

I, William L. Riddick, of the town of Portsmouth, County of Norfolk and State of Virginia do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

Item 1st: I give unto my son James H. Riddick fifteen hundred dollars in cash and I give unto my daughter Emily Susan Riddick five hundred dollars in cash, the said sums to be raised out of my estate and to be expended in their support and education.

Item 2nd: I give my wife and children all my negroes to be equally divided among them, to them, their executors and administrators forever.

Item 3rd: My interest which is one seventh in the Albemarle Swamp Land Company, in the State of North Carolina. I give and devise unto my wife and children to them, their heirs executors, administrators and assigns forever, but the interest in the said Albemarle Swamp Land Company to which my infant children will be entitled to under this clause of my will, I desire shall not be sold during their minority, unless it shall be manifestly to their interest that such sale should be made.

Item 4th: If my wife who I shall hereinafter appoint my executrix shall think it advisable to purchase a house and lot in the town of Portsmouth or in Suffolk or elsewhere as a residence for my said wife and children, I hereby give so much money as may be necessary for such purpose and she may make such purchase taking a deed from the purchaser in her name and in the name of all my children which house and lot when so purchased I give to my wife and children.

Item 5th: I direct my executrix hereinafter to be named to sell and convey my interest in and to a house and lot in Gatesville in the County of Gates in the State of North Carolina now occupied by Willis H. Riddick, provided six hundred and fifty dollars can be obtained for the same and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my wife and children.

Item 6th: I desire that my household and kitchen

furniture shall not be sold but the same shall be kept for the benefit of my wife and children, to be equally divided among them whenever it may be necessary to do so; such old furniture and rubbish as may not be useful I desire may be sold.

Item 7th: I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Anne Maria Riddick Guardian to my infant children desiring and directing the County Clerk of Norfolk County to require of her no security for the said guardianship unless my said wife shall marry again, then security for the said guardianship shall be required.

Item 8th: And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Anne Maria Riddick Executrix of this my last will and testament (hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made) desiring and directing the County Clerk of Norfolk County to require no security of her as Executrix unless she marry again, then security shall be required of her.

I Witness Hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of February 1848.

(Seal)

W. L. Riddick.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named William L. Riddick, in the presence of us.

James Hurdough

Thomas Williamson

At a Court held for Norfolk County the 21st day of March 1848. The last will and testament of W. L. Riddick, dec'd., was proved by the oaths of James Hurdough and Thomas Williamson subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on motion of Anna Maria Riddick the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of forty thousand dollars conditioned according to law without security agreeable to the directions of said Will.

The Court being satisfied that the personal

I, William S. Riddick, of the town of Portsmouth, County of Norfolk, and State of Virginia do make this my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

Item 1st: I give unto my son James W. Riddick, sixteen hundred dollars in cash and I give unto my daughter Emily Susan Riddick five hundred dollars in cash, the said sums to be raised out of my estate and to be expended in their support and education.

Item 2nd: I give my wife and children all my negroes to be equally divided among them, to them, their executors and administrators forever.

Item 3rd: My interest which is one seventh in the Albemarle Swamp Land Company, in the State of North Carolina, I give and devise unto my wife and children to them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, but the interest in the said Albemarle Swamp Land Company to which my infant children will be entitled to under this clause of my will, I desire shall not be sold during their minority unless it shall be manifestly to their interest that such sale should be made.

Item 4th: If my wife who I shall hereinafter appoint my executrix shall think it advisable to purchase a house and lot in the town of Portsmouth or in Suffolk or elsewhere as a residence for my said wife and children, I hereby give so much money as may be necessary for such purpose and she may make such purchase taking a deed from the purchaser in her name and in the name of all my children which house and lot when so purchased I give to my wife and children.

Item 5th: I direct my executrix hereinafter to be named to sell and convey my interest in and to a house and lot in Gatesville in the County of Gates in the State of North Carolina now occupied by Willis F. Riddick, for which six hundred and fifty dollars can be obtained for the same and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my wife and children.

Item 6th: I desire that my household and kitchen

furniture shall not be sold but the same shall be kept for the benefit of my wife and children, to be equally divided among them whenever it may be necessary to do so; such old furniture and rubbish as may not be useful I desire may be sold.

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Item 8th: And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Anne Maria Riddick Executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made desiring