

RICHLAND DISTRICT) I Joel Adams Senior of the State and
District aforesaid being of perfect mind and memory do make
and declare this to be my last Will and testament.-----

1st. My lawful debts being first paid, I then wish my
estate disposed of in manner following, Viz, I give and bequeath
unto my son James and his heirs forever, one tract of land
between Cedar Creek and Cabin Branch conveyed to me by Isaac
Tucker;- Also one half of a tract, or tracts, purchased by me
from the heirs of Walker, say the upper or that part of the
land which is nearest to the residence of my son James, for
all of which I have already made him ~~with~~ titles.-----

I give and bequeath unto my son Joel and his heirs forever,
the tract of land on which he now lives, together with a part
of the tract on which I now live, which adjoins the tract on
which he also resides, also another tract adjoining the South
side of the tracts already mentioned; titles for all of which
I have already made him.-----

I give and bequeath unto the lawful heirs of the body of my
son William or their survivors forever a tract of land purchased
by me from John Price, adjoining the tract on which he now
lives, Also unto the said heirs or their survivors, the upper
part of the tract on which I reside and which at this time is
occupied by said William, the quantity of which, to be ascer-
tained by a line running across the tract toward the Creek,
supposed to be about half way between our residences, at or
near when there is at this time a dividing fence: Also unto
the said heirs or survivors that half of the Walker tracts of
land, which is the lower half, or lies next to the mills:
Also unto the said heirs or survivors another tract situated on
the West side of Cedar Creek, adjoining lands of John A Reese,
all of which said lands my son William may occupy and use, if
he chooses, as long as he lives, in his own proper person,
but by no others, except my executors for the use and benefit

2nd. After my death as soon as it can conveniently be done, I now wish my executors, to purchase for my Nephews Joel and James Tucker, each, a likely negro boy, or pay to each, a sum of money equal in value, as my executors think proper,--

3rd. My will is that the balance of my estate real and personal be kept entirely together, during the life and pleasure of my wife, under the special care and direction of my executors, and to be managed by them in the same manner, as I have always done, - my wife at the same time being permitted to exercise all the priviliges, to which she has been accustomed during my life, and out of the nett income of my estate, that she be allowed to take annually such part thereof, as she and the Executors may think proper and necessary for her own use.

The balance of said income, I wish to be divided annually, or as soon as it comes into the hands of my executors, into six equal parts.-- One part thereof for my son James and his heirs.----- One part for my son Joel and his heirs.--- One part to be retained in the hands of my executors for the use of the lawful bodely heirs of my son William, to be by said executors managed as shall be hereafter directed.-----

One part for my son Robert and his heirs.-- And the ~~other~~ other two parts to be equally divided between the children of my deceased daughter Sarah Tucker and James (son of my deceased son Harry) share and share alike.-----

4th. During the life of my wife, my son Robert is privileged to work his hands on my plantation as ~~he~~ he has done heretofore, and he is entitled at any time to take away a waggon and four good mules, as his own property which I consider as already belonging to him.-----

5th. After the death of my wife, I give unto my son Robert and the lawful heirs of his body forever, the house furniture and land on which my dwelling house stands, except so much of the tract as has already been disposed of. Also I give unto him

over and above, what I shall hereafter give him., three negro follows, Viz; George, Solomon and town Joe: And at the final division of the balance of my negroes (if he desires it) I wish him to draw as a part of his portion, Jerry and Harriet (child of old Dorcas Beo^d)-----

6th. The balance of my lands, I have valued at Thirty thousand dollars, which lands, I give and bequeath equally unto my sons, James, Joel, and Robert and the lawful heirs of their bodies forever, to be divided after the death of my wife by themselves, or sooner, if by her consent, in any way they may think proper, And if they wish at any time, before the death of my wife, they are hereby authorized to dispose of their interest in said lands to each other, but no person, unless by the consent of the whole.-----

7th. Should I die without making a will, my son William would be entitled to one share of my lands,-- The children of my deceased daughter Sarah Tucker would be entitled to another share-- and James, son of my deceased son Harry, would be entitled to another share also,-- Now in lieu or consideration of these several shares of my lands, to which these persons would be entitled, I desire and direct that my sons, James, and Robert pay the following sums of money to the persons and in the manner following, Viz, that they pay to the children of my son William or their ~~next~~ survivors the sum of Five thousand dollars agreeably to my directions hereafter given, which sum I have estimated as the value of one sixth of my lands.-----

Also that they pay over to the children of my deceased daughter and to James, the child of my deceased son Harry, the sum of Ten thousand dollars, being two sixths of the valuation of my lands to be divided equally among them share and share alike.

