

And Harris mis the witness thereof and orders to be (Killed)  
and on the motion of the said Recorder who made as to according to law, Certificate is granted  
him for obtaining a Probate order from giving security whereupon &c.

Sam Kelloe

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Ridley  
Wife

In the Name of God, Amen, I James Ridley of the County of Southampton, in  
the Commonwealth of Virginia, being weak in Body, but of sound and perfect mind  
and memory, blessed be God, do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testa-  
ment in manner following (to wit) First I recommend my Soul to God who receiv-  
eth, and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors  
hereafter mentioned, and Touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to be-  
stow on me, I give and dispose of it in manner following (to wit) First My will and  
desire is that all my Just Debts be first paid.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Blount the following Negroes to wit  
Polly, Henry, Betty, and Lillies, and their increase, to her and her heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Parker the following Negroes to wit  
Mabel, Beck and her Daughter Betty, to her and her heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Ridley the following Negroes to wit  
Maggie, Vining, Mabel, and Sam, and their increase, to her and her heirs for ever.

Now, I give and bequeath to my Son Prampela Ridley, the following Negroes, to wit, Jacob, Mary, John, Sam, Nancy, Wenny, Natty, Betty, Sharpen, Cuff, Judy, Kuba and their increase, to him and his heirs forever.

I also give to my Son Prampela Ridley, my Nigger, Man Simon to him and his heirs forever.

Now, I give and bequeath to Francis Ridley, wife of my Son Prampela Ridley, and his heirs, my <sup>single</sup> Bedding, Chairs, and so I name, and my Chair horse called Bon.

Now, I give and bequeath to my Son William Ridley, the following Negroes, to wit, Gus, David, Little Nero, Dido, Miggally, Maggy, and Cato, and their increase, to him and his heirs forever. I also devise unto my s<sup>r</sup> Son William Ridley, and his heirs forever, all that Tract or parcel of Land, whereon I now live containing by estimation four hundred and twenty Acres, to the same more or less, lying in the north side of Middle River, also one Bed and Furniture.

Now, I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Deborah Ridley, Daughter of my son, Arthur Ridley, and his heirs forever, my Negro man, Oron, and my Negro Girl Lucy, who I lent to my son Arthur Ridley, but in case my Grand Daughter Deborah Ridley, Daughter of Arthur Ridley as aforesaid should die without issue then and in that case, I give and bequeath my said Negro Girl Lucy, to Deborah Ridley Daughter of James Bay Ridley and his heirs forever.

Girl Lucy; to Rebecca Ridley Daughter of James Day Ridley and her  
heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Ridley, Daughter of James Day Ridley,  
and her heirs for ever, my Negro Woman, called, Cloc, provided, that if the said  
Elizabeth Ridley Daughter of James Day Ridley, should die without issue, then  
and in that case, I give and bequeath the said Negro Woman, Cloc, to Rebecca  
Ridley, Daughter of James Day Ridley and to her heirs for ever.

Item, I devise to my grand son John Edwards Ridley son of James Day Ridley, and  
his heirs for ever, all that Tract or parcel of Land lying in the town ground of Mchenry  
from which I purchas'd of John Johnson, and also one other Tract of Land whereon  
the said James Day Ridley died, which I purchas'd of Joseph Thorp.

Item, I give and bequeath to Bromfield Ridley and William Ridley, my Sons,  
and to their heirs for ever, all the Residue, and every part and parcel of my Estate of  
what kind or kind not already Particular disposed of, to be equally divided between them.

Item, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Ridley widow of Arthur Ridley dec. Sterling Cofe's  
Bond which is for one hundred and fifty Pounds, John Francis Bond which  
is for one hundred and seventy five pounds and the Balance due from Sterling  
Francis Bond of Fifty Pounds, likewise a Balance due from Miles Gay by Act of

my Court of Chancery one pound ten shillings. The several Bonds, and Balances of  
Money mentioned above, I give to the said John Edwards Ridley and his Daughter Rebecca  
to be in Support.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ridley Five hundred Pounds.

and on that case, I give and bequeath the <sup>same</sup> e. Negro Woman, Cloe to Elizabeth  
Ridley, Daughter of my son Arthur Ridley and to her heirs for ever.

Item, I devise to my grand son John Edwards Ridley son of James Day Ridley and  
his heirs for ever, all that Tract or parcel of Land lying in the background of Mcherson  
Broom which I purchas'd of John Johnson, and also one other Tract of Land whereon  
the said James Day Ridley died, which I purchas'd of Joseph Thorpe.

Item, I give and bequeath to Bromfield Ridley and William Ridley, my Sons,  
and to their heirs for ever, all the Residue, and every part and parcel of my Estate of  
what kind or kind not already Particular disposed of, to be equally divided between them.

Item, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Ridley widow of Arthur Ridley dec. Sterling Lepels  
Bond which is for one hundred and fifty Pounds, John Francis's Bond which  
is for one hundred and twenty five pounds and the Balance due from Sterling

Francis's Bond of Fifty Pounds, likewise a Balance due from Miles Gay by Acct. 4

in my Bond of Fifty one pounds ten shillings. The several Bonds, and Balances of

Money mentioned above, I give to the said <sup>John Edwards</sup> Ridley and his Daughter Elizabeth  
to be in Satisfaction.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Ridley Ten Guineas Plus  
to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January which was owed her Mother.

Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my Sons, Bromfield Ridley and William Ridley  
my Executors in the Premises. And I do hereby bind myself and my  
Heirs and Executors by our hands and seals, and the seals of the said

In Witness whereof the said James Ridley have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1781

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of  
Wm. Haines John Blund & Benj. Hunt Junr.

*James Ridley Seal*

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1781. This writ was presented in Court by Wm. Ridley the Executor therein named, and proved by the oath of Wm. Haines & John Blund two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate due from giving Security whereupon

Sam. Kello &c.

*Ridley  
James  
Jury*

In a Inventory of the Estate of James Ridley Dec<sup>20</sup>

3 Beds and 2 Trimmings 3 Bedsteads do 12 Walnut Chairs 2 Old Leather bottoms 1 ditto Flag bottoms 3 ditto old 1 Desk 3 Walnut Tables 2 small square Tables 1 8<sup>o</sup> large Pine 2 Looking Glasses 7 Crochets plates 2 Bowls 1 Bull's Coat 1 Teapot 1 wall cellar 1 fruit dish 1 large stone dish 1 Sea can 3 Snuff bottles 2 Sugar boxes 1 pepper box 2 Wine glasses 2 Coffee cups 1 Tea spoon 1 pair Sugar tongs 1 Taddy ladle 7 Jugs 1 Cass and 9 bottles 1 funnel 6 pewter spoons 2 Tunks 3 shallow breadish dishes 1 8<sup>o</sup> deep 9 pewter plates 1 W. Fire dog 3 butter pots 3 candle sticks 1 Casson 2 W. Sticks do and one Tea 1 Wm