

In the name of God, I Hugh Adams of the county of
Rockbridge & State of Virginia of sound mind and disposing
memory. Being disposed to make a somewhat different
disposition of such worldly possessions as providence has
bestowed upon me from what the laws of this State would
make should I die intestate. Do hereby make ordain consti-
tute and appoint this my last Will & testament hereby revoking
all former wills by me made.

1st I will and direct that all my just debts & funeral
expences be paid. In this item I intend to designate my wish
in regard to my funeral expences. I desire a metallic
coffin to be procured and also that I be buried in decent clothing
and if I should not have a suitable suit at the time of my
death I allow my Executor to procure one, and I allow a
stone monument to be erected the price to somewhat discre-
tionary with my Executor I suppose the cost to be from
two hundred to four Hundred dollars— And it is my
wish to be buried at New Providence meeting house even if I
should die away from home

I will and direct that all the slaves that I may be the
owner of at the time of my decease with the exception of old
Sylla and Poo shall at the expiration of such time as my
Executor can bring my affairs into such condition as to
afford the necessary outfit herein after named be emancipated
and sent to the Colony of Liberia. But in no event is
their emancipation to be delayed beyond 18 months from
the time of my decease I wish them to be continued on
the farm under the direction of some suitable manager,
until the earliest period that my wishes with regard to
them can be carried into effect. I allow Rosa, Andy
Isabella and Jenny Linn each at the time they are ready to
start for Liberia, to receive five Hundred dollars and Sylla
and fifteen Hundred dollars the money in this Clause
I allow to be paid to Jenny Linn (she being under age) I allow to be
paid to her mother for her the said Jenny Linn— but if she

shall have attained to the age of sixteen years when the payments are to be paid then the said Jenny Linn is to draw that money herself. In case the money is paid to Sylla Jane I allow her receipt to my executor to be received as a voucher in the settlement of the estate.

3rd I will and bequeath to my brother John Adams of Missouri Five Hundred Dollars to be paid as soon as the other provisions of this Will, will make it convenient for my Executor to do so but in case the said John Adams die before I do then this legacy to be divided equally between his daughters Susan and Sally

4th I will and bequeath to my nephew Horatio Lindsey son of Tho^s. & Mary Jane, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars.

5th I will & bequeath to my niece Mary Jane daughter of Patey Rees of Indiana the sum of three Hundred dollars - I also bequeath to the second daughter of Samuel & Patey Dixon the sum of three Hundred dollars.

6th I will and bequeath to my nephew Hugh Adams the sum of One thousand Dollars.

7th For the maintenance of my Slaves Old Joe and John I set aside the piece of land and buildings I bought from the Bell. If they can support themselves on it they are to do so, if they cannot my executor can make such disposition of that property as he may find most expedient for their support.

I will and direct that all my estate both real & personal except what is herein otherwise disposed of as soon as convenient after my decease, be sold by my executor and that all the surplus arising from said sale and any other source to my estate after paying my debts, and the pecuniary legacies herein named be equally divided amongst all my slaves except the grand children of Rosa and Sylla Jane and old Sylla and Joe.

But should said surplus be insufficient in the Judgment of my Executor to give to each of said slaves a suitable sum according to what is usual to go to Liberia and support for the usual time after their first arrival there,

is to be made from each of the specific pecuniary legacies left to the slaves. It is my will that should any of my slaves die or abscond before they are to receive the legacies or portions herein bequeathed to them, that said Legacies or portions shall lapse or revert to my estate. I will and bequeath to Narcissa Magdeline now in Liberia the daughter of Hanny formerly my slave, the sum of three Hundred Dollars, which I allow my executor to transmit to her. I will and direct that my Slaves Rosa and Sylla be allowed to draw for their children that are under 16 years of age, the legacies that are left them out of the surplus after paying specific legacies before mentioned those of their children that may be over 16 years I allow to draw for themselves. I hereby

constitute and appoint Robert Hutcherson and my nephew Hugh Adams my Executors of this my last will & testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and my seal this 24th day of August 1857

Hugh Adams

Andrew Patterson
J. W. Gilkison
James M. Beard

At Rockbridge Circuit Court September 14th 1857.

