

Will of Hardy Adams.

In the name of God Amen, I Hardy Adams of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 30th of August 1823 make public and declare this as my last will and testament in manner and form following

(to wit)
I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried with a christian burial,

Item I leave to be sold at the discretion of my executor all my lands lying on the north side of the Elisha branch I leave also to be sold my right (which is one half) in the lot entered made in the name of Jesse Adams joining the land of the lands belonging to the estate of Saml. Coan deceased

Item I leave to be sold at the discretion of my executor my right in the lands which Wigdon Royals died possessed of.

Item I leave to be sold all my stock of cattle except two cows and calves. I leave also to be sold my right (which is one half) in one London still which is now in possession of Boyant Adams

Item I leave to be sold at the discretion of my executor my riding chain and harness. I leave also to be sold one safe one box and the book shelf. I leave also to be sold at public vendue all my stock of sheep except ten ewes.

Item I leave to be sold one horse exequatur and leave my executor to determine which he will sell the choice is at his option.

It is my will that the above named property be sold or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy my just debts and the sum of thirty dollars to exceed and amount sufficient to cover my debts as aforesaid which sum of thirty dollars I give and devise to Kittiter Woodall to him and his heirs forever. I leave my executors to collect monies from the mounds and reserves to the use of my estate the interest on the same and ten per cent and the balance to be paid to Floratia Griffin or his representatives on their proceeding such evidence of being authorized to demand the same as shall be regarded by my executors.

Item

I lend to my wife Widly Adams all my lands not mentioned in the above.

Item

I entell my daughter Louiza shall arrive to the age of twenty years after which period it is my will that my lands be equally divided between my wife Widly Adams and my daughter Louiza Adams to them and their heirs forever. It is also my will that the right which we possess in the negroes belonging or now in the possession of mother in law Media Royals together with my negro boy Guilford be equally divided between my wife and daughter above mentioned to them and their heirs forever.

Item

I leave to my wife ten head of sheep and two cows and calves to her and her heirs forever.

I leave to my wife my stock of hogs with all my household and kitchen furniture to her and her heirs forever. I leave to my wife what cider I have on hand with one barrel hereafter to be beaten and all the cider which the residue of fruit shall make I leave to be sold in such manner as my executor shall think proper.

I leave to my wife all my crops and provision now on hand or a sufficient to support my wife and family for the term of one year the balance should there be any to be sold.

Item

I give my wife one pair of cast wheels and cast body to her and her heirs forever.

I leave my plantation tools and tools of every kind to my wife except such part as she may consider she will not actually stand in need of which may be sold at the discretion of my executor.

Item

I leave to my wife one horse together with such articles as is not particular enumerated above to her and her heirs forever, and I constitute and appoint Jesse Adams executor of this my last will and testament.

Hardy Adams (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator

as his last will & testament State of North Carolina Johnston County
Test November Term 1823. Then was the execution of this will duly proven in the court by the oaths of Lazarus Matthews and John Dupree and ordered to be recorded. Jas. Ponder