

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, Richard Adams, 1803**

WILL OF RICHARD ADAMS

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.

I **RICHARD ADAMS** of the State of South Carolina and District of Richland, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory. thanks be given unto god; calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it 1st 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 into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in descent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors nothing 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 has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

FIRST after all my lawful debts are paid.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to my beloved Wife **JANE ADAMS** all and singular my estate during her lifetime and one third of the same (at her death) to be willed and bequeathed to whom she pleases without control. And the other two thirds (after her death) to be equally divided between my brothers, **JOHN CARROL ADAMS, WILLIAM ADAMS, JAMES ADAMS & ABRAHAM ADAMS** by them freely to be occupied possessed and enjoyed by them forever.

i likewise constitute make and ordain my brother and brother in law; **JOHN CARROL ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** the executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, requests and executors by me in any ways before mentioned willed and bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and three.

Interlined before signed part of the word "without" being the nineteenth word in the eleventh line.

**RICHARD ADAMS** {seal}

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and delivered by the said **RICHARD ADAMS** as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

**FRANCIS BYNUM**  
**WILLIAM ADAMS**  
**RACHEL BRYSON**

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South Carolina }  
Richland District }

By **JAMES S. GUIGNARD**, Esq. Ordinary of said District.

Personally appeared before me **FRANCIS BYNUM** who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God maketh oath that he saw **RICHARD ADAMS** sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the within instrument of writing to be and contain his last will and testament, and, that he, the said **RICHARD ADAMS** was then of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of the deponents knowledge, and that **WILLIAM ADAMS** and **RACHEL BRYSON** together with this deponent signed their names as witnesses thereto at the request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of each other.

**FRANCIS BYNUM**

Given under my hand & seal this 21st day of January 1807

**JAMES S. GUIGNARD** Ordinary

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A just and true inventory of the goods and chattels of RICHARD ADAMS, deceased, appraised upon oath by us this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1807.

[INVENTORY LIST]

Account against

**WILLIAM PRICE**

**JOHN BRYSON**

Henery [**HENRY**] **BRYSON**

Ely [**ELI**] **WILLIAMS**

**JOSEPH PERRIN**

[Signed]

**JOEL ADAMS**

**JOSEPH BATES**

**FRANCIS AKINS**

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SOUTH CAROLINA }  
RICHLAND District }

By **JAMES S. GUIGNARD**, Esquire, Ordinary of RICHLAND District.

THESE are to authorize and empower you, or any three or four of you, whose names are here underwritten, to repair to ail such pars and places within this state, as you shall be directed unto by **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON**, executors of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of **RICHARD ADAMS**, late of the said district, deceased, wheresoever any of the said goods and chattels are or do remain within the said parts and places, and which shall be shewn unto you by the said **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** and there view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels, being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist 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 **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** on or before the first Saturday of April now next ensuing.

Dated the twenty first day of January Anno Domini 1807 and in the thirty first year of Americana Independence.

To Messrs. **JOEL ADAMS**, **WILLIAM WESTON**, **JOSEPH BATES**, **JOSEPH LLOYD Sr.** & **LEWIS NEAL**

Memorandum. This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_ Esquire, one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_ of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 except) of deceased, as shall be produced by \_\_\_\_\_ of the estate of the said \_\_\_\_\_ deceased; and that they would return the same certified under their hands unto the said \_\_\_\_\_ within the time prescribed by law.

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**RICHARD ADAMS**

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SOUTH. CAROLINA }  
RICHLAND District }

By **JAMES S. GUIGNARD**, Esquire, Ordinary of RICHLAND District.

THESE are to authorize and empower you, or any three or four of you, whose names are here underwritten, to repair to ail such pars and places within this state, as you shall be directed unto by **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON**, executors of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of **RICHARD ADAMS**, late of the said district, deceased, wheresoever any of the said goods and chattels are or do remain within the said parts and places, and which shall be shewn unto you by the said **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** and there view and appraise all and every the said goods and chattels, being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist 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 **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** on or before the first Saturday of November now next ensuing.

Dated the fifth day of November Anno Domini 1807 and in the thirty second year of Americana Independence.

To Messrs. **JOEL ADAMS**, **JOSEPH BATES**, **GAYLE HAMPTON**, **FRANCIS AKINS** and **HENRY BRYSON**.

Memorandum. This twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven personally appeared before me **ROBERT THOMPSON**, Esquire, one of the justices assigned to keep the peace in the district aforesaid, **JOEL ADAMS**, **JOSEPH BATES**, **FRANCIS AKINS** being three of the appraisers appointed to appraise the goods and chattels of **RICHARD ADAMS** 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 except) of **RICHARD ADAMS** deceased, as shall be produced by **JOHN C. ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON**, named executors of the estate of the said **RICHARD ADAMS** deceased; and that they would return the same certified under their hands unto the said court within the time prescribed by law.

**Will & Probate, SC, Richland, Richard Adams, 1803**

**JOHN CARROLL ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** qualified as executors this 20th day of January 1807.

South Carolina  
Richland District

By **JAMES S. GUIGNARD** Esquire, ordinary of the said District

Personally appeared before me **FRANCIS BYNUM** who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty God make his oath that he saw **RICHARD ADAMS** sign, seal, publish, pronounce, and declare the within instrument of writing to be and contain his last will and testament and that he, the said **RICHARD ADAMS**, was then of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding to the best of seed opponents knowledge and that William Adams and **RACHEL BRYSON** together with their scratch this deponent signed their names as witnesses there too at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other.

**FRANCIS BYNUM**

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of January 1807

**JAMES S. GUIGNARD**, ordinary



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South Carolina  
Richland District

We, **JOHN CARROLL ADAMS** and **JOHN BRYSON** do solemnly swear that the within instrument of writing contains the true last will and testament of the within named **RICHARD ADAMS**, deceased, so far as we know or believe and that we will well and truly execute the Same by paying first the debts and then the legacies contained within the said will as far as his goods and chattels will there on to extend and the law charge us and that we will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels so help us God.

**JOHN C. ADAMS**  
**JOHN BRYSON**

Sworn to before me this 21st day of January 1807

**JAMES S. GUIGNARD**, ordinary

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