The last will and Testament of Hugh Adams deceased was proved by the oaths of Andrew Patterson and James M. Beard subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Robert Hutcherson one of the executors named in said will who made oath thereto and together with William Buchanan, Hugh Adams, Thomas M. Lindsay & Montgomery Buchanan his securities (who justified as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Forty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, certificate was granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in and for the County of Rockbridge. Hugh Adams is the other executor named in said

will in open Court refused to take upon himself the
of the execution thereof, & ordered that said bond be recorded.

Teste

Saml. Mc L. Reid clk

At Rockbridge Circuit Court April 14th 1860.

Robert Blutcherson Executor of Hugh Adams decd. Plaintiff.
against

John Adams, Mary Jane Rea, — Dixon second daughter
of Samuel and Patsy Dixon, Hugh Adams & others Defendants.

This cause coming on this day, to be further
heard upon the papers formerly read, and the second Report of
the Master Greenlee Davidson, made in pursuance of the decretal
order of the 16th of September last, without exception thereto, *et*
argued by Counsel. And it appearing from the Master's

Report, that the slaves of the Testator, Hugh Adams, late
of Rockbridge County Virginia, emancipated, are
are Nineteen in Number, to wit: Sylla Jane, aged
45, Andy 31, Benny 24, Mary 22, Joshua 21, Susan
Susan 16, Edmondia 15, Sally 13, John 13, Lemmy Lind 11,
Howard 8, George 8, Aloy 6, Esther 4, Fanny 3, Rosa 2. and
Serena 8 months. And it appearing further, that the

said Rosa is entitled, as directed by the said Will, to receive
the several distributive shares of her children Edmondia and Sarah,
who are under the age of 16 years, and that the said Sylla Jane,
is entitled, as also directed by the said will, to receive the several
distributive shares of her children, John, Lemmy Lind, Howard,
Aloy and Fanny, as well also, the specific legacy of \$500.00
bequeathed by the said Will, to the said Lemmy Lind. And

it appearing further that George, one of the emancipated slaves,
is but eight years of age, and that his mother is dead and
his father a slave. And it appearing further, from the
said Report, and from the statements of the several accounts
between the Plaintiff, and the said emancipated slaves, pre-
sented on the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th

Report that the following balances are due them respectfully,
on the 12 instant: to wit: to the said Sylla Jane and her five
infant children, John, Lemmy Lind, Howard, Aloy, and Fanny
\$1578.03, to the said Rosa and her two children, Edmondia
and Sarah \$479.90, to the said Benny \$277.06, to the said
Isabella \$717.28, to the said Mary \$185.28, to the said
Susan \$221.53, to the said Andy \$545.99, to the said
Joshua \$199.00, and to the said George \$296.75. And

it appearing further, from the said Report, that the said
Emancipated Slaves, with the exception of George have, since
the 1st day of January 1859, contracted divers mercantile
accounts, which have been filed before the Master, but which
the Plaintiff declines to pay, until adjusted, and payment
thereof is ordered, by the Court. But inasmuch as the Plaintiff
is about to depart on the 16th instant, with the said Emancipated
Slaves for Baltimore, where they will embark, for the Repub-

lican States, on the 20th instant, and as the said Master's
accounts, cannot be enquired into, and adjusted,
prior to the departure of the said Slaves from the County, the Court will
retain, under its control, such portion of their funds,
as may be necessary, to satisfy the said mercantile accounts,
should their payment be adjudged proper, upon the reference,
and inquiry, hereinafter directed. And the Master having,
with this view, presented on the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st

pages of his said Report, alternative statements of the Plain-
-tiff's accounts, with the said emancipated slaves, in which,
he has retained out of their several portions of the fund,
such sums of money, as will be sufficient, in the aggregate,
to discharge the said accounts, if it be found right to
pay them, which sums, thus to be retained, will remain
in the hands of the Plaintiff, subject to the order of the
Court, by which alternative statements, the balances, now
due to the said Emancipated slaves, are as follows to-

to Sylla Jane and her five infant children under the
age of 16 \$1325.74, to Rosa and her two children, Edmondia

and Sarah \$384.72, to Henry \$165.30, to Isabella \$677.78, to Mary \$134.97, to Susan \$194.62, to Andy \$378.34, to Joshua \$68.14, and to George (who has contracted no accounts) \$296.75 as ascertained by the Masters first statement.