Payments to be made as follows, Viz,-----

Each son will pay one third of said sum of Ten thousand dollars in six equal payments, that is, in one, two, three, four, five and six years. The first payment not to become

due, nor to draw interest until first of January next,
after the death of my wife, Each payment drawing interest
as it becomes due.-----

8th I desire that my grand son James H^d Adams (son of my
decd son Harry) may have the use of the plantation, on which
his negroes live and work at present, until he is of age, a
afterwards said plantation to return to my sons James, Joel
and Robert, to whom I have already bequeathed my other lands,
mentioned in the sixth clause of this my will.-----
Whatever I have given or may hereafter give to my grandson
James H. Adams, should he die, leaving no lawful heirs of his
body alive at the time of his death, I wish ^{to revert} to those, to
whom, I shall hereafter leave the balance of my personal estate.

9th. I leave it optional with my sons James, Joel and Robert
to take my lands on the terms and conditions set forth in the
sixth and seventh clauses of this my will : On they may require
among the whole Heirs a general division of the Lands on
which I have fixed a valuation.-----

10th- After the death of my wife, (or sooner if she wishes it),
as soon as my executors find it convenient, I wish the balance
of my personal estate to be divided into six equal parts, viz;
One part thereof for my son James and his heirs- One part for
my son Joel and his heirs- One part for the children of my son
William or their heirs survivors- One part for my son Robert
and his heirs-- And the other two parts to be equally divided
between the children of my deceased daughter and James H. the
child of my deceased son Harry, share and share alike.-----

Dividing such things as can be done without injury, and selling
such of said balance as cannot be well divided. My executors
may do ~~what~~ all such acts themselves, or ~~together~~ get others
to do for them.-----

11th- All the legacies bequest or property that I have left
the children of my son William or their survivors, I desire
shall remain in the hands of my executors as guardians, to be

authorize and empower my executors to buy, bargain, sell, or to do any other act with said property that they may think proper; and to deliver it to said children, their friends or guardians whenever they think is safe so to do.-----

And my executors shall not at any time be accountable for interest or any money that may from time to time be in their hands as the property of said children.-----

12th- Should any of my heirs die leaving no lawful bodily heirs living at the time of his or her death, the legacy, I have left him or her, I desire may return to the rest of his or her heirs according to the true meaning and tenor of my will.-----

And I wish it to be understood, that I consider my children, those deceased as well as those living to have been ~~was~~ once placed on equal footing as it regards any advances of property both real and personal made them by myself in my life time.-----

13th- Whereas on the day of I paid to the sheriff of Richland district the sum of Thirteen hundred dollars or more on account of a judgement held by Willis Gay against my son William W. Adams- Also on the sixth day of May eighteen hundred and twenty nine, I purchased from my son William all the negroes then owned by him, together with their natural increase, & valued by him and myself at the sum of Twelve thousand three hundred and seventy five dollars, which negroes by the said William were regularly conveyed to me by deedor ~~with~~ bill of sale on the day and date above mentioned. Now the time nearing and intent of said purchase was, that I, in consideration of said deed or conveyance, assumed to pay all lawful debts then due by the said William, provided they did not exceed the valuation of the aforesaid negroes, and no further did I bind myself to pay. His debts may not amount to the valuation of said negroes, - whatever sum or sums therefore, I have paid since the date of the above deed, or may have to pay hereafter on account of his then existing debts, I do hereby desire and direct that all such sums, together with the sum paid on said Gay's judgement, shall draw lawful interest from time the time

the several payments were made until there is a final division of my estate, be deducted from that portion of my estate, which I intend for the children of my son William or their survivors, that is, the children of my son William or their survivors, shall receive or draw a sum that much less of their share or proportion on said final division, as shall be made up by principal and interest of the sums already mentioned.

And first, I wish this to be made from the valuation of my lands and if the sum to be deducted shall exceed his children's share of my lands, then, in that case, the excess of said sum, I wish deducted from their share of my personal estate.

Furthermore I wish it understood that I give unto the children of my son William or their survivors the whole of the negroes and their natural increase, mentioned in the above deed, with this express condition- I wish said William to keep and use said negroes for the benefit of himself and family during his life, provided he manages them, prudently, but if otherwise I give my executors (power (if they choose to exercise it) to act with this property in the same manner pointed out in

the eleventh clause of this my will. And be it also understood that I intend this gift to Said William's children or their survivors over and above the provisions made for them in the preceding clauses, after the proper deduction is made for the debts which I have paid and assumed to pay as already mentioned in the above clause. Should my son William die leaving a widow I authorize my executors, to allow her, what, in their opinion they may think a reasonable support, out of the income of the property contained in this clause, during her widowhood, and no longer.

Lastly- I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons James, Joel and Robert executors to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.
Executed in presence of us.)

John Morgan

Joel Adams

SOUTH CAROLINA)

RICHLAND DISTRICT) Personally appeared John M. Morgan
who being duly sworn made oath that he saw Joel Adams sign
publish pronounce and declare the annexed Instrument of
writing to be his last will and Testament that he was then
of sound & disposing mind memory and understanding according
to the best of this Deponets knowledge and belief and that
he with Edward L. Garner U. T. Goodwyn and James C. Bates
at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the
presence of each other witnessed the due Execution thereof.

John U. Morgan

Sworn to before me

21 July 1830

James S. Guignard

(Ordinary

James Adams & Joel Adams qualified as Executor same day.

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