence of us the subscribing Witnesses who have signed the same as Witnesses in the presence of the testator in the presence of each other this 12 day of October 1863

Wesleyville Adams
William F. Threlking
Thomas S. Satterly