

The Will of Rebecca Swan

In the name of God Amen: I Rebecca Swan
being of sound and disposing mind and memory
but weak in body and calling to mind the uncertainty
of life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly
estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with do make
and ordain this my last will in manner following
That is to say, I Give to Timothy Swan Children
one Dollar I Give to Barbara Sloan Children
one Dollar. I Give to my daughter Ann Simmons
one Bed & furniture and should she and her husband
John Simmons live together as man & wife I desire
that she should have one Cow & half out of my estate -
All the Rest of my personal estate I Give to my daughter
Mary her heirs and assigns forever and lastly I do
Constitute my said daughter Mary Sole Executrix of this
my last will & Testament by me hereunto made
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal The 3^d day of November 1837
Signed, sealed, published and declared
as and for the last will & Testament
of the above named Rebecca Swan
in the presence of us

Int. W. H. H. C.
Williams & Compton
mark

Chas. Fowler

Rebecca + Simon
mark

Memorandum that the will
of Rebecca Swan as above stated was proven
before me by the oaths of Charles Fowler and
William Compton on the twenty first day of
November 1837

W. D. W. S. C. L. D.

The Will of David Bell

In the name of God Amen. I David Bell of the
State of South Carolina and Laurens District
being of sound and disposing mind and memory
but weak in body and calling to mind the uncer-
tainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all
such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless
me with do make and ordain this my last will
in manner following, that is to say I desire that
the whole of my personal estate (except my negroes) of what
kind soever be sold as soon as convenient after my
decease and out of the monies arising therefrom
all my last debt and funeral expenses be paid after
the payment of all my last debt and funeral expenses. I
Give and bequeath unto my beloved son Adam Bell
a negro woman named Lucy and a negro boy called
Dilas I further Give and bequeath unto my said
son Adam Bell the tract of land on which I now
live containing one hundred and twenty three
acres with the exception of twenty or thirty acres
which I desire shall be hereafter detached from the said
one hundred and twenty three acres and thrown to my
other lands which will be hereinafter disposed of
according to certain boundaries. Again I Give
and bequeath unto my beloved son Robert I Bell
a negro girl named Sarah and a negro boy called
Jonas. I further Give and bequeath unto my said son
R. I Bell a tract of land containing one hundred acres
more or less on which John Bell formerly lived
it is further my will and desire that my said son
Robert I Bell have a certain parcel of land
detached from the tract on which I live containing
Twenty or thirty acres more or less running from
John Bell's old tract partially with Dr. J. F. Calhoun's
land near to the road leading from John Bell's old place
as before stated so as to intersect with the branch
on which I live about fifty yards below the road
at the Junction of a small Drain and thence up the
Creek or branch until it intersects with John Bell's old
place or tract of land. It is also my will and
desire that if my son Adam Bell should die
without out issue the whole of the property
bequeathed to him shall return to my son

Robert I Bell or his heirs. In conclusion I nominate and appoint my beloved nephew William Adams a agent or Guardian to manage and Control the Affairs of my son Adam Bell relate to the property bequeathed to him if my nephew William Adams fails to act I shall insist on my worthy friend Richard Ferguson to act in his place as agent or Guardian to manage and Control the Agency bequeathed to the benefit and interest of my said son Adam Bell. It is also my will and desire that my son Robert I Bell have the use of the plantation on which I now live jointly with my son Adam Bell for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. It is further my will and desire that after the payment of all my last debts and funeral Expenses that the balance of the money arising from the sale of my property to be Equally divided between my two sons Adam Bell and Robert I Bell and lastly I do constitute and appoint my son Robert I Bell Executor of this my last will and Testament by me hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Signed Sealed Published and declared as and for the last will and Testament of the above named David Bell in the presence of us
 Witnesses
 2 James Blackburn
 2 Lewis Jones
 2 Edward Wilson
 David I Bell

Memorandum that the will of David Bell as above stated was proved before me by the Oaths of Lewis Jones & Edward Wilson on the eighth day of November 1837

W. D. Watts J. C. O. & L. D.

South Carolina I Sally Allen being weak of body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding do make and ordain my last will and Testament in the manner and form following To wit
 1st I Give and bequeath to my daughter Frances my negro woman Amy. The young horse Toby two cows & calves two beds and their furniture the balance of the house hold and Kitchen furniture to have and to hold the same her heirs and assigns forever. 2nd I Give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Arnold my parcel near the bridge and the purchase at the sale to have and to hold the same her heirs and assigns forever. 3rd I Give and bequeath to my Grand son Allen Arthur a parcel of land to have and to hold the same his heirs and assigns forever. 4th I Give and bequeath to my son Jonathan Allen my old negro man Broadwater to have and to hold the same his heirs and assigns forever. 5th I direct the tract of Land on which I live to be sold by my Executors hereinafter named up on such Credit as they may think proper and do authorize them to execute bills to the purchaser and the money arising from the said sale I will and direct to be Equally divided among the whole of my children there & I have alike. But the part or share going to my daughter Sarah. I wish my Executors to lay out in trust so that it can not be taken for her husband's debts. The little piece of land included in W & Down's fence about half an acre belongs to him as he has paid me for it. 6th The balance of my personal Property in possession I Give to my Executors to dispose of to pay what little debts I may owe. I appoint my son Jonathan Allen and my son in law Anderson Arnold Executors of this my last will and Testament Witness my hand and seal this 7th of January 1838.

Signed Sealed Published and declared in presence of
 her
 Sally A. Allen
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William F Downy } proven before me by the oath of James
 James Braxton } Braxton 31 Jan'y 1838.
 Garland Sims }
 W. D. Watts
 J. C. O. & L. D.