

declare the said paper writing as subscribed by her and exhibited to be her last Will and Testament, and this defendant did therupon subscribe his name at the end of said Will, as an attesting witness thereto, and at the request and in the presence of said Testatrix. And this defendant further saith that at the same time when the said Testatrix subscribed her name to the said last Will as aforesaid and at the time of the defendants subscribing his name as attesting witness thereto, as aforesaid, the said Helen H. Tarrenton was of sound mind and memory of full age to execute a Will, and was not under any restraint, to the knowledge, information or belief of this defendant. And further these defendants say not.

Sincerely sworn and
subscribed, this 1st day of
June, 1916, before me.

C. V. W. Amerson

Lia R. Harris
C. V. W. Amerson

North Carolina }
Washington County } ss. for the Superior Court.
Clark Superior Court.

It is therefore considered and adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of Helen H. Tarrenton, deceased. Let said Will, together with the probate, be recorded and filed.

This 1st day of June 1916.

C. V. W. Amerson

Clark Superior Court.

Personally appeared before me this day, C. R. Calhoun who qualified as Executor to the foregoing will by taking and subscribing to the oath prescribed by law for the qualification of Executors.

This June 1st, 1916.

C. V. W. Amerson
C. S. C.

The last Will and Testament of Josiah Collins, the Elder, of the town of Edenton, State of North Carolina:- I, Josiah Collins, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind (blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish my last Will and Testament in manner following, to-wit,- First: It is my Will and Desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Secondly; - I Will and Desire that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars annually, be paid by my Executors to such person or persons as they shall appoint Trustee or Trustees, for the purpose of applying the same to the sole and separate use of my daughter, Elizabeth Cook, at present residing in Amminster, Somersettshire, (England) free from the control of her husband. The said sum to be thus paid annually during the natural life of the said Elizabeth Cook.

Thirdly: - It is my Will and Desire that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, annually be paid by my Executors to such person or persons as they shall appoint Trustee or Trustees, for the purpose of applying the same to the support and education of each of the five children of my said daughter Elizabeth Cook, that is to say the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for each of the said children annually until such child die or arrive, if a daughter, at the age of eighteen years, or if a son, at the age of twenty-one years.

4thly: - I give and bequeath to the five children of my daughter Elizabeth Cook, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, to be paid by my Executors to the said children, share and share alike, when they severally attain, the daughters the age of eighteen years, and the sons the age of twenty-one years. And if either of the said children shall die before attaining

such age, the share or shares of those dying, to be equally divided among the surviving ones who shall attain such age.

5thly:- I give and bequeath to my nephew Josiah Collins, at present in Sonomashire in England, the sum of One Thousand Dollars.

6thly:- I give and devise and bequeath to my Grand daughter, Elizabeth Littlejohn, my Barn-Yard adjoining the Town of Edenton beginning at the Northwest corner of the Back-house, and running thence Eastwardly till it reaches the Northeast corner of the Back-house, thence Southwardly until it intersects a line drawn Northwardly from the Saw-Bit, so as to include all the houses appertaining to the Tannery, together with all the improvements, utensils and stock of leather, whether tanned or untanned, hides, backs and everything appertaining to the said Tannery, excepting only the Spring which is to be for the common use of the Rope-Hall and the Tannery.

7thly:- I give and devise unto my Grand daughters Ann C. Blount and Elizabeth Littlejohn, daughters of the late Jacob Blount, their heirs and assigns forever, all the tract or parcel of land in the County of Chowan about five miles from Edenton, known by the name of Holly Grove, together with all the buildings and other appurtenances thereto belonging.

8thly:- I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Ann C. Blount, the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars.

9thly:- I give and bequeath unto the two children of my Grand-daughter, Elizabeth Littlejohn, to-wit, Nancy Blount and William, to each the sum of Thre Thousand Dollars.

10thly:- I give and bequeath to the seven children of my son Josiah Collins and Ann Rebecca Davis, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars each, to be paid them by my Executors as they respectively attain of age, but in case of the death of either before attaining such age, to-wit if a daughter, the age of 17, if a son, of twenty-one, it is my will and desire that the sum here left to

such child be divided among the survivors, who shall attain such age.

11thly:- I lend to my son Josiah Collins, during his natural life, all that tract, piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Counties of Washington and Tyrrell, that is designated in the map or flat annexed, as being loaned to him, (which may or flat I desire to be taken as part of this my will) being a part of the lands late the property of the Late Cosby family, together with all the woods, ways, canals, mills, buildings and improvements; also all the negroes, upwards of One Hundred in number, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs, farming utensils and every other thing of every kind which are thereon unto me belonging, the whole to my son Josiah during his natural life only; and after his decease, I give and bequeath to the seven children of him the said Josiah and Ann Rebecca Davis, namely; Ann Davis, Mary Mathilda, Josiah, Henrietta Elizabeth, Hugh Williamson, John Davis and Loris, their heirs and assigns forever, all the aforesaid lands, to be devolved among them according to the division made in the annexed map or flat, to each the part or lot that is designated with the name of such child in the said map, together with all the appurtenance belonging to such parts respectively. And as to all the personal estate but as above to the said Josiah, I give it after his death, to be equally divided among the above named seven children, share and share alike, as nearly as possible.

12thly:- I give and bequeath to my son Josiah, his heirs and assigns, my two-thirds of my undivided tract of land adjoining the town of Edenton, called the Rope-Hall land, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and appurtenances thereto belonging; also about nine acres of land adjoining, conveyed to me by the late Samuel Johnston, by deed bearing date of the 9th of January 1790.

