

ADAMSONS

The first Adamson to come to America was James, an Irishman. Having made a runaway match in Dublin with a lady of the Milhouse family and tradition says an heir to Lady Elizabeth Winn, as her correspondence shows. (my grandpa had these letters) with his stolen bride he, though a soldier by profession, joined his friends the Quakers and came to America. In 1750 this band of Irish Quakers settled at Pine Tree, now Camden S.C. Liut, Adamson was killed Oct 10th 1760 at Fort Loudoun, while fighting the Cherokee Indians. His widow was granted a pension by the Colonial Government of two hundred pounds a year. He had three daughters, Sarrah, who married Joshua English, Margaret who married Robert English, and Elizabeth who married her first cousin John Adamson, who came to America about 1865.

1765

John Adamson (b.1744 - d.1816) ---- wife Elizabeth Adamson (b.1749-1805)
Buried in the Quaker Cemetary Camden S.C. (born in Antrim Ireland)
they had 5 children- William, Margaret, Eliza, Sarrah , Amelia.

1. -William (b. d. Aug 20th 1812) mar, Oct. 23, 1800, Amelia Alexander (1782-1812)
they had 3 children- John unmarried
Alexander unmarried
William married --?---- Carmichel of N.J.
the children of William and Miss Carmichel were-
Lewis d. Mar. 4th 1852 (died young)
Edward who married Sallie Matherson, daughter of
Chistipher Matherson, and moved to Florida after the
Civil War.
Amelia, d. Sept. 9th 1901, married Maj. Zackariah Cantey (1827
d. 1889) lson William Cantey,

(William Adamson and his wife Miss Carmichel must have had another son called William, who was father of your "Milly" and James Douglas Adamson, otherwise I do not see where they could have come in.)

2. Margaret, eldest dau. of John and Elizabeth Adamson, married Edward Mortimer.
they had one child, Charlotte Mortimer who married
John Boykin.
John and Charlotte's children were -
Edward Mortimer Boykin (my grandfather) and Katherine
Lang Boykin, who married Savage Haywood.

3. Eliza, dau. of John and Elizabeth Adamson, married William Rees. no issue.
(They presented the ~~first~~ organ for the first church at Statesburgh S.C. 1818)

4. Sarrah, dau. of John and Elizabeth Adamson, married Lewis Ciples, planter, no issue. They adopted Sarrah, daughter of Ebenezer P. Niles. She married Col. Artemes Goodwyn of Fort Motte S.C. one child Elizabeth (Bessie) Goodwyn, who married Dr. T. Berwick Legare a dentise of Camden S.C.

5. Amelia Adamson dau of John and Elizabeth Adamson married Francis A. Delicse line, a lawyer. no issue.

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WILL OF

JOHN ADAMSON

South Carolina In the name of God, Amen.

I John Adamson of the town of Camden in the state of South Carolina, planter, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

To my grandson John Adamson during his natural life only (intending hereby to create a life estate merely in him) and after his death to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, I give and devise all that tract of land situated on the watered river, bounded south by William Adamson's land, west by the watered river, north by Judge Howard's and John Chestnut's land and east by William Nixon's land, including about eighty acres purchased from John Chestnut Esquire.

To my great son Alexander Adamson during his natural life only (intending hereby to create in him a life estate merely) and after his death to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, I give and devise all that tract of land, containing two hundred acres more or less situated on the watered river, bounded north on William Nixon's land, west by the watered river, and south by

Abraham Helton's land. To my grandson William Adamson, during his natural life only (intending hereby to create in him a life estate merely) and after his death to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, I give and devise all that tract of land purchased from Joseph H Howell and wife, situated on the watered river, bounded south by Judge Howard's land, east and north by John Chestnut's land and west by the watered river.

In case either of my said grandsons shall die leaving no heirs of his body living at the time of his death, the lands above devised to him so dying shall go to my other grandson or grandsons the heirs of his or their body or bodies under the same conditions as the lands above devised to him or them.

I direct that the plantations on the wateres River devised above to my grandsons Alexander Adamson and William Adamson, shall be well enclosed and the fences constantly kept up so as to exclude stock of every kind for the space of seven years from my death, during which period the said plantations shall not be cultivated.

