

March Sessions 1827.

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

Marlboro County 3 March Session 1827.

This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Reddick late a Justice of Peace and open Court by the date of his dying the Subscribers witness thereto in due form of law in an election was ordered to be recorded, at the same time Joseph Reddick and Clement Riddick came into Court and qualified to record the said will according to the stipulations therein named.

Attest. James F. Gladden Ck.

In the Name of God Amen I William E Ballard of the County of Marlboro State of North Carolina being of sound mind and perfect memory before God do this the thirteenth day February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say First I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Spruill one and not less than and no more than also to her for husband three dollars my Pictures and Sharing I bequeath and one henn and one pair Docrants also my family bell. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Spruill one pair of brass candle sticks by silver bra Spoons and one iron pitcher Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Shippard E Spruill son of my sister Elizabeth Spruill my shot gun and blowing horn.

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto Henry L. Thorod son of my sister Mary Ann Thorod an Henn trustee It is further my will and desire after all my just debts are paid that the balance of my estate be divided between my sisters Elizabeth Spruill & Anna Spruill and my sister Mary Ann Thorod their children being Saretta Anna Henry L. and Mary John Thorod the aforesaid children is only to have one third part which is the part I should have given to them Mother Mary Ann Thorod if she was living it is my will and desire that either of them shall divide without a lawful heir Begotten of their body that their part should go to the other surviving two & should either of them surviving two die without a lawful heir Begotten of their body then their part is to go to the surviving one & should the surviving one die without a lawful heir Begotten of their body then the whole of the aforesaid property to return to my two sisters Elizabeth & Philisha Spruill to them & their heirs forever.

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and I hereby make and Ordain my Worthy Friends
Jno Spruill & Joseph R. Ballard Executors of this
my last will and testament in writing where
of the said William E Ballard have to this my
last will and testament set my hand and seal
the day and year above written
Signed sealed in presence of us ~~testify~~
John Spruill & Ward signed William E Ballard

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duced and proven in open Court in due form
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in named came into Court and was required
to execute the same Attest Benj F Gladden Ck.

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I do call upon all this present that I Alwayz did live in this State and County
and had no other place to live in & that I have and desirous now and then to make
and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. I
desire that my executors may take care of me well
and desire is that after my death he shall have full power to sell and dispose
of in any way he may think fit for my wife and children and creditors
all so and part of my property as I wish. I understand that I give him as much
as full power as I can have of my money
Sign Sealed and published
in the presence of Jno R. Gladden (Seal)
James Daniel (Seal)
John F. Maddox (Seal)

I give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Thorod all
her Household and Kitchen furniture and my carriage and horses to her and her
children, also I give and bequeath unto her the money in the Boxes, from rates
four to five hundred dollars with and equal share of my other Estate. Attest Benj F Gladden
John F. Maddox carried over