

John Hay of this Court - appeared in Court this Day and was duly qualified as
Ex^r of the said Last Will and Testament of Robt P. Page Dec^d: and, as by the Terms
of the said Will the s^d Ex^r was not required to give Security. He made oath according
to Law & entered into and acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of Eighty Thousand
Dollars conditioned as the Law directs thereupon Court doth grant him for obtaining
Probab. of the said Last Will and Testament of R P Page Dec^d in due Form forthwith
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John Hay Clerk of the Court of
Clarke County.

Nuncupative Will

Thomas W. Briggs
Dec^r 88

In the Name of God Amen: I Thomas W. Briggs of Clarke
County State of Virginia do make this my last Will and Testament. It is
my will and desire that my wife Lucinda Briggs shall be appointed my Execu-
trix in communion with my brother James without Security, My brother having con-
sented to act in this capacity without recompense or reward. It is my desire that
my wife shall exercise her best judgment in the management of all my property
real and personal for the best advantage of herself and my children, it is to all

Dec 31st 1848

Acknowledges in the
Presence of
J. F. Fauntleroy
Robt A Randolph
John W. Lowers

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Clarke County, Va.

At a Court held for the County aforesaid on Monday the 26th Day of March 1848 James Briggs produces in Court a paper in the words & figures following to wit: In the Name of God Amen: I Thomas L. Briggs of Clarke County State of Virginia do make this my Last Will & Testament Viz: It is my Wish and desire that my Wife Lucinda Briggs shall be appointed my Executive in Connection with my Brother James without security. My brother having consented to act in this Capacity without Recompense or Reward. It is my Desire that my Wife shall execute her best Judgment in the Management of all my Property Real & Personal for the best advantage of herself and my children either to sell or not any of my Property Real or Personal as it may be deemed most advisable by herself & my Brother.

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Dec 31st 1848

Acknowledges in the Presence of J. F. Fauntleroy Robt A Randolph John W. Lowers which Paper with the Date aforesaid and the Acknowledgements aforesaid in the presence of the Persons as aforesaid the said Briggs now offers to prove as the

being in the presence of the Persons as aforesaid the said Briggs now offers to prove as to
the contents of the said will that the said Briggs died. And thereupon on his Motion the
Court ordered that Lucinda Briggs the widow of the said Thos^d W Briggs and Sarah Corbett
aged about Eighty years, Mary Eliza aged about seven years, Ann & John about five years
& Thos^d Judson aged about two years & Lucy Virginia aged about three months be sworn
ed to witness the same & the said Lucinda Briggs now appearing, in Court and acknowl-
edges the summons for herself and her Children as aforesaid and the Court doth appoint
the said Lucinda Briggs Guardian ad litem to defend the said Infants Robt^t & Har-
dolph being called & sworn in open Court in the presence of the Parties aforesaid.
As to as follows to wit that he was one of the attending Physicians of the late Thos^d
W Briggs in his last Illness and he then considered him to be in Extremis, under
those circumstances he was called upon by some One Present, on the 21st Dec^r 1848 to
write the will, understanding what the Will was of the said deceased, where he wrote the
Paper now presented to the Court and herebefore entered; after which Paper was written
by him he read it to the said Thos^d W Briggs and asked him to say distinctly whether
it was his Will & whether it was in accordance with his wishes or words to that effect
to which he replied distinctly in the affirmative, He proposed to him to sign it which
he made an effort to do but failing to do from weakness He was afraid that he might die
if any time was lost before getting through with it. He then acknowledged said Paper be-
fore him, and others as his Will and he with the other persons before named made the
Attestation which is thereon - and he was in his perfect senses when he signed the Paper
to him, and when it was signed by the said Thos^d W Briggs some twenty four hours
afterwards still being in his senses. And that the said Thos^d W Briggs another Attestation to the same
Paper being also sworn, do hereby certify that he is conscientiously in the foregoing Declaration.

of Robert C. Randolph that all the Facts as stated by the said Randolph occurring in his presence
and on duty then & there being the said Randolph. And thereupon the Court doth establish the said
Paper as the Manuscript Will of the said Thomas M. Briggs Dec'd and doth order the same
to be Recorded as such which is done accordingly.

On the motion of Lucinda Briggs & Jas Briggs Executors and Executor in the said Will
names, who made Oath according to Law and by the Terms of the said Will. No Security
was to be required of them, entering into and acknowledging Bonds in the Penalty of Seventeen
Hundred Dollars conditioned as the Law directs. Confidence is given to them for obtaining
Probes of the said Manuscript Will of the said Tho^s M. Briggs Dec'd in due form of Law.
On the motion of the said Lucinda Briggs Ex^{rs} and Jas Briggs Ex^{or} of Tho^s M. Briggs Dec'd
ordered that Geo^r M. Norfoob Wm^r C. Norfoob, William B. Harris & Jas M. Towns any
three of whom to do so having been first duly sworn do appraise the Estate if any and
other Personal Estate of the said Tho^s M. Briggs and report according to Law.

John

John Hay Clerk of the Court of
Clarke County.

Estate Account
William Ashby Dec^d

Clarke County Va

At a Court held for the County of Clarke On Monday the 23rd
Day of January 1844 The Court doth appoint H. H. Lee Esq^r Com^r to administer