On consideration whereof the Court approving the Masters said second Report, modified, as it is, by his alternative statement, on the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st pages thereof, and his several recommendations contained therein, doth ratify and confirm the same. And it appearing to the Court that the said slaves have been duly registered, as free persons of color, in the County Court of Rockbridge, and have received their freedom papers, in due form, and properly authenticated, it is decreed and ordered, that the said slaves be discharged from slavery and that the Plaintiff in execution of his Testators Will, take necessary steps, for their removal to the Republic of Liberia. And the Court having made an order at its last term, in the said cause, requiring all persons having claims against the said Testator, to appear here, on the first day of the present Term, and show cause, if any they can, against the payment and delivery of his estate to his legatees. And it appearing that a copy of the said order, has been duly published for four successive weeks, in the Gazette, a newspaper printed in the town of Lexington, and posted at the front door of the Courthouse of Rockbridge County, on the first day of two successive terms, of the Court of said County. And no person having appeared, to shew cause against the payment and delivery of the Testators estate to his legatees, except Gilkeson & McWatt and A. M. Carson whose mercantile accounts, are filed with the Masters Report, and are deducted from the several amounts, due the legatees as ascertained in his alternative statements thereof. It is therefore decreed and ordered, that the Plaintiff, do pay, to the Testators legatees, the several Balances, ascertained by the Masters said alternative Statement, to be ^{now} due them, without requiring from them Bonding Bonds, which balances, are the sums now payable to the said Legatees, after retaining, in the hands of the Plaintiff,

the sum, to satisfy the said mercantile accounts, should their payment, be hereafter directed. It is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed, that the Plaintiff, do pay to the said Sylla Jane, for the use of herself and her five infant children, John, Jenny Lind, Howard, Alsey and Fanny, the sum of \$1325.74: to the said Rosa, for herself and her two infant children Edmonia and Sarah the sum of \$384.72, to the said Henry, the sum of \$165.30; to the said Isabella, the sum of \$677.78; to the said Mary the sum of \$134.97; to the said Susan the sum of \$194.62; to the said Andy, the sum of \$378.34; to the said Joshua the sum of \$68.14; (these being the balances as ascertained, by the said alternative statement) and to the said infant George the sum of \$296.75. And the Plaintiff is hereby directed, to deliver the said emancipated slaves, into the care of the American Colonization Society, either at Washington, or City of Baltimore, as may be most convenient to their sailing on the 20th instant, in its ship for Liberia. And notwithstanding the letter of the said Testator, directing payment of the said last mentioned sums of money, to the said emancipated slaves, the Plaintiff is further directed, not to pay the said sums of money, thus decreed, into their own hands, but to their credit, respectively, with the American Colonization Society, at its office or agency, either at Washington or Baltimore, as may appear most proper. The Plaintiff is however at liberty, in his own discretion, to furnish any of the said slaves, such sums, as may appear to him, proper for pocket money. And in making his final settlements with the emancipated slaves, either at Washington or Baltimore, he will take acquittances, for the several sums, therein decreed at the foot of full statements of his several accounts, with each as stated in the Masters said Report and modified in his alternative Statement, which acquittances, in addition to being signed severally, by the slaves who are over 16 years (Rosa and the Jane, signing severally for themselves and infant children) shall be countersigned by the proper agent of the

American Colonization Society, who will certify, that the several sums thus receipted for by the said Slaves have passed to their credit respectively, with the said Society, and are to be applied to their use, according to its rules and regulations.

And there being no parent of the Slave George, who is 8 years of age, to receive his share of the fund, the Plaintiff, will pay it to the American Colonization Society for his use; should the said Society however decline to receive out of more of the fund coming to the Slaves, than is necessary for their removal to Liberia, the Plaintiff is authorized, if he thinks it proper to do so, to retain in his hands, any surplus of their fund, subject to the order of the Court.

