

William Archer I, William Archer of Hansemond County, State of Vir-  
ginia being of sound and disposing mind and memory do  
make publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament  
as follows; (that is to say) my desire is, to be buried with a little  
expense as decency will permit, and that all my debts and  
funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease, as conveni-  
ently may be. First I lend unto my beloved wife, Polly E. - for  
and during the term of her natural life, ~~all~~ my property of  
every kind, sort and description - real & chattel.

Second. From and after the decease of my said wife, I give and  
bequeath unto my son, Stephen Archer, in fee simple six acres  
of land to be taken from the North East side of the plantation  
on which I reside. Third. From and after the decease of my  
said wife - I give and bequeath unto my son, Robt. A Archer,  
in fee-simple all the rest and residue of my lands except Forty  
One (41) acres more or less, which I inherited from my son Calvin  
Archer, the metes and boundaries of which having been established  
by trees which have been duly marked, or chopped, several years  
ago. Fourth, from and after the decease of my said wife, I hereby  
direct authorize and empower my Executor, herein-after named,  
to sell the above described Forty One (41) acres of land, more or less  
together with the balance of my property of every character, not  
heretofore disposed of, and distribute the proceeds in fee-simple  
as follows (that is to say) to each of my daughters, Sarah Ann  
Mearns, Adaline, Kesiah, Melvina, Margaret Ann, and Martha.

Virginia. One seventh ( $\frac{1}{7}$ ) thereof and to William A Savannah  
and Mary Alice General, the three children of my deceased of my  
deceased daughter Elizabeth in equal portions, in fee simple.  
the remaining One Seventh ( $\frac{1}{7}$ ) thereof. Fifth. I do hereby nomi-  
nate and appoint my son Stephen Archer. Executor of this  
my Last Will and Testament and request the Court to require  
of him no security for the execution of the trust hereby  
reposed in him.

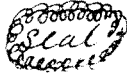
In Witness whereof. I have herts set my hand and affixed  
my seal, seal, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April A.D. 1869.

Signed by William Archer.

in our presence & acknowledged  
by him, as his Last Will & Testament  
and we have at his request witnessed the  
same. all being present together.

Peter B Prentiss

R H Riddick Jr.

William Archer. 

At a Court Held. for. Nassauind. County. at the Court  
House. on. Monday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1872.

This last will and Testament. of William Archer. late of  
this County deceased was this day fully proved in the oath of  
Peter B. Prentiss, who also proved the hand writing of  
R H Riddick Jr. deceased. the other subscribing witnesses thereto  
and was thereupon ordered. to be recorded.

Teste

Willis & Cochran. clks