

Will of Richard Swinson I Chowan County, North Carolina.

In the Name of God, Amen. This Twenty-Fourth day of April One-Thousand Seven-Hundred and Sixteen years. I Richard Swinson of the south shore of Chowan County of Albemarle being aged and sick and being weak in body but sound of mind and perfect memory thanks to God do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all former wills made by me either by word or writing and this only to be taken for my last will and no other in the manner and form as after follows..

Item - I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me in hoping full and free pardon of my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my ever blessed Redeemer and my body to the earth to be Interred according to the discretion of my Exert. hereafter mentioned and as for my temporal estate which it hath pleased God in his mercy to bestow upon me.....I give and bequeath as follows:

Item - I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Swinson the plantation I now live on (after the death of my dear and loving wife) with all houses and appurtonances whereunto belonging or roputed deemed taken and known to portain and belong to the said plantation to him the said Richard and to his heirs forever.

Item- I give and bequeath to Richard Kanaday my son in law that plantation whereon he now lives containing 100 acres more or less and bounding upon the pocosin to the little bridges to him the said Richard and to his heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son John Swinson 200 acres of land lying up the creek and binding on the land given to Richard Kanaday going across the neck with all its appurtonances to the said John and to his heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeath to my son Richard my gun and one chestnut colored mare with her increase as also a cow called Buck and her increase and further it is my will that Richard dwell on the manor plantation with his mother and be aiding and assisting her for her further living after my decease.

Item - I give unto my son John a heifer called Good Luck and her increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item - I give all the rest and remainder of my estate both real and personal unto my dear and loving wife for her future support and maintenance during all the days of her natural life and after her death to be equally divided among all my children each having an equal share.

Item - I give and bequeath to my oldest son William 150 acres of land lying of the creek and bounding upon the land given to my son John to him and his heirs that is to say he my said son William shall come and dwell upon the land with his wife as a good Christian ought to do but if my son William should bring any other evil person or the person or body of one Anne Green or any of her relatives by blood then the said land to be of full disposal of his mother my dear and loving wife to be given by her to any of my children.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my two sons Richard and John to each of them one ewe with the increase.

Item - I given and bequeath unto my son William one ewe lamb in full my of all my estate both real and moveable no more to be given unto him after the decease of his mother.

Item - My will and desire is that none of my sons nor my son in law if they have a mind not to live in the neck that they sell their land to no stranger but that it either desond to their heirs or to be sold but be sold to one of their brothers or their heirs and I hereby constitute my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Swinson and with her Richard Kanaday my son in law to be Extrex of my last will and testament in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Richard E. Swinson

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by Richard Swinson to be his last will and testament before and in the presence of Mary Swinson and Gi Halliday