And the Plaintiff will make a report of his proceedings, under this decree, to the next term of the Court, returning with his Report, his acquittances for the several sums of money by him to the said emancipated Slaves.

And the Master having presented on the 25th of January 1859, his said Report a Statement of the proceeds of sale of the Bell tract, which was designed by the Testator, for the support of his Slaves, Old Sylla and Joe; the net proceeds of which sale, are \$827.04, on the 12th instant, which sum he reports as sufficient, for the support of old Sylla, Joe having died, and therefore recommends its investment for that purpose. On Consideration whereof, the Court approving the said Statement, and the Masters recommendation, doth order that Henry A. Firebaugh the purchaser of the said Bell tract, do pay to the General Receiver of the Court, his several bonds, filed with the Report of Sale, of said tract, as they fall due. Upon receiving which, the Receiver will loan out the same, on good security, subject to the order of the Court. And the Court will hereafter, make such order as may be proper, for the application of the interest thereon, to the support of old Sylla, during life, and upon the falling in of her life estate, the Court determine, whether the fund will pass to the Testator's kin, or fall into the residue of his estate bequeathed to the

And it is further decreed and ordered that the case stand referred to one of the Masters of the Court, who directed to take an account of the Plaintiffs receipts and disbursements, from the foot of his account passed and confirmed at this term. And he will examine and enquire into the several accounts filed by Silkeson & McNutt and A. McCarson for articles supplied to the said emancipated Slaves, since the 1st of January 1859, and report such facts as may be necessary to enable the Court, hereafter to decide upon the propriety of their allowance. Which accounts the Master will take, state, settle and report to the Court, with any other matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required by any of the parties to be so stated.

of Virginia, Rockbridge County Court

I Joseph G. Steele Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Rockbridge, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify, that the foregoing, is a true Transcript from the records of the said Court.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and annex the seal of the said Court this Sixteenth day of April One thousand eight hundred and fifty

Joseph G. Steele Clerk



of Virginia, Rockbridge County Court

I Marcus P. Thompson, only Judge of the Circuit Court for said County of Rockbridge in the State of Virginia, do certify, that Joseph G. Steele, who hath given the preceding certificate, is Clerk of the said Court; and that the attestation is in due form. Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of April 1860

Marcus P. Thompson

Hugh H. Stinson
Execution

vs. M. M. Penner

Hugh H. Stinson's Deeds

April. 1860.

At Rockbridge Circuit Court September 14th 1857
The last will and testament of Hugh Adams deceased was
proved by the oaths of Andrew Patterson and James M. Beard
subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.
And on the motion of Robert Hutcherson one of the Execu-
tors named in said will who made oath thereto, and
together with William Buchanan, Hugh Adams, Thomas
M. Lindsay & Montgomery Buchanan his securities who
justified as to their sufficiency, entered into and acknowl-
edged their bond in the penalty of forty eight thousand
Dollars conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted
him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due
form, Hugh Adams the other executor named in said
Will in open court refused to take upon himself the
burthen of the execution thereof, ordered that said bond
be recorded.

A Copy
Teste

Joseph G. Steele Clk

At Rockbridge Circuit Court April 14th 1860
Robert Hutchinson Executor of Hugh Adams deceased. Plaintiff.

against
John Adams, Mary Lane Kea, — Dixon second daughter
of Samuel and Patsy Dixon, Hugh Adams and others. Defendants

This cause coming on this day, to be further
heard upon the papers formerly read, and the second Report
of the Master Greenlee Davidson, made in pursuance of
the decretal order of the 16th of September last, without
exception thereto, was argued by Counsel. And it
appearing from the Masters said Report, that the slaves
of the Testator Hugh Adams Deceased, late of Rockbridge
County Virginia, emancipated by his Will, are Nine-
-teen in Number: to wit Sylla Jane aged 28, Rosa
45, Andy 31, Henry 24, Mary 22, Joshua 21, Isabella
20, Susan 16, Edmonia 15, Sally 13, ^{John 13} Jenny Lind 11, Howard
8, George 8, Aley 6, Esther 4, Fanny 3, Rosa 2, and
Serena 8 months. And it appearing further, that
the said Rosa is entitled, as directed by the said Will,
to receive the several distributive shares of her children
Edmonia and Sarah, who are under the age of 16 years,
and that the said Sylla Jane, is entitled, as also directed
by the said Will, to receive the several distributive shares
of her children, John, Jenny Lind, Howard, Aley and
Fanny, as well also, the specific legacy of \$500.00 be-
-queathed by the said Will, to the said Jenny Lind. And
it appearing further, that George, one of the emancipated
slaves, is but eight years of age, and that his mother
is dead and his father a slave. And it appearing
further, from the said Report, and from the statements
of the several accounts, between the Plaintiff, and the said
Emancipated slaves as presented on the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th
and 17th pages of the Report that the following balances
are due them respectively, on the 12th instant: to wit: to
the said Sylla Jane, and her five infant children, John

