

The last Will & Testament of Robert Adams, of Richland District, Planter.

I, Robert Adams, being of sound & disposing mind, memory & understanding, do make & ordain my Last Will and Testament as follows,

1. I desire that all my just debts be paid.

2. I devise & bequeath to my wife, Mrs Anne E. Adams, my Dwelling House, the furniture therein, & the lands attached thereto, to have & to hold the same as long as she may remain a Widow & reside on the place, and upon the condition that no more of said lands be cleared than the portion so left at the time of my death. It is also my desire that my children may live in my said Dwelling House, upon the same footing as during my life, so long as they may find it agreeable so to do. After the death of my said wife, or upon her marrying again, or removing voluntarily from the said premises. I desire that the same may be divided among my children, in like manner & with the same provisions & limitations hereinafter contained, in the fifth clause of this will, with regard to the rest of my estate.

3. I devise & bequeath to my wife Anne E. Adams all the property which I have acquired in right of my marriage with her, for & during the term of her natural life, & after her death, one half thereof to my son Jesse R. Adams, and the other half to such person or persons, as she may appoint by will or deed, & if she should die without making such appointment, then to her legal Distributors whom she may leave living at the time of her death.

4. All the provisions above made for my said wife Anna, are, if accepted by her, to be in lieu & in bar of dower; and in case she should think proper to claim dower, then the devised & bequests above made in her favor are not to take effect, but the property above described in the second & third clauses of this will, is to be divided & disposed of in the

Same manner as the rest of my Estate under the fifth clause, next hereafter following.

5. After payment of my debts, I devise that all the rest of my Estate, both real and personal, be divided into eleven equal portions; whereof I devise & bequeath two to each of my sons, Joel B. Adams, John P. Adams, James P. Adams, & Robert Adams, to hold the same to them & their Heirs respectively forever; and two other eleventh parts to my three sons first above named, Joel B. John P. & James P. Adams, to hold the same to them & their Heirs forever, in Trust nevertheless for the following uses & purposes, that is to say in Trust to permit my daughter Caroline C. Adams to have the sole & Separate use of the same for & during the term of her natural life, free from the control, & from all liability for the debts or contracts of any future husband: and after her death, in trust for the use of such person or persons as she may by Deed, or by Last Will & Testament duly Executed notwithstanding any future coverture, direct & appoint: and in case she should die without so disposing of said property, then in trust for the use of such children as she may leave living at the time of her death, the issue of a deceased child standing in the place of the same: And in case she should leave no issue living at the time of her death, then in trust for the use of such of her brothers in this clause named, & of such issue of a deceased brother or brothers, as she may leave living at the time of her death, such issue to stand in place of the parent: and the remaining eleventh portion I devise & bequeath to my son Jesse R. Adams, to have & to hold to him & his Heirs forever.

6. I appoint & constitute my sons Joel B. Adams, John P. Adams, Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and do hereby fully authorize & empower them to sell or dispose of my estate, or any part thereof (with the Exception of the Dwelling House & Appurtenances above mentioned in the Second

clause of this will, while occupied by my widow) in such manner as they may deem advisable for carrying out the purposes of this Will.

7. And I do hereby revoke & annul all former Wills & Testaments.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & .

Robert Adams

Signed, sealed & published by Robert Adams his last Will & Testament; in the presence of us, who in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same,

Joel Adams Sr.

John Neal

J. U. Adams

South Carolina) Personally appeared John Neal and made
Richland District) oath that he saw Robert Adams sign seal
publish and pronounce and declare the foregoing Instrument
of writing to be his last will and Testament that he was
then of sound and disposing mind and memory according to the
best of this Deponents knowledge and belief and that he with
Joel Adams Sen'r and James U Adams at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof and Deponent further swears that the execution of the Same was on the fifteenth day of December Eighteen hundred and forty nine

Sworn to before me 19 October 1850 John Neal

James S. Guignard, Ordinary

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Richland District-

Joel B Adams qualified same day

James P Adams qualified 10 Sept. 1853

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- CODICIL -

I Robert Adams, being of sound and disposing mind memory &

understanding do make and ordain this codicil to my
will & testament heretofore executed by me.

1. I hereby revoke and annul the third clause of the said will & in lieu of the dispositions therein made, I bequeath to my said wife Anne, absolutely all the slaves, & all the other personal property, except money acquired by me in right of my marriage with her, and also the sum of Five thousand Dollars, payable one half on the first day of January next after my death, and the other half on the first day of January next following

2. I hereby declare the bequests in the first clause of this codicil to be subject to the proviso in the fourth clause of my said will.

3. I hereby revoke the last paragraph of the fifth clause of my said will, relating to the portion of my property divided & bequeathed to my son Jesse R. Adams, and I hereby devise and bequeath the said portion with the additional sum of three thousand Dollars, (after my debts are paid) to my son Jesse R. Adams, to have and to hold the same for and during the term of his natural life, and after his death to the issue, which he may leave living at the time of his death, share & share alike, the issue of a deceased child standing in the place thereof - but in case the said Jesse R. should die without leaving such issue living at the time of his death, then to such of my other children, mentioned in the said fifth clause and to such issue of any of my said children deceased, as may be living at the time of the death of the said Jesse R.

4. And I do hereby confirm my said will in all other particulars not changed by this codicil.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty

The word "will" in third line on

Robert Adams

before signing.

(Codicil)

Signed sealed & published by Robert Adams as a codicil to his last will & testament in the presence of us, who in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

D.W. Ray

Aaron Watt

Jno. D. Hopkins

South Carolina

Richland District - Personall appeared John D Hopkins and made oath that he saw Robert Adams sign seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing Instrument of writing to be a Codicil to his last will and Testament that he was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding according to the best of this Deponents knowledge and belief and that he with D.W. Ray and Aaron Watt at the request of the Testators in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the due execution thereof and further swears that he cannot recollect the day of the execution of said Codicil but is positive that it was signed some time in the month of June last --

Jno. D. Hopkins

Sworn to before me 19 October 1850

James S. Guignard

Ordinary

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