

Will of Joseph Adams

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Devised May 9, 1877

Proven June 30, 1877

State of North Carolina
Harnett County

I **Joseph Adams** of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First, That my Executor shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts howsoever and whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands, as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and devise to my Daughter **Mary E. Adams** one bed, bedstead, and bed clothes to furnish it. To my Daughter **Ridley E. Adams** one bed, bedstead, and clothes to furnish it. To my son **William H. Adams** one bed and bedstead and clothes to furnish it. To my son **William H. Adams** his heirs and assigns One Hundred acres of the tract of land on which I now live. My two single Daughters **Mary E. Adams** and **Ridley E. Adams** to have the privilege to live on it and cultivate it during celibacy while they shall live single. Also to the three last named my household and kitchen furniture. To my Daughter **Mary E. Adams** one cow. To my daughter **Ridley E. Adams** one heifer. To my son **William H. Adams** one yearling also one year old filly. To my two single daughter[s] one black mare to have while single. Also to my three single children **William H. Adams**, **Mary E.**, and **Ridley E.** five hogs. To my daughter[s] **Nancy I. Denning** and **Winneford E. Young** two ewes each. To my son **William H. Adams** the remainder of my land. The remainder of my sheep to my three single children. To my son **Joseph E. Adams**, **Margaret D. Jones**, **Julia A. DuPre**, **Eliza J. DuPre**, **Winneford E. Young**, **Nancy I. Denning** each two dollars and fifty cents in cash. And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend **Sampson R. Wilson** my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 9 May AD 1877.

Joseph (X) Adams (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Joseph Adams to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence we subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

John N. Gregory
Joseph Young

Admitted to Probate 30th June 1877.

North Carolina
Harnett County

I **Benjamin F. Shaw**, Clerk of the Superior Court of Harnett County, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Joseph Adams** Will admitted to Probate 30 June 1877.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of said Court at office in Lillington July 7, 1877.

B. F. Shaw CSC

Registered June 12th 1879 at 10 AM.

J. R. Grady Reg.