Jenny Lind, Howard, Aley and Fanny \$1578⁰³, to the said Rosa and her two children Edmonia and Sarah \$479⁰¹, to the said Henry \$277⁰⁶, to the said Isabella \$717.28, to the said Mary \$185.38, to the said Susan \$221⁵³, to the said Andy \$545.99, to the said Joshua \$199.00 and to the said George \$296.75. And it appearing further, from the said Report, that the said Emancipated slaves, with the exception of George have, since the 1st day of January 1859, contracted divers mercantile accounts, which have been filed before the Master, but which the Plaintiff declines to pay, until adjusted, and payment thereof, is ordered, by the Court. But inasmuch as the Plaintiff will start on the 16th instant, with the said Emancipated slaves, for Baltimore, where they will embark, for the Republic of Liberia on the 20th instant. And as the said mercantile accounts, cannot be enquired into, and adjusted, before the departure of the slaves from the Country, the Court will retain, under its control, such portion of their funds, as may be necessary, to satisfy the said Mercantile accounts, should their payment be adjudged proper, upon the reference, and inquiry, hereinafter directed. And the Master having with this view, presented on the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st pages of his said Report, alternative statements of the Plaintiffs accounts, with the said emancipated slaves, in which he has retained out of their several portions of the fund, such sums of money, as will be sufficient, in the aggregate, to discharge the said accounts, if it be found right to pay them, which sums thus to be retained, will remain in the hands of the plaintiff, subject to the order of the Court, by which alternative statements, the balances, now payable to the said Emancipated slaves, are as follows to wit; to Sylla Jane and her five infant children under the age of 16, \$1325.74 to Rosa and her two children Edmonia and Sarah \$384.72 to Henry \$165.31, to Isabella \$677.78, to Joshua \$68.14,

and to George (who has contracted no accounts) \$296.75, as ascertained by the masters 1st Statement. On consideration whereof, the Court approving the Masters said Second Report, modified, as it is, by his alternative statement, on the 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st pages thereof, and his several recommendations, contained therein, doth ratify and confirm the same. And it appearing to the Court that the said slaves have been duly registered, as free persons of color, in the County Court of Rockbridge, and have received their Freedom papers, in due form, and properly authenticated, it is decreed and ordered, that the said slaves be discharged from slavery, and that the plaintiff in execution of his Testators Will, take the necessary steps, for their removal to the Republic of Liberia. And the Court having made an order, at its last Term, in this cause, requiring all persons, having claims against the estate of the Testator, to appear here, on the first day of the present Term, and show cause, if any they can, against the payment and delivery of his estate to his legatees. And it appearing, that a copy of the said order, has been duly published for four successive weeks, in the Gazette, a newspaper printed in the town of Lexington, and posted at the front door of the Court house of Rockbridge County, on the first day of two successive terms, of the Court of said County. And no persons having appeared, to shew cause against the payment and delivery of the Testators estate, to his legatees, except Gilkeson & McNeill and A. M. Carson, whose mercantile accounts, are filed with the Masters Report, and are deducted from the several amounts, due the legatees as ascertained in his alternative statements thereof. It is therefore decreed and ordered, that the plaintiff, do pay to the Testators Legatees, the several balances, ascertained by the Masters said alternative statement, to be now due them, without requiring from them, Re-funding Bonds which balances are the sums now payable to the said legatees, after retaining, in the hands of the Plaintiff, a

