

Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787

WILL OF RICHARD ADAMS

in the name of God amen.

This twenty Eight Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, I **RICHARD ADAMS**, in Richland County in South Carolina, being in a weak and low condition in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God therefore, calling to mind the mortality of mans body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last will and testament, that is to say:

PRINCIPALLY AND FIRST OF ALL I give and recommend my soul to the hands of God who gave it to me and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent & Christian manner at the discretion of my executors, not doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

AND AS TOUCHING such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner:

FIRST after all my lawful debts are paid I do give and bequeath unto **ANNES GREGORY** one shilling sterling.

AND LIKEWISE I give **JOHN CARROLL ADAMS** and **RICHARD ADAMS** a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Blewford [Beaufort] County in North Carolina.

AND LIKEWISE I give unto **WILLIAM [ADAMS]** and **JAMES ADAMS** the half of this tract of land I now live on I mean the half that lays on the North West side of the dry branch.

AND LIKEWISE I give the other half that I now live on to **ABRAHAM ADAMS** together with fourteen acres in the river swamp.

AND ALL the remaining part of my estate I give unto my beloved wife [**MARY CARROLL ADAMS**] during her widowhood and if she should marry, **ABRAHAM ADAMS** is to have one half of it and at her death it is all to be left to **ABRAHAM ADAMS**.

AND as for my executors I appoint my beloved wife and **ABRAHAM ADAMS**.

As witness my hand and seal

**RICHARD ADAMS** {seal, his x mark}

In presence of

**WILLIAM SCOTT**

**EPHRAIM ADAMS**

**SARAH WESTON** {her x mark}

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South Carolina  
Richland County

At a County Court held for the County aforesaid on the 19th day of February 1788 the last will and testament of **RICHARD ADAMS** deceased was duly proved in open court by the oath of **SARAH WESTON** and **EPHRAIM ADAMS** witness **PHILIP PEARSON** clerk of the said court the day and year above written.

**PHILIP PEARSON, CC**

Recorded in Book B Folio 19 the 21st day of February 1788

**PHILIP PEARSON, CC**

Recorded in Will Book B, Page 19  
Box 1 package 7.

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787**

The appraisement of  
the estate of **RICHARD ADAMS**  
deceased

returned 15th May 1788

Recorded in Book B

Folio 34 the 22nd July, 1788

**PHIL. PEARSON, CC**

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787**

We being duly qualified has made due bill of appraisement of the estate of **RICHARD ADAMS** of Richland County, deceased.

[INVENTORY LIST]

Certified by:

**JONATHAN CLAYTON**  
**JACOB CARROLL**  
**JOEL ADAMS**

This sixth day of May 1788

Letters testamentary

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787**

South Carolina  
Richland County

By The Honorable the justices of the county court of Richland.

To All To whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that on the 19th day of February in the year of Our Lord 1788 the last will and testament of **RICHARD ADAMS**, late of this County, planter, deceased, was proved in open court and approved and allowed of the four and by the said Court and the administration of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the deceased within the state was there upon granted and committed by the said court on to **MARY ADAMS**, executrix, and **ABRAHAM ADAMS** named executor in the said will, they being first duly sworn well and Faithfully to administer and make a full and perfect inventory of all and singular the said goods and chattels and to exhibit the same inventory into the clerk's office for the county of four said in order to be recorded on or before the 19th day of May next and to render a just and true account calculation and Reckoning there of when thereunto required.

Witness **PHILIP PEARSON**, Clerk of the Court, this 21st day of February and no Dome and I-17 and 88th and 12th year of American independence.

**PHILIP PEARSON** CC

Richland County  
Clerk's Office

Recorded in book be page the 21st on the 21st day of February and no Dome and I 1788.

**PHILIP PEARSON**, CC

Will of  
**RICHARD ADAMS**

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787**

Warrant of appraisement  
of the estate of **RICHARD ADAMS**

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**PHILIP PEARSON, CC**



**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787**

South Carolina  
Richland County

By The Honorable the justices of the county court of Richland.

These are to authorize and empower you or any three or four of you whose names are here onto written to repair to all such parts and places within the state as you shall be directed unto by **MARY ADAMS**, executrix, and **ABRAHAM ADAMS**, executor of the last will and testament of **RICHARD ADAMS**, late of the county of for said, planter, deceased, wheresoever any of the goods and chattels of the set deceased are were to remain within the set parts and places and which shall be shown on to you by the said **MARY ADAMS**, executrix, and **ABRAHAM ADAMS**, executor, and there to view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels and being first sworn on the holy evangelists of almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory and appraisement thereof and to cause the same to be returned under your hands or any three or four of you unto the said **MARY ADAMS**, executrix, and **ABRAHAM ADAMS**, executor, on or before the 19th day of May next ensuing.

Dated at office the 21st day of February Anno Domini 1788 and the 12th year of American independence

**PHILIP PEARSON**, CC

Messrs:

**JOHN CLAYTON**  
**WILLIAM WESTON**  
**JACOB CARROLL**  
**JOHN BRYSON**  
**JOEL ADAMS**

Memorandum this 6th day of May 1788

Personally appeared before me **WILLIAM MEYER** one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in Richland County **JOHN CLAYTON** and **JACOB CARROLL** and **JOEL ADAMS** being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **RICHARD ADAMS** late of the said County, deceased, who being duly sworn made oath that they would make a just and true appraisement of all and singular the goods and chattels (ready money only excepted) of the said **RICHARD ADAMS**, deceased, as shall be produced by **MARY ADAMS**, executrix, and **ABRAHAM ADAMS**, executor, of the estate of the said **RICHARD ADAMS**, deceased, and that they would return the same certified under their hands under the said **MARY ADAMS**, executrix, and **ABRAHAM ADAMS**, executor, within the time prescribed by law.

Sworn the day in your above written before me

**WILLIAM MEYER**, JP

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**RICHARD ADAMS**

Sales

Recorded Book E

Folio 134 & 135

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, RICHARD ADAMS, 1787**

Return of the sale of the personal estate of **RICHARD ADAMS**, deceased; sold at public outcry on the 19th December 1807 at six months credit.

**JANE ADAMS  
HENRY BRYSON  
JOHN BRYSON  
JOHN C. ADAMS  
A?? DELOZIER  
BERRY HARRIS  
WILLIAM LEDINGHAM**

We certify {executors}:

**JOHN C. ADAMS  
JOHN BRYSON**

The last will & testament  
of **RICHARD ADAMS**, deceased  
proved by

Mrs. **SARAH WESTON**  
**EPHRAIM ADAMS**

**MARY ADAMS**, executrix  
**ABRAHAM ADAMS**, executor

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South Carolina  
Richland County

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Sworn the day and year above written before me

**WILLIAM MEYER**, JP

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