

John Adams' Will

In the name of God Amen

I John Adams being of sound sense and memory, but weak in body by a long complaint & calling to mind that it is appointed for man to die & not knowing but my worldly goods may go to them not deserving therefore I do ordain & make this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following (to wit), First. I give & bequeath my soul to god who gave it me hoping through the merits of a crucified saviour at the last day he will raise both soul & body to the mansions of glory in peace forever. In the next place I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Francis Adams all that tract of land that lies below me adjoining Samuel Swifts land by computation one hundred Acres. Secondly I give & bequeath unto my son Square Adams fifty Acres of land lying & situated as follows (to wit) beginning at a cucumber tree & runs south to a white oak. Thence west to a sugar tree thence north to Gum Branch, thence East up said Branch to the first fork of said branch that Square now lives on then up said fork of branch to the beginning. In the next place I give & bequeath to my beloved son Tallow, all that tract of land situated as follows to wit, beginning at a log bridge near square and runs north with the meanders of the county road as it now is to Jacob Greens line thence west with said line to where it intersects with Franks line then south to Gum branch then up said branch to the fork thence up the right hand fork to the beginning.

In the next place I give & bequeath unto my beloved son Allen all that tract of land that lies situated as follows to wit, beginning at a sugar tree stump & runs north where & with an old crop fence used to stand thence east to a poplar which is my old corner, thence south to a hickory thence west with the old lined line to where it intersects with Squares land thence north to the beginning - In the next place I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Ester all that lot of land situated as follows to wit beginning at a cucumber tree Squares Corner runs down the branch to the County road thence with the meanders of the road to where it intersects with Jacob Grans line thence east to where it intersects with Allens line thence south with Allens line to the beginning to include my present dwelling to be made in her full possession during her widowhood or lifetime, & at the expiration of either I give & bequeath the said lot to my son Alfred for ever. In the next place I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Rachel one sorrel horse by the name of Dick, In the next place I give & bequeath all my farming tools, Carpenters tools & Smith tools to my wife for the express purpose of raising my children during her lifetime with one rifle gun or during her widowhood and after that I give the same to my son Alfred forever. In the next place I give & bequeath unto my son Talton one mare by the name of pleasure In the next place I give & bequeath unto my wife Ester one mare by the

name of Fly. In the next place I give
bequeath unto my wife Ester & daughter
Rachel Marthew & Elizabeth to be
divided in equal shares as they
come of age all my cattle sheep
hogs, household furniture and
all their appurtenances. In the
next place I ordain that my exe-
cutor out of my property pay
all my just debts, before my
property is divided, and this
day I do establish this my last
Will & Testament. revoking all
other wills or wills by me made and
for the true & faithful performance
of this my will I do make & ordain
my trusty friend & wife Ester Adams
& son Frank Adams. as Executors to
this my last Will & Testament signed
sealed & delivered in the presence of us
This 20th day of June in the year of our
Lord 1823.

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Abraham Vanderspool Jnr } John ^{his} Adams &
Jacob Greiss } (with)