

South Carolina

Richland District - I, Robert J Adams of the State and District aforesaid, being in my perfect senses do make and declare this my last will and testament.

1st. I will and direct that all my just and lawful debts be paid as soon as conveniently after my death.

2nd. I give unto my son Joel, my servant yellow Joep as a ~~special legacy, over & above subject to the same conditions~~ and restrictions, which shall govern his portion of my estate.

3rd. I give, devise and bequeath unto my executors, hereinafter to be named, all my real and personal estate whatsoever, to them, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever, In Trust nevertheless, and to and for the uses and purposes hereinafter to be expressed and subject to the powers, conditions, restrictions and limitations hereinafter

mentioned: that is to say, I will that my whole estate real and personal be held by my executors ^{and James H. Adams} James U Adams, ~~their~~ heirs, executors, administrators or assigns for the equal use benefit and behoof of my son Joel Adams and of my two daughters Mary Ann Adams and Fanny Adams during the term of their natural lives, and after their death then in Trust for the use, benefit & behoof of the lawful heirs of their bodies, without my said estate being in any manner liable for or subject to the debts of my said children, or the debts of any husband, whom either of my said daughters may marry.

4th. My will and desire is and I do hereby authorize and empower the said executors James U Adams and James H. Adams, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns that whenever my son shall arrive at the age of twenty one, or before or after if they think proper, they may divide my said estate, and should they think my son trustworthy convey and give over to him absolutely such share or portion as he then may be entitled to, discharged from the said Trusts and thereby release themselves from all further responsibility for the

the said share or portion wisely and prudently and that he would improperly and wastefully use the same, I will and devise that they should hold the same in Trust or convey and commit it to the hands of another in Trust for his use, benefit and behoof during the term of his natural life, and after his death in Trust for the use, benefit and behoof of the lawful heirs of his body.

5th. I wish ~~and desire~~ my said executors to have the entire control and management of my children, until they become of age or marry, at which times or afterwards, if they think proper, they may hand over to each or any one of them, their respective shares or portions for their own care and management, and for so long a time as my executors deem it proper: but if they think it otherwise I wish them to keep the management of it themselves.

6th. I will and desire and do fully authorize and empower my said executors at all times to buy, sell, barter or trade in any kind or species of property, as they may think advisable for the interest, use and benefit of my said children: and should my children become dissatisfied with any such transactions of my executors, so as to go to law with them about the same, the costs, damages and expenses of such litigation shall be deducted from his or her share or portion of my said estate.

7th. Should it so happen that at any time, any sum or sums of money arising out of my estate come into the hands of my executors, I will and direct that they shall not be liable for, or charged with interest on the said sum or sums so received believing as I do, that they will always apply such sum or sums for the use and benefit of my said children so soon as they can do so conveniently.

8th. Should any of my children die leaving no lawful heirs of their bodies alive, at the time of his or her death, I wish my said estate to be held by my executors in Trust for

the use benefit and behoof of the survivor or survivors, subject to the powers, conditions, restrictions and limitations above mentioned.

9th. Should all of my children die, leaving no lawful heirs of their bodies at the time of their death, I wish that Four thousand Dollars of my estate be returned to William Bynum, it being the amount relieved for lands he gave me and which I sold to John Williams. The balance of my estate I give and bequeath to my brothers and sisters in equal proportions or share and share; that is to say, I wish my brothers and my sister Sarah or their lawful heirs to take my estate, and divide it equally among themselves, and pay to my other sisters equal shares of its valuation in money.

10th. I leave to my father and mother the use of all my household and Kitchen furniture, during their lives, or so long as they think proper to keep the same or any part thereof. After their death (or before, at any time they think proper) to return to my children.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint James U Adams and James H. Adams Guardians, Trustees and executors of this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this sixteenth day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and Forty eight.

Executed in presence of us-

Rob't J. Adams

D.W. Ray

J.R. Adams

John Neal

South Carolina) Personally appeared J R Adams and made
(Richland District) oath that he saw Robert J Adams sign seal
publish pronounce and declare the within Instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament that he was then of sound and disposing mind according to the best of this Deponents knowledge and belief and that he with D W Ray, and John Neal in the presence of each witnessed the due execution

J R Adams (Sworn 17 May 1848)