

State of Virginia York County

December 23^d One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two
Year of our Lord. Amen.

I John Merriwith being sick in body But of sound
memory doth make this my last will and Testament. My soul
I give to god who give it to me. and my body to the earth
to be decently buried from my estate. in the name of God Amen.

I will and desire dispose of my worldly Estate as I
shall hereafter mention. I give to my three Children, as
follows my beloved daughter Susan Dabney and my beloved
daughter Patsy Jackson and to my beloved son John Merriwith
Twenty acres of land and to their heirs for ever after my death
in the County of Elizabeth, State of Virginia. to be equally
divided between them. This land is never to be sold for any
debt that any one of my Children has or may hereafter Contract
and after all my just debts is paid the balance of my Estate
to be equally divided between my three Children above named
my beloved wife Nancy Merriwith I give a home on the said
Farm as long as she remain my widow, my son Robert
Merriwith a disobedient son I disinherit for ever, and give
him nothing. I appoint Robert A Wallens my Administrator
and attorney. Given under my hand and seal this twenty third
day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight
hundred and Seventy two. as witness our hands & seals.

John^{sr} Merriwith
James H Smith
Robert A Wallens

Seal
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Seal

At a Quarterly Court held for James City County and
the City of Williamsburg, at the Courthouse thereof in said
City on Monday the 10th day of March 1873.

A Writing bearing date on the 23^d December 1872
purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Merriwith
was this day presented to Court, and upon the testimony of
of Robert Wallens and James H Smith, two subscribing witnesses
thereof, who made oath that John Merriwith died. Acknowledged
and subscribed the same as his last will and Testament in their

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 him nothing. I appoint Robert A Watkins my Administrator
 and attorney. Given under my hand and seal this twenty third
 day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight
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John Merridith
 James H Smith
 Robert A Watkins

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 City on Monday the 10th day of March 1873.

A writing bearing date on the 23rd December 1872.
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Merridith
 was this day presented to Court, and upon the testimony of
 of Robert Watkins and James H Smith, two subscribing witnesses
 thereto, who made oath that John Merridith decd. acknowledged
 and subscribed the same as his last will and testament in their
 presence, they all being present at the same time, and the said
 Robert Watkins and James H Smith at the request of the testator
 and in his presence subscribed the same as witnesses. which said
 last will & Testament being fully proven to the satisfaction of
 the Court. It is ordered that said writing bearing date on the 23rd
 December 1872. be recorded as and for the true last will and
 Testament of John Merridith deceased

A Copy
 Testo.

C. C. Driven W.C.