

Will of James Anderson

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Cumberland Co., VA

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Anderson, of Cumberland County, being in a low state of health, but of perfect memory, has thought fit to constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made, calling to mind the mentality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do will and desire that my worldly goods may be divided in manner and form as follows, to wit...

Item – I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Anderson, the plantation whereon I now live with 400 acres of land, one Negro man named Joe, and one Negro boy named, John, with all other things I gave given him that he has in possession, to him and his heirs forever.

Item – I give and bequeath to my son, James Anderson, the plantation whereon my son, Thomas Anderson, now lives, with 400 acres of land, one Negro man named Hardiman and on Negro boy Billy, with one feather bed and furniture and my sorrel riding horse, saddle and bridle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I – I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Pearce, one Negro woman named, Sue, a Negro boy named, Tom, and a Negro girl, named Nance and the stock she is now in possession of, to her and her heirs forever.

Item – I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Compton, one Negro woman, named Dinah, and one Negro boy named, Robin, with three cows and calves, two sows and pigs and 30 Pounds a piece, to her and her heirs forever.

Item – I give and bequeath to daughter, Elizabeth LeGrand, one Negro woman, named Aggy, and three Negro children named Harry, Tom, and Judah, and all the stock she is now in possession of, to her and her heirs forever.

Item – I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susannah Anderson, one Negro woman named Peg, and three Negro children named, Ben, Batt and Davy, with one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Item – I give and bequeath to my daughter, Agnes Anderson, two Negro girls, named June and Milly, with a bay horse, colt, saddle and bridle, one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Item – I lend to my beloved wife, Betty Anderson, Negro Fillis, during her life. My will is that the 300 acres of land bargained for by Colonel Richard Randolph, that my son, Thomas Anderson, shall made the said Randolph, a right to it when paid for, and not before, and that the said 300 acres of land shall be divided equally among my five daughters, to wit, Mary Pearce, Sarah Compton, Elizabeth LeGrand, Susannah Anderson and Agnes Anderson. If the said land is sold, the profits that arises from it shall be equally divided among my five daughters before mentioned, to them and their heirs forever.

Item – My will is that my old Negro Abram shall live with which of my children he chooses. My will is that the remainder part of my estate that is undivided, may be equally be divided among my four children, to wit, Thomas Anderson, James Anderson, Susannah Anderson, and Agnes Anderson.

My will is that my estate be not divided 'til my youngest daughter, Agnes Anderson, comes of age.

My will and desire is that James Anderson Sr., Samuel Williams and William Anderson, shall divide my land as equally as they can between my two sons Thomas and James Anderson. I desire that my estate be not appraised and that my Executors give no security for their performances.

I constitute and appoint James Allen Sr. and Thomas Anderson, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 16th day of May, 1782.

James Anderson (L.S.)

Signed, and sealed in presence of
William Anderson, Charles Allen, Mary Sanders.

At a Court held for Cumberland County, (Virginia), 25th November 1789, this last Will and Testament of James Anderson, deceased was exhibited in Court by Thomas Anderson, one of the Executors therein named, proved by William Anderson and Charles Allen, two of the witnesses thereto, and orde5red to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executors, who made oath according to law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form and liberty is reserved to the other Executors to join in Probate.

Teste,
George Carrington, Clerk

Son of James Anderson & Margaret Troys – See Chapter 2.

...James Anderson Jr. – b. ca.1766, Caroline Co., VA – d. 18 April 1841/44, Pittsylvania Co., VA – md Elizabeth “Besty” (?) - *See *Will of James Anderson*. *Will lists names of children: Thomas; James; Mary; Sarah; Susannah, Agnes;& Elizabeth Anderson. This could be the above, James Anderson Jr.*
or:

Notes from a letter by Janet Anderson – many people disagree with me about this James. They make him the son of another James Anderson family in Cumberland County, VA. I won't go into all my reasons for putting James in our family but even in the DAR is beginning to lean my way. Anyway, this James died in 1822. He had a family of nine children with four daughters marrying Meador men. The children were: Jesse, Joseph, Nelson, James, Lucy, Polly, Frank, Sally, and Elizabeth Anderson.