All my lots and lands not herein otherwise disposed of, I give and devise to my grandsons Alexander Adamson and William Adamson and the heirs of their bodies respectively subject to the same terms as the plantations above devised to them-

To each of my grandsons, John Adamson, Alexander Adamson and William Adamson, during their natural lives alone, and after their respective deaths to the heirs of their respective bodies who may be living at the time of their deaths, I give and bequeath fifty shares in the South Carolina bank In case of the death of either of them without leaving such heirs, the survivor or survivors to take his share subject to the same terms, limitations as their other shares; in case of the death of all of them without leaving such heirs, the said bank stock is to be equally divided among my Daughters Sarah Ciples and Amelia Adamson and my grand daughter Charlotte Adamson Boykin, subject to the same terms and limitations as the bank stock herein after bequeathed to them.

To each of my daughters Sarah Ciples wife of Lewis Ciples and Amelia Adamson and to my grand daughter Charlotte Adamson Boykin wife of John Boykin, during their natural lives alone, to their sole and separate use and benefit without being in any manner subject to the debts, contracts or forfeitures of their husbands, and to the heirs of their respective bodies, who may be living at the time of their or their respective deaths, I give and bequeath fifty shares in the union Bank and fifty shares in the planter's and Mechanick's bank of this State, making in the whole three hundred shares. In case either of my daughters or grand daughter should die without leaving such heirs of her body, her share shall go to the other or others of them subject to the same terms and limitations as her or their other bank shares. In case they should all die without leaving such heirs, the said bank shares shall go to my grand sons above named subject to the said terms as the bank shares bequeathed to them.

To my daughter Sarah Ciples her heirs and assigns forever, I give and ~~bequeath~~ devise the two lots in the Town of Camden adjoining the lots formerly occupied by the *goal* and now owned by the Town of Camden as a market square. Should I sell these lots in my life time I give her out of my estate the amount for which they may be sold. I also give and devise to my said daughter Sarah Ciples her heirs and assigns the lot N. seven hundred and fifteen (715) on Fair Street in the town of Camden, purchased from Abram Blanding. The dwelling house Kitchen and smoke house are to be furnished out of my estate.

To my daughter Amelia and her heirs and assigns forever, I give and devise the lots known and distinguished in the Town of Camden by the Number (170) one hundred seven

and (173) on hundred and seventy three and such parts of

the lots (169) one hundred and sixty nine, (171) one hun-

ded and seventy one, (172) one hundred and seventy two

and (174) one hundred and seventy four as are situated

south of a line to be drawn from Broad Street to meeting

street paralleled to King street and running with the north

wall of the brick kitchen, standing to the north west of

the building or dwelling home lately erected on the said

lots hereby intended to be devised, the whole being bound-

ed south on King Street and east on Broad Street, and

with the said dwelling house standing on the said lots, I

give my said daughter Amelia all the furniture belonging

to the said home-

To my grand daughter Charlotte Boykin, her heirs

and assigns forever I give and devise sixteen lots in

the town of Camden, forming one square on the east side

of Broad street and south side of meeting street opposite

the old brew house square, and also three lots situated

at the corner of King and Fair street south of Judge Bre-

wards lots and adjoining lots occupied by John Korsham.

The dwelling house, kitchen and smoke house on these lots

are to be finished out of my estate.

To my daughter Sarah Ciple, during her natural

life alone and to her sole and separate use without being

in any manner subject to the debts, contracts or forfeit-

ment of her husband and after her death to the heirs of

her body who may be living at the time of her death, I

give and devise the following negro slaves with their en-

staves from this day, that is to say, Jude and her child,

Charles, Lewis, Tom, Jim, and his wife and her four child-

ren, Polly and her three children, Wicklow his wife and

her two children, Lambert, Perry, Dwy, June, Ella and

a child named Core, and Harry and his wife and her four

children, making in all thirty two slaves, subject to the

same limitations over, on her death without leaving such

issue or heirs, as are expressed respecting the bank stock

herein before bequeathed to her.

To my daughter Amalia during her natural life

alone, and to her sole and separate use without being in

any manner subject to the debts, contracts or forfeitures

of her husband and after her death to the heirs of her

body who may be living at the time of her death, I give

and bequeath the following negro slaves, with their en-

graves from this day, that is to say, Milley, Perry, Abby,

Pat and her six children, John his wife and her two child-

ren, old Nance and her six children Hob, Dublin, London,

and his wife and her child, making in all twenty six slaves,

subject to the same limitations over, on her death without

leaving such heirs, as are expressed respecting the bank

stock herein before bequeathed to her.

