

John Adams, Dec 1844

In The Name of God amen I John Adams of Halifax County & State
N^o Carolina being at this time in a low State of Health but of Sound disposing
mind & memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner
& Term following Vizt. Inprimis it is my will & desire that my Land and
plantation which I have lately purchased formerly belonging to the Estate of
William Jervis do should be sold by my Executor either at Public or private Sale
as they may think most proper & the money arising from such Sale should go
to the purpose of paying my just Debts. Item I give to my beloved wife Sally
Adams one negroe fellow named Jacob one bay horse named Cobbin one single
wing Chair & Harner one feather Bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever
Also I lend my beloved wife the Land & plantation whereon I now live during
her natural life. Likewise it is my will & desire that my wife Sally Adams shall
have the use of all my other property both real & personal untill my Son John
Adams Comes to the age of twenty one Years. Also it is my will & desire that my
wife out of the profits of my Estate should Give my Son John one Year Schooling
likewise it is my will & desire that when my Son John Comes to the age of twenty one
he should have three Cows & Calves taken out of my Stock before

John

William Jarvis our Should be sold by my Executors either at Public or private sale as they may think most proper & the money arising from such Sale Should go to the purpose of paying my Just Debts. Item I give to my beloved wife Sally

Adams one negroe fellow named Jacob one bay horse named Cobbin one long riding Chair & Harness one feather Bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Also I leave my beloved wife the Land & plantation wherein I now live during her natural life. Likewise it is my will & desire that my wife Sally Adams shall have the use of all my other property both real & personal untill my Son John Adams Comes to the age of twenty one years. Also it is my will & desire that my wife out of the profits of my Estate Should Give my Son John one year Schooling likewise it is my will & desire that when my Son John Comes to the age of twenty one years that my wife Shall have three Cows & Calves taken out of my Stock before any division takes place. Item It is my will & desire that all the int

of my Land except the tract which I have left above to be sold & the plantation that my wife Should be equally divided between my Son James Adams & John Adams when my Son John Adams Comes to twenty one years of age

Item It is my will & desire, that at the death of my wife the Land and
Plantation whereon I now live should be equally divided between my son
Hardiman Adams & the Child with which my wife is now pregnant, provided
that Child should be a son but should it be a daughter then it is my will
that the said Land should be divided between my sons James & Hardiman
each to share equal. Item now it is my will & desire that all the rest
of my personal Estate which is not above divided. When my son John comes
to the age of twenty one year should be equally divided between my children
here named viz! John James Hardiman Polly Rebecca & such Child as my
wife may have within nine months after my death all to share & share
alike. Also it is my desire, that if either of my sons should die with ~~an~~ an
heir lawfully begotten of their body that their parts of my Land should be equally
divided amongst my other sons then living. Lastly I do constitute
ordain & appoint James Adams my whole & Sole Executor to this my last
will & Testament and for his Trouble in the settling of my Estate Give him
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one hundred Silver Dollars and Do hereby Revoke all former Wills & ratify
this to be my last. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & face
This 23.rd day November A.D 1747

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of
Lewis Dicken Thomas Rhodes James Cooper. } his
John A Adams Mark

Halifax County, 1st February 1798 Then this will was exhibited
in open Court and duly proved by the oath of Lewis Dicken one of the subscribers
Witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be Recorded & thereupon James Adams
the Executor therein named came in and was duly qualified to the same.
Witness
L. Song C. C.