

J. W. Swanner, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:-

That my executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and have all funeral expenses, whether with my just debts now due and to whomsoever owing, out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my Estate.

Item. I send to my nephew Uriah James Swanner, a certain parcel of land, to have and to hold to him the said Uriah James Swanner for and during the term of his natural life, set out as follows and bounds as follows:- Beginning at a Black gum, J. J. Chesser's corner, on Albemarle Sound, and running thence along said Chesser line South 2 1/2° West 100 1/2 poles to a live oak; thence South 88° West 48 poles to a Sycamore tree; thence North 2 1/2° East 80 1/2 poles to Albemarle Sound; thence along said Sound North 88° East 48 poles to the first station, containing thirty(30) acres, more or less.

Item. I give and devise to the lawful children of Uriah James Swanner all that tract or parcel of land which I have loaned in a former item to the said Uriah James Swanner to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever at the death of the said Uriah James Swanner.

Item. I send to my nephew Henry Swanner a certain parcel of land, to have and to hold to him the said Henry Swanner for and during the term of his natural life set out as follows and bounds, as follows:-

Beginning at two small Cypress trees on Albemarle Sound, a corner and running thence South 2 1/2° West 100 1/2 poles along Harriet Chesser's line thence North 88° East 48 poles to the Sycamore tree a corner thence North 2 1/2° East 100 1/2 poles to Albemarle Sound thence along said Sound, North 88° West 48 poles to the first station containing thirty(30) acres more or less.

Item. I give and devise to the lawful children of Henry Swanner all that tract or parcel of land, which I have loaned in a former item to the said Henry Swanner to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever, at the death of the said Henry Swanner.

Item. I send to my nieces Elizabeth Bateman wife of John Daniel Bateman and to Charlotte Baxter wife of Samuel Baxter all of the tract or parcel of land which I now own and all other lands I own (except the tracts or parcels devised in former items) for and during the time of their natural lives.

Item. I give and devise to the lawful children of my nieces Elizabeth Bateman and Charlotte Baxter all the lands which I have loaned in a former item to my nieces Elizabeth Bateman and Charlotte Baxter to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever at the death of my aforesaid nieces.

Item. In the event that my nieces Elizabeth Bateman and Charlotte Baxter should die without leaving any lawful children living then it is my will and desire that the lands devised in a former item to them shall go to the children of my sister Martha Perry and Wallie Leggett and to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sister Martha Perry Fifty Dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew William Perry Twenty five dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Lewis Perry Twenty four dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Benjamin F. Leggett Thirty five dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Hodges Twenty five dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Uriah Leggett Twenty four dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Louisa Leggett Twenty four dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Catharine Hayes One hundred dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Annie B. Norman One hundred dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Joseph Stockton One hundred dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Sarah O'keelia Bray One hundred dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Robert Lee Griffis son of Sarah O'keelia Bray One hundred dollars to be his forever.

Item. I send to my nieces Elizabeth Bateman a bedstead bed and furniture to be hers forever.

J. W. Swanner, of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:-

That my executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, howsoever and to whomsoever owing, out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item. I lend to my nephew Uriah James Swanner, a certain parcel of land, to have and to hold to him the said Uriah James Swanner for and during the term of his natural life, set out and mites and bounds as follows: Beginning at a Black gum, F. F. Chesser's corner, on Albemarle Sound, and running thence along said Chesser line South 2 1/2 West 100 1/2 poles to a Sweet gum; thence South 88° East 4 1/2 poles to a Sycamore tree, thence North 2 1/2 East 100 1/2 poles to Albemarle Sound; thence along said Sound North 88° East 4 1/2 poles to the first station, containing thirty (30) acres, more or less.

Item. I give and devise to the lawful children of Uriah James Swanner all that tract or parcel of land which I have loaned in a former item to the said Uriah James Swanner to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever at the death of the said Uriah James Swanner.

Item. I lend to my nephew Henry Swanner a certain parcel of land, to have and to hold to him the said Henry Swanner for and during the term of his natural life set out by mites and bounds, as follows:

Beginning at two small Cypress trees on Albemarle Sound, a corner and running thence South 2 1/2 West 100 1/2 poles along Harriet Chesser's line thence North 88° East 4 1/2 poles to the Sycamore tree a corner thence North 2 1/2 East 100 1/2 poles to Albemarle Sound thence along said Sound North 88° West 4 1/2 poles to the first station containing thirty (30) acres more or less.

Item. I give and devise to the lawful children of Henry Swanner all that tract or parcel of land, which I have loaned in a former item to the said Henry Swanner to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever, at the death of the said Henry Swanner.

Item. I lend to my nieces Elizabeth Bateman wife of John Daniel Bateman and to Charlotte Barker wife of Samuel Barker all of the tract or parcel of land which on I now lie and all other landed owned (except the tracts or parcels devised in former items) for and during the time of their natural lives.

Item. I give and devise to the lawful children of my nieces Elizabeth Bateman and Charlotte Barker all the lands which I have loaned in a former item to my nieces Elizabeth Bateman and Charlotte Barker to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever at the death of my aforesaid nieces.