To my grand daughter Charlotte A Boykin, during

her natural life alone, and to her sole and separate use

without being in any manner subject to the debts, contracts

or forfeitures of her husband and after her death to the

heirs of her body who may be living at the time of her death

I give and bequeath the following negro slaves with their en-

graves from this day, that is to say, Nance and her child,

Solomon, Nathan, Will, yellow Hilla, Lucy, Rachel, Pat and

her two children, Jim German and three children, Caven, Har-

riet, Linn, Corie, Charles, Ben, Dolly, Martin his wife and

her two children, making twenty six slaves in all, subject

to the same limitations over on her death without leaving

John Adamson

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such issue as are expressed respecting the bank stock here in before bequeathed to her-

In addition to the sum of three thousand dollars, which I have already given to Lewis Ciples husband of my daughter Sarah, I give her the sum of two thousand dollar

In addition to the sum of three thousand dollars which I have already given to John Boykin husband of my grand daughter Charlotte, I give her the sum of two thousand dollars.

Not having given my daughter Amelia any sum, I hereby give and bequeath her five thousand dollars.

To my grand sons, John Adamson, Alexander Adamson and William Adamson, during their natural lives alone, and to the heirs of their respective bodies, who may be living at the time of their respective deaths, I give and bequeath all the rest of my negro slaves (not herein before bequeathed to my daughters and grand daughter) with their increase from this day, subject to the same limitations over as are expressed concerning the shares in the South Carolina bank bequeathed to them.

To my grandson John Adamson I give my large tankard and gold watch, to be delivered to him at an age suitable for him to receive it.

To my Nephew Jonathan Belton Adamson, son of my brother James Adamson I give five hundred dollars.

All the horses stock and tools belonging to my plantations I direct to go to the person to whom the plantations are devised-

The dividends on bank shares bequeathed to my grand sons I direct to be annually invested in other stock until they shall respective come of age, when each shall receive his part.

As long as my daughter Amelia remains unmarried and chooses it, her negroes are to remain on the plantation devised to my grandson John Adamson, and to be worked with his negroes, for which she ^{she} to receive a proportion of the crops allowing however for all expenses and land rent.

All the rest and residue of my estate, I devise & give and bequeath to my grandsons aforesaid to be equally divided among them. The same is to be invested in bank or other stock by my executors and as soon as either of them arrives at the age of twenty one years, he is to receive his share or part thereof-

Should it be deemed advisable for any cause to sell any ~~part~~ of the negroes or bank stock given and bequeathed to my daughter, grand daughter or grandsons, I hereby authorize my executors and executrix or such of them as qualify, with the consent of the legatee to whom such negroes or stock belongs to sell such negroes or stock, vesting the proceeds thereof in other property of a similar nature or in some other kind of good stock, subject to the same conditions and limitations over as the property sold.

I give and bequeath to John Boykin ~~-----~~ my negro woman Linda, upon condition that he does immediately emancipate her according to law, the expenses of such emancipation to be defraided by my estate and she to be supported out of it as long as she remains with my family-

I hereby constitute and appoint my daughter Amelia executrix and Lewis Ciplea, John Boykin, my grandson John Adamson and Abram Blanding executors of this my last will and testament, hereby requiring that my said grandson should not be permitted to qualify or act as an executor untill he arrives at the age of twenty one years: And I hereby revoke

all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and also written it in the margin of each of the foregoing sheets of paper hereto annexed, which with this sheet contains my last will and testament, this twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen and in the thirty eighth year of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America. The word "meeting" in the devise to my daughter-being first erased and the word "Church" interlined in its room.

Signed published and declared
by the testator as and for his
last will and testament, in our
presence who at the request of
the testator and in his presence
and in the presence of each other
subscribed our names as witnesses
to the due execution thereof

John Adamson

Duncan M RA

H. N. Dickinson

Thos Salmon.

Since making this my last will and testament I have purchased other real estate, Now I hereby republish this my will and testament and bequeath and devise the real estate so purchased to my grandsons, Alexander Adamson and William Adamson their heirs and assigns forever. Witness my hand and Seal

this fourth day of April 1826.

Declared and republished)

in presence of us

John Adamson

Is Brawn

Francis S. Lee

A. Blanding.

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I have paid to my son in law the husband of my daughter Amelia one thousand dollars which I direct to be in part of her legacy of five thousand dollars given in the written will

April 4th 1816.

John Adamson

Whereas I have become the administrator of the estate of my son William Adamson deceased and as such have received monies which belong to my grand sons Alexander Adamson John Adamson; and William Adamson; and whereas on the sale of the real estate of their mother I became the purchaser and as such stand indebted to them in a sum equal to one half of the purchase money of the said lands, which monies I have not been able to pay over to them in consequence of, ^{their} minority, I therefore direct that the legacies and devices in this my will given to them shall be in full satisfaction of all the monies to by me owing to them-
April 4, 1816.

John Adamson.

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Ord. S. Mathis.

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