

Col. Josiah
Riddick's
Will.

I Josiah Riddick, Senr. of "Soldiers Hope" in the County of Nauset, in the State of Virginia, do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. First. — I leave the whole of my Estate, both real and personal for the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses. Secondly — I hereby liberate and set free the following Slaves, to wit. Ann, the daughter of my negro woman Phillis, and Fabius, Willis, Millicent, and James children of my negro woman Maria, and the future increase of the females of the said female negro slaves, whether born before or after my death, so soon as the said female ^{slaves} shall arrive to the age of Eighteen years, and the said male slaves shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, if they shall choose to accept their Freedom as they shall each arrive respectively at the age before mentioned, that is the females at Eighteen years of age and the males at twenty one years of age: and so no difficulty may hereafter arise as to the ages of the said slaves, I would here state that negro Ann, is now fifteen years old, negro Fabius twelve years of age, negro Millicent ten years of age, negro Willis, nine years of age and negro James eight years of age. If the females of the said slaves, shall accept their Freedom, as each of them shall respectively arrive to the age of Eighteen years as aforesaid, then the increase of the said female slaves whether born before or after my death shall be free desiring that the mothers and their children shall enjoy freedom at the same time Upon the acceptance of the said slaves or any of them of their freedom as aforesaid, I direct my Executors herein after named to pay them the sum of One Hundred Dollars each, for the purpose of removing them to some one of the free States in this union, or to the Colony of Liberia in Africa. If any any one of the said female negro slaves, shall die before the period for their acceptance of their

the said female negro slaves, shall die before the period for their acceptance of their freedom shall arrive leaving a child or children as aforesaid the said child or children if males shall have full power and authority to accept their freedom on their arrival to the age of twenty one years, and if females, they and their increase shall have power to accept their freedom on their arrival to the age of Eighteen years, that is, the acceptance of freedom by the mother or mothers, shall be an acceptance for their children of their freedom. Thirdly - Believing that my poor unfortunate son Josiah Henry Riddick, is not capable of managing property nor do I believe he is capable of taking care of himself, being of an unsound mind. I leave him under the care and protection of my brother Mills Riddick and my friends William S. Riddick and Richard H. Riddick (son of Mills Riddick) to be well and comfortably taken care of, as is herein after provided for but no part of the provision that I shall herein after make for him is not to go either directly or indirectly to his present wife, who was Savinia Matthews, or her children. Fourthly - Upon the condition contained in the preceding or third clause of this my last Will and Testament, I leave for the support of my poor unfortunate son, Josiah Henry Riddick for and during the term of his natural life the sum of Two Hundred Dollars per annum which annuity, or sum of Two Hundred Dollars is to be raised out of my Estate and hereby creating a lien on the same, for that purpose, and which annuity my Executors first and my Trustees herein after to be named are to raise out of the interest and profits of my Estate and pay and transfer the same unto Mills Riddick, William S. Riddick and Richard H. Riddick (son of Mills Riddick) whom I hereby appoint Trustees, for the purpose of receiving the said annuity and applying the same in supporting my said son Josiah Henry Riddick for and during the term of his natural life. and the said Trustees are to find

are to render an account annually of their transactions relative to the said annuity of \$500.
Hundred Dollars per annum as aforesaid. Fifthly - It is my will and desire that there shall
be no sale of any part of my property, and I hereby direct there shall be no sale, unless it shall be found
necessary for the payment of my just debts. Sixthly. I loan unto my Nephew Josiah Reddick
junr. for and during the term of his natural life, the use of the plantation, on which I now reside
known by the name of "Soldiers Hope" and the use of all the slaves on the said plantation
viz. Moses, Brit, Albert, Foster Zilpha, Maria, Lydia, Lucy, William, Matilda
and Percy, also the use of all my other personal and chattel Estate on the said plan-
tation (excepting my bonds, accounts and money) and also I loan unto my said
Nephew Josiah Reddick junr. the use of the slaves liberated by the second clause, in
this my last will and Testament until they shall respectively accept of their freedom
as is herein before mentioned and provided. The loan of the use of the property, in
this clause of my will contained I make upon the express condition that my said
Nephew Josiah Reddick junr. take care of and treat with great humanity, all of
my said slaves liberated as aforesaid during the time they are required by this my
last will and Testament to remain in service. Seventhly. The residue of my Es-
tate including the real, personal and mixed as well in the State of North Carolina
as in the State of Virginia, I leave in the hands of my brother Mills Reddick and
my friends William S Reddick and Richard H Reddick (son of Mills Reddick)
whom I hereby appoint Trustees for holding the residue of my Estate for the uses
and purposes herein after mentioned to wit: First. for the use and benefit of my said
Nephew Josiah Reddick junr for and during the term of his natural life and
secondly after his death to and for the use and benefit of the male child or chil-
dren which my said Nephew Josiah Reddick may leave living at the period
of his death, and after the death of my said Nephew Josiah Reddick
junr. the interest and profits arising from the said Estate to be applied

