

In the name of God Amen. I, John Swann of the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner, and form following, that is to say—

Firstly. I give and devise to my affectionate wife Sarah Swann, to her, and her heirs forever, in fee simple, my plantation on the Sound, whereon I now reside.

Secondly. I give and devise to my said wife Sarah in fee simple all my lands in Cumberland and Moore, being the same as recently purchased for our summer residence.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my said wife Sarah, all my shares of stock, in the Bank of Cape Fear.

Fourthly. It is my will and desire that my dear wife should receive during her life, twenty pieces of rice annually, the same to be a charge on the real estate as herein after, given and devised to my son Frederick, Jones Swann.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath to my wife for ever, the following negro slaves, to wit, Bess, Biddy, Peggy, Daphne, Linda, Lucy and her youngest child, Betty, Sandy, Rigato, Old Ben, Old Peter, Carter, Peter.

Sixthly. I give to my wife all my household and other furniture, farming utensils, horses, cattle, hogs and provisions of every kind that may at the time of my decease be at my sound plantation or residence in Moore.

Seventhly. As I am satisfied that the debts due to me and money on hand, will more than satisfy any debts that may be owing from me to others, it is my will that whatever, except these may bear-
ing as aforesaid, shall be the property of my wife, to whom all the aforesaid devises and bequests are given, in lieu of and in full satisfaction for all right of dower, distribution &c.

Eighthly. I give my negro boy Stephen to my grandson John D. Boomer; and my negro boy William to my grandson Alexander Swann; both these boys are the children of my servant Lucy.

Ninthly. I give and devise to my son Frederick, Jones Swann to him and his heirs forever, all my plantation and tract of land in Mount Misery Neck, including dwelling house, barn, machinery, with the exception of about one hundred and thirty acres of Rice Land situated on the upper part of said tract, and given or intended to be given to my son John D. Boomer; and with the further exception of about one hundred and thirty acres next adjoining thereto, and given or intended to be given to my son John Swann. The division of my said Rice plantation is well understood by my sons; and in the event that I have not given a deed to my sons John D. Boomer and John Swann for their parts respectively, I do now give and devise the same to them respectively, as herein referred to in the exception, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

lawfully. I give and devise to my sons Frederick Jones Swann, and John Swann, all my Swan Point Plantation, the same to be divided between them agreeable to the lines as heretofore understood and agreed upon between them, to them their heirs and assigns forever.

lawfully. I give and devise to my grandson Frederick, William Swann, that tract of land on the North East River, known by the name of Chickamauga or Wimbles containing four hundred acres of land more or less.

lawfully. I give and devise to my son Frederick, Jones Swann, his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land on Long Creek, commonly known as Horse Break, containing six hundred and forty acres more or less.

lawfully. I give and devise to my grandson Henry Toomer, the tract of land lying on the North East River, about twelve miles from Wilmington commonly called the bow Run.

lawfully. I give and bequeath to my son Frederick, Jones Swann, following negroes, to wit, Dia, In, John, John, Morris, Will, Cesar, and Bristol, Tony, Africa, Jacob, Sandy, Tom, Dick, Hatch, Edmund, Maria, Rose, Mary, Molly, Eliza, Chloa and a old Dick.

lawfully. It is my will that my son Frederick, Jones Swann continue to cultivate thirty acres of the improved rice land included in the part allotted to my son John Swann, for the space of six years from this date, and without he the said Frederick, being therefor subjected to any rent.

lawfully. It is my will that whatever there may be of rice or corn on hand at the time of my decease not appertaining to my said plantation or residence in Moore, the same shall be and be used to the use of my son Frederick, Jones Swann.

lawfully. I appoint my wife and my sons John Swann, John D. Toomer, and Frederick, Jones Swann, the Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Witness my hand, Sealed, published and declared as the last will and Testament of John Swann in our presence this twenty eighth day of May Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and a twenty three

J. B. Reston
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