

W. M. Sandidge

Copy teste: Beverley W. Harrison, Clerk Cir. Ct.

At a Circuit Court continued by adjournment and held for the County of Amherst, Virginia on the 11th day of April 1893-

A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of James M. Taliaferro was this day produced in Court and offered for probate, and the same being proved by the oath of J. M. Sandidge a subscribing witness and the oath of Joseph H. Massie, is ordered as the last will and testament of James M. Taliaferro to be recorded as such, and thereupon Joseph H. Massie the executor therein named appeared in Court and declined to qualify as such, whereupon, on the motion of Sallie B. Taliaferro the widow of said James M. Taliaferro - Walter P. Massie is permitted to qualify as Administrator with the will annexed of said James M. Taliaferro, and thereupon said Walter P. Massie having made oath thereto Amherst County Virginia Wills 1832 to 1897 and together with Joseph H. Massie, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1000.00 conditioned according to law, which is ordered to be recorded.

A certificate is granted said Walter P. Massie for obtaining letters of administration with the will annexed on said estate in due form Appraisers S. H. Wilsher, S. B. Higginbotham,

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Will of James M. Taliaferro.

In the name of God Amen, I James M. Taliaferro of the County of Amherst and state of Virginia, being perfectly sound of mind, but knowing the uncertainty of life and feeling the approach of old age, do make this my last will and testament, first, that all my just debts shall be paid, second, that twenty acres of land shall be surveyed off embracing my Iron mine, running parallel with the vein. The Iron mine and the twenty acres thereto attached being on my home farm, shall be a common property for my children and wife, my wife sharing as one of the children in the said Iron mine. - I have given to my daughter Ida Kate Massie and her husband Walter P. Massie my Inc Daniel tract of land of 145 a 3 R 7 P for which I have charged them one thousand dollars (not to bear interest. - If the amount of the proceeds of my estate will justify it, I wish all of my children to receive one thousand dollars each, according to priority of age, at the earliest day practicable, but if this can not be done until the final division, then each one who has not received anything must receive one thousand dollars before Ida receives anything more. All of my property not otherwise disposed of I will to my wife her life time. At her death my property to be equally divided among my children according to the directions given above. - I do hereby appoint my friend Joseph H. Massie my executor to carry out this my last will and testament as witness this my last will and testament, this the 28th day of March 1889.

James M. Taliaferro this 28 March. th 1889.