

in the name of god Amen:

I Joseph Van Swearingen, of Abbeville
County, being in sound mind, and Memory, and considering the un-
certainty of ~~life~~, do make and ordain this my will and Testa-
ment in manner and form as Followeth
1st. I give up my soul to god, which is his due, in Hopes of a
blessed resurrection thro' the merits of my dear redeemer
2ndly I dispose of what it has been his mercy to send me as fol-
lows, (To wit) Item I give & bequeath to my grandson Robert Shank-
lin, all my land that I possess at this time or have any claim to,
to him ~~and his heirs~~ forever, but with this perticular proviso
~~that my wife Mary Swearingen shall have the one third of the said~~
land, during her natural life unmolested by anyone, and at her
decease he is to take possession of the whole, Item I lend my dear
& beloved wife Mary, all my personal Estate during her natural
life and at her decease, it is my will desire, that it be equally
devided between my Two daughters, Sarah Pekins, Hannah Shanklin,
~~Matthew Thompson, Joseph Thompson, & John Thompson,~~ (That is to
say) one third to my daughter Sarah Pekins, & her heirs forever,
one third to my daughter Hanah Shanklin, & her heirs forever, and
the other one third remaining to be equally devided between my
Three grandsons Matthew Thompson Joseph Thompson, and John Thomp-
son, to them & thier heirs forever, Item give and bequeath to my
daughter Elizabeth Barrett one dollar to her and her heirs forever,
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Thompson one dollar
to her & heirs forever, Item I appoint and Constitute my beloved
wife Mary Swearingen, my Exetrix together with my son in Law
Thomas Shanklin, my Executor, to this my last will & Testimant re-
voking and annulling all wills, whatsoever by the hertofore made,
as Witness my Hand & seal this Fourteenth day of July one thousand
seven Hundred & ninety four

Page 2 WILL OF JOSEPH VAN SWEARINGEN

Signed, sealed & delivered }

in Presence of

John Glenn

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Sam. Linton

Jacob Clearmon

Henry Sharp

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John Bowie, C.C.