13thly:- I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law, Ann Rebecca Collins, all my household and kitchen furniture.

14thly:- I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Collins the five lots lying in the Town of Edenton which were mortgaged to me by Henry Hwy, were afterwards sold under the mortgage and purchased by me, together with all the buildings and other appurtenances belonging thereto; and also the several water lots and parts of lots lying opposite thereto, with their appurtenances, to his said Josiah his heirs and assigns forever.

15thly:- It is my will and desire that all the residue of my lands and town lots wherever situated, be sold by my Executors, at their discretion, either at public or private sale; provided that at the plantations where crops have been planted, or are planting, the same shall be cultivated this year under the direction of my Executors, and all the personal property at present at such plantations, and necessary for that purpose, shall be used by them until the crops are gathered, and afterwards be disposed of as I have directed in a deed of gift executed this day. And it is further my will and desire that the same supplies which have heretofore been had from any of the said plantations, or been sent to them, be continued during this year.

16thly:- I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Town of Edenton, One Thousand Dollars, for the use of said Church.

17thly:- I give and bequeath to the wardens of the poor of Chowan County, for the use of the poor of said County, One Thousand Dollars.

18thly:- I give and bequeath to Hannah Pitchard, of the Town of Edenton, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

19thly:- In case of proceeds of the sales of property directed as above to be sold, be not sufficient to pay the legacies herein bequeathed, I direct that the same

be paid by my son Josiah Collins. And if the proceeds of such sales be more than sufficient for that purpose, I give the surplus, to be divided as follows, to wit: One third to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Cook, one third to my two Grand-daughters Ann C. Blount and Elizabeth Littlejohn and one third to the children of my son Josiah Collins.

20thly:- Lastly, I nominate and appoint my son Josiah Collins and James Indell of the town of Edenton, to be Executors of this my last will and testament, and hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made.

Josiah ^{his} Collins.

Signed, sealed and published as his last will and testament, by Josiah Collins, the Elder this 16th of April 1819, before us, called upon by him to subscribe thereto as witnesses (the word "bastardly" being first interlined over an erasure in the second page, and the words "if a daughter the age of 18, if a son" being interlined in the third page)

James Maffatt
M. E. Sawyer.

North Carolina,
Chowan County. 3 S.S.

I know all men by these presents, that I, Josiah Collins, the Elder, of the town of Edenton, State aforesaid, in consideration of the natural affection I bear to my son Josiah Collins and for other good causes me therunto moving, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto my son Josiah Collins, the whole of my personal estate of what nature or kind soever it may be, except only such parts and subjects to such limitations as are mentioned or particularly expressed in a paper writing which I have this day executed as my last will and testament to have and to hold to the said Josiah Collins, his executors administrators and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, this 16th day of April, in the year of
our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and
Nineteen.

Scaled and delivered in presence of
Josiah ^{his} _{mark} Collins. (Seal)
James Moffatt
W. T. Sawyer.

The foregoing Will, Plat and Deed of Gift, were
exhibited in open Court, at June Term 1819 proved
by the oaths of James Moffatt and W. T. Sawyer the
subscribing witnesses to the same, and ordered to
be recorded.

Jst. Henry Hobbs, Dep. Clerk.

North Carolina,
Chowan County,

I, F. H. Hobbs, Clerk Superior Court, for
and in above named County and State, hereby
certify the foregoing to be a true and correct
copy of the will and testament of Josiah Collins,
the Elder, (with the exception of the map or plat which
is a part thereof) as the same appears of record
in the office in Hill Book "C" at page 73 &c.

In witness whereof I herein put my hand
and official seal, this June 28th, 1916.

(Seal)

F. H. Hobbs
Clark Superior Court.

J. Wells Riddick of the Town of Suffolk, County of Nansemond and
State of Virginia, considering the uncertainty of life and the duty of being
prepared for death, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament,
humbly revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

1st. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Mary
Riddick, the sum of six Thousand Dollars, to be paid in cash
out of my estate, to her and her heirs forever.

2nd. I give and devise unto my said wife my two lots of land
in the said Town of Suffolk, wherein I reside together with all
the buildings and improvements thereon and lands attached
thereto; also the following slaves namely, Charles Humphrey,
Charlotte and her children, Lucy and his children and any five
others of my slaves, whom she may choose and select my
carriage and horses, all my plate household and kitchen
furniture of every sort, kind and description, I say to her
and her heirs forever and I do hereby declare my intention to
be that this provision, together with the provision contained in
the first clause and subsequent provisions herein made for my
said wife, shall be in lieu of her slaves and distribution share
in my estate.

3rd. I give and devise unto my son Wells Edward Riddick,
the land and plantation situate on the white Marsh, in this
County commonly called the "Old Place" on which I formerly
resided, and which I derived from my father, I say to my said
son, Wells Edward Riddick, for and during his natural life only;
at his death, I give and devise the said land and plantation to
the lawfully begotten child or children, which my said son
may have living at his death; and should my said son leave
no such child or children, then and in that case, I give
and devise the said land and plantation to my surviving sons.

4th. I give and devise unto my said son, Joseph Riddick
all my right title and interest both in law and equity, which
I have of, in and to the land and plantation, which the river
Thames attaches, wherein he resides commonly called "Soldier's
Hope" late the residence and property of my deceased brother, Col.
Joseph Riddick.

5th. As my son Washington Lafayette Riddick, is now
from home engaged in the study of the law, and it being