

J. Thorne M. Alderson of the beauty of his mind being preserved in age, free of disease and depressing mind and memory, the memory the most sure and permanent, boasting all others, first I read all my just debts to his praise, Secondly, I read my body plainly interred at the burying ground by the side of my wife in the land I now own, or at Emma's Church, Meeting house, which ever may suit the convenience of my friends, and a plain head and foot, slab placed at the head and foot of my grave. The balance of my estate both real and personal, I do equally divided as follows to wit:

First: One fourth to my sister Sarah J. Sampson, one fourth to my niece Emily M. Min, one fourth to my niece Virginia J. Meriam, and one fourth to my niece Mary H. Sherman, to them and to their heirs and assigns forever, Lastly, I bequeath my friend Eliazah Reed to administer my estate

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal, in presence of the following witnesses the 16th day of November 1874.

Witness

Wm. W. Alderson (Seal)

C. J. Apperson

Joseph Pierce.

In Newcomb County Court April 8th 1880.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thorne M. Alderson deceased, was produced in Court by Eliazah Reed, the Executor therein named, and was proved by

these Bonds M^r. Min. are given to my dear Virginia J. Minam,
and are given to my dear Mary J. Sherman. New Kent County, Virginia No. 1, 1864-1887
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them have airs forever. And I seek my friend Elijah Rame to
administer my estate.

In witness whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal, in
presence of the foregoing witnesses the 16th day of November 1874.

Witness

Thos. W. Atkinson (Seal)

C. J. Apperson

Joseph Pierce.

In New Kent County Court April 8th 1885.

The foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testa-
ment of Thomas W. Atkinson deceased, was produced in Court
by Elijah Rame, the Executor therein named, and was proved by
C. J. Apperson one of the subscribing witnesses, and also proved
the second writing of Joseph Pierce the other subscribing witness, who
was proved to reside beyond the limits of the State.

Teste

E. M. Crumley Clerk