just. The interest and profits arising from the said Estate to be applied
towards supporting and educating of the male child or children which
my said Nephew Josiah Reddick just. may leave until he or they shall
arrive to the age of Twenty one years, and upon the male child or children
of my said Nephew Josiah Reddick just. arriving to the age of twenty
one years, the Estate hereby vested in the Trustees as aforesaid, I here-
by give and devise to him and his heirs or them and their heirs for-
ever. But if my said Nephew Josiah Reddick just. shall die, leaving
no male child or children living at his death, then the Estate mentioned
in this clause of my will, I give and devise to the male child or
children of my Brother Mills Reddick, that may be living at
his death. If my said Nephew Josiah Reddick just. shall die leav-
ing a male child or children living and the said male child or chil-
dren shall die before he, they or either of them shall arrive to the age
of Twenty one years, then I give and devise the Estate mentioned in this
clause of my will to the male child or children of my brother Mills
Reddick, that may be living at the period of the death of the male
child or children of my said Nephew Josiah Reddick just.
Equally. The property which I have loaned to my said Nephew Josiah
Reddick just. by the sixth clause of this my last will and Testament
(except that portion, which will be consumed in its use) I hereby dispose
of the same at his death, in the same manner as I have disposed of the
residue of my Estate in the preceding or seventh clause of this
my last will and Testament. Ninthly. If the Trustees, hereby appoint-
ed shall fail to take upon themselves the Character of Trustees, or shall
die after accepting the Trust, or whenever from any cause a Trustee

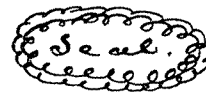
or Trustees are wanting to carry into effect the trust hereby created, I request the Ancient Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Nausemond to appoint from time to time, whenever it may be needful, any such person or persons as Trustees, as may be relied upon to execute the trust created by this my last will and Testament. Truly. I give unto my friend Doct^r William S. Riddick, my gold watch. Lastly. I hereby appoint my Brother Mills Riddick and my friend Doct^r William S. Riddick and my Nephew Richard H. Riddick (son of Mills Riddick) Executors of this my last Will and Testament and direct that no security be required of them or any one of them, hereby revoking all other or former Wills or Testaments, by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 16. day of September in the year. One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed, sealed, published and declared,
as and for the last Will and Testament of

The above named Josiah Riddick Sen. in presence of us, Arthur Smith, Nathl. Booth, Ira

Jah^{sen} Langston Benj^{sen} Wilkins Abram^{sen} Norfleet
Miles Lapsiter.

Riddick



At a Quarterly Court, held for Nausemond County, the 12th day of November 1838.

The Last Will and Testament of Colonel Josiah Riddick deceased being proved by the oaths of Arthur Smith, Nathl. Booth, Abram Norfleet and Miles Lapsiter, four of the subscribing witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Mills Riddick and Richard H. Riddick Executors of the

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Lapsiter, four of the subscribing witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded
and on the motion of Mills Reddick and Richard H. Reddick, two of the
Executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and entered into and
acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Eighty thousand Dollars, conditioned
as the law directs (without security the Will requiring none) letters testamen-
tary of said Will are granted them in due form. And Liberty is reserved for
William S. Reddick, the other Executor therein named to qualify at any time
hereafter when he may choose.

Teste:

Joseph Prentiss Clerk

Copy.

at office. 5
23^d Oct^r 1844 3

Teste:

Joseph Prentiss Clerk,

In the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Court. the 7th day of Sep-
tember 1866.

This duly authenticated Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Colonel
Josiah Reddick, deceased, with the Certificate thereon was produced
by Richard H. Reddick, the surviving Executor of said deceased, and
on his application is recorded anew: The book in which the
same was originally recorded having been destroyed by the burning of
the Clerk's Office and records, on the 7th day of February 1866.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentiss Clerk.

Exam'd