Item. On the event that my nieces Elizabeth Bateman and Charlotte Barker should die without leaving any lawful children living then it is my will and desire that the lands devised in a former item to them shall go to the children of my sister Martha Perry and Lizzie Leggett and to have and to hold to them in fee simple forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sister Martha Perry Fifty Dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew William Perry Twenty five dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Lewis Perry Twenty five dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Benjamin F. Leggett Twenty five dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Hodges Twenty five dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my nephew Uriah Leggett Twenty five dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Louisa Leggett Twenty five dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Catharine Hayes Three hundred dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Annie B. Norman One hundred dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Joseph Stockton Norman One hundred dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Sarah Philicia Bray One hundred dollars to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Robert Lee Griffin son of Sarah Olivera Bray One hundred dollars to be his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Bateman a bedstead bed and furniture to be hers forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Almon Baxter son of Charlotte Baxter a bedstead bed and furniture to be his forever
 Item. I give and bequeath to Shadrack Johnson my gold watch and chain to be his forever
 Item. My will and desire is that all of my crop, stock,
 and all other chattel property on hand at my death shall be
 sold by my executor at public vendue for cash and the
 net proceeds thereof shall be equally divided between my
 nephews Uriah James and Henry Swanner and my
 nieces Elizabeth Batterman and Charlotte Baxter to be theirs
 forever.

Item. My will and desire is that if there should be any surplus
 of money over and above the payment of my debts, expended
 and the legacies above named that such surplus shall
 be equally divided by my executor (hereinafter named)
 between the aforesaid legatees, share and share alike
 to them and each and every of them their executors,
 administrators and assigns forever to be theirs absolutely
 forever.

Item. My will and desire is that my executor (hereinafter
 named) shall collect all debts due me and pay over to the
 legatees the sums respectively bequeathed to them in form
 ities out of the monies that may come into his hands
 as a part or parcel of my estate; but should my executor
 (hereinafter named) not be able to collect or get in hand
 sufficient money to pay over the legacies bequeathed in
 former items then in that event, he shall pay over to
 the legatees sum in proportion to the sums bequeathed
 to the respective legatees.

Item. My will and desire is that my executor (hereinafter
 named) shall have tombstones placed at my grave before
 he pays over to the legatees the sums respectively bequeathed
 to the legatees.

Item. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my
 trusty friend, Thomas L. Johnson my lawful executor
 to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will
 and testament according to the true intent and meaning
 of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby
 revoking and declarating utterly void all other wills and
 testaments by me made heretofore. In witness whereof
 I the said W. W. Swanner, do hereunto set my hand and
 seal this twenty fourth day of June in the year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one

W. W. Swanner (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said W. W.
 Swanner, to be his last will and testament, in the
 presence of us who at his request and in his presence
 do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 Wm. R. Chesser
 John B. Chesser Jr.

State of North Carolina,

Washington County } In the Probate Court
 States aforesaid to be the last Will and Testament
 of W. W. Swanner, deceased, is exhibited before me, the under
 signed, Judge of Probate for said County, by T. L. Johnson
 the Executor therein mentioned, and the due execution
 thereof by the said W. W. Swanner by the oath and exam-
 ination of Wm. R. Chesser and Thos. B. Chesser Jr.,
 the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn
 doth depose and say, and each for himself depleth and
 saith, that he is a subscribing witness to the paper
 writing now shown him purporting to be the last will
 and Testament of W. W. Swanner that the said W. W.
 Swanner in the presence of this deponent subscribed
 his name at the end of said paper writing which is
 now shown as aforesaid and which bears date of the 24th
 day of June 1881.

And the deponent further saith that the said W. W.
 Swanner the testator aforesaid did at the time of
 subscribing his name to aforesaid declare the said
 paper writing so subscribed by him and exhibited to
 his last will and testament and this deponent
 did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said
 will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request
 and in the presence of the said testator.

And this deponent further saith that at the said time
 when the said testator subscribed his name to the said
 last will as aforesaid and at the time of the deponent's
 subscribing his name as an attesting witness thereto
 as aforesaid the said W. W. Swanner was of sound mind
 and memory of full age to execute a will and was not
 under any restraint to the knowledge information or
 belief of this deponent. And further this deponent can not
 say when he aforesaid subscribed this 23rd day of Sept 1881 before me
 Sam Whitham Probate Judge John B. Chesser Jr. Seal

Thomas J. Norman the Executor appeared took and subscribed to the oath prescribed for his qualification as Executor and filed his application for Letters Testamentary Sept 23rd 1881

Sam W. Lathau
Probate Judge

I, John Newberry, Jr., of the County of Washington and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:—
First—That my executors (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts, known and to whomsoever owing, out of the monies that may ~~first~~ come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item: I lend unto my beloved wife all of my real estate, my mare, farming implements, horses, hogs and kitchen furniture, one cow and calf, her choice, one ewe and lamb, one sow and pigs, her choice, one half of my crop of corn, cotton, beans, potatoes and fodder, for and during the term of her widowhood.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said wife the sum of one hundred dollars or money.

Item: I give and devise to my son, Abraham, all of my real estate which I have bequeathed to my wife for and during the term of her widowhood, and my will and desire is that my said son shall come in possession of said estate whenever she, my said wife, intermarries, to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said son, one cow and calf, one ewe and lamb, and one half of all of my hogs absolutely forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy, Joanna and Sarah, each one dollar.

Item: My will and desire is that all of my personal property which I have bequeathed to my wife shall be equally

divided between my daughters Mary and Elizabeth, and if my said daughters cannot agree to an equal division of said property between them then my will and desire is that my executors shall sell said property and then equally divide the proceeds between my said daughters at the death of my said wife or her intermarriage, absolutely forever.

Item: My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devices and legacies above mentioned, shall be equally divided between my said daughters Mary and Elizabeth absolutely forever.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends, Abraham Newberry and Miles Peterson, my lawful executors to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring all other wills and testaments by me theretofore made.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-ninth day of August, Anno Domini 1880

John Newberry (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Newberry, Jr. to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Thos. J. Norman
H. C. Norman