sufficient sum, to satisfy the said mercantile accounts, should their payment, be hereafter directed. It is therefore adjudged ordered and decreed, that the plaintiff, do pay to the said Sylla Lane, for the use of herself and her five infant children, John, Jenny Lind, Howard, Aley and Fanny, the sum of \$1325.74 to the said Rosa, for herself and her two infant children Edmond and Sarah the sum of \$384.22 to the said Henry, the sum of \$165.30, to the said Isabella, the sum of \$677.75, to the said Mary the sum of \$134.97, to the said Susan the sum of \$194.62, to the said Andy the sum of \$378.34, to the said Joshua the sum of \$68.14 (these being the balances as ascertained, by the said alternative statement.) and to the said Infant George the sum of \$296.75. And the Plaintiff is hereby directed, to deliver the said emancipated slaves, into the care of the American Colonization Society, ^{Washington or City of} either at the City of Baltimore, as may be most proper preparatory to their sailing on the 20th instant, in its Packet for Liberia. And notwithstanding the letter of this decree, directing payment of the said ^{last mentioned} emancipated slaves, the Plaintiff is further directed, not to pay the said sums of money, thus decreed, into their own hands, but to their credit, respectively, with the American Colonization Society, at its Office or agency, either at Washington or Baltimore, as may appear most proper. He is however at liberty, in his own discretion, to furnish any of the said slaves, such sums as may appear to him proper for pocket money. and in making his final settlements with said Emancipated slaves, either at Washington or Baltimore he will take acquittances, for the several sums, herein decreed, at the foot of full statements of his several accounts, with each, as stated, in the Masters said Report and modified in his alternative statement, which acquittances, in addition to being signed severally, by the slaves who are over 16 years (Rosa and Sylla Lane, signing severally for themselves and

infant children) shall also be countersigned by the proper agent of the American Colonization Society, who will certify, that the several sums thus receipted for by the said Slaves have been paid to their credit respectively, with the said Society, and are to be applied to their use, according to its rules and regulations. And there being no parent of the slave George, who is 8 years of age, receive his share of the fund, the Plaintiff, will pay it to the American Colonization Society for his use, should the said Society however decline to receive on trust more of the fund coming to the slaves, than is necessary for their removal to Liberia, the Plaintiff is authorized if he thinks it proper to do so, to retain in his hands, any surplus of their fund, subject to the order of the Court. And the Plaintiff will make a report of his proceedings, under this decree, to the next term of the Court, returning with his report his acquittances for the several sums of money paid by him to the said Emancipated slaves. And the Master having presented on the 22^d page of his said Report, a statement of the proceeds of sale, of the Bell tract, which was designed by the Testator, for the support of his slaves, old Sylla and Loo; the neat proceeds of which sale, are \$827.04, on the 12th instant, which sum he reports as sufficient, for the support of old Sylla, Loo having died, and therefore recommends its investment, for that purpose. On consideration whereof, the Court approving the said Statement, and the Masters recommendation, doth order that Henry A. Firebaugh the purchaser of the said Bell tract, do pay to the General Receiver of the Court, his several Bonds, filed with the Report of sale of said tract, as they fall due: Upon receiving which, the Receiver will loan out the same, on good security, subject to the order of the Court. And the Court will hereafter, make such order as may be proper, for the application of the interest thereon, to the support of old Sylla, during life, and upon

the falling in of her life estate, the Court will determine, whether the fund will pass to the Testators next of kin, or fall into the residue of his estate, bequeathed to his slaves. And it is further decreed and ordered that the cause, stand referred, to one of the Masters of the Court, who is directed, to take an account of the Plaintiffs, receipts and disbursements, from the foot of his account, passed and confirmed, at this Term. And he will examine and enquire into, the several accounts, filed by Gilkison & McKitt and A. M. Carson, for articles supplied to the said emancipated slaves, since the 1st of January 1859, and report such facts, as may be necessary, to enable the Court, hereafter, to decide upon the propriety of their allowance. Which accounts the Master will take, state, settle and report to the Court, with any other matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by himself, or which may be required by any of the parties, to be so stated.

A copy
Geste

H. J. Wade R. C.