

John M. Swarcys Will

In the Name of God Amen I John M. Swarcy, Sonny of the
County of Albemarle & State of South Carolina being of
perfect Mind and Memory calling to mind the Mortality of my
Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to
Die after recommending my Soul unto the hands of the Almighty
God our Heavenly Father, and my Body to be buried at the discre-
tion of my Executor do make and give in witness that my last Will
and Testament in Presence of my Friends following (W)

First

I wish all my real and personal Estate to be sold to the highest
Bidder within Twelve Months next and to be equally divided
between my Wife Lucy Swarcy and my Son Robert Swarcy
Provided my Wife be pregnant at my death that the said
she is pregnant with child shall share an equal Portion with my
Wife Lucy Swarcy & Son Robert

Second

I appoint and nominate Lucy Swarcy Sonny Swarcy and Samuel
as Executors to this my last Will and Testament

Quitting and annulling all other Wills by me before written
In Witness Whereof John M. Swarcy hereunto set
my Hand and affix my Seal this 6 day of January 1804
Signed sealed and delivered

In presence of us
John H. Mearns
Henry H. Mearns
Annal Ruffel

John M. Swarcy 

Northampton County S. March Court 1804

This Will was proved in Court by the Oaths of
John H. Mearns and others to be legally executed

Witness

R. Mearns Esq.

Benjamin Deberry Will

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Deberry of North-
ampton County and State of North Carolina being in a
lame State of Health at present but in good sound mind
and Memory, thank be to almighty God for the same in
do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in
Manner and form following (W)

First

I give unto my beloved Wife a sufficient Maintenance out
of my Estate during her Widowhood also I give unto my
beloved Wife Elizabeth Deberry one Negro Girl by the Name
of Henry being her Widowhood also I give unto my beloved
Wife Agnes Hove Black & Marney to be maintained at

the Discretion of my Executors

Then

I give unto my Son Denny Deberry my plantation lying on the
River that I purchased of Henry Swarcy with all the lands
thereunto belonging to him and his Heirs forever

So

I give unto my Son Luther Deberry my Plantation and Mills
whereon I now live with all the lands thereto belonging on
both sides of the Creek to him and his Heirs forever

Then

My Wife and I desire is that all the remaining part of my Estate
both real and personal shall be equally divided among my
Children exceptable Legacies as I have not already given any
to them nor cash of them and thus their forever

Lastly

I nominate and appoint Elizabeth Taylor and Thomas Williams &
Curren Holloway my whole and sole Executors of this my last
Will and Testament signed with my own Seal and dated this 19
day of January 1803

Signed sealed & Delivered

In presence of us

Samuel Deberry

Clary Deberry

Spencer Deberry

Wife

Benjamin Deberry 

(W) My desire is that my Negro Boy Leck the
Slave the Wife shall stay with my Wife during her
Widowhood

Benjamin Deberry

Northampton County S. March Court 1804

This Will of Benjamin Deberry was proved in Court by Samuel Deberry & others
but two of the Subscribes at same time Elizabeth Taylor & Thomas Williams &
Curren Holloway as Executors to the same this Will was proved & recorded

Witness R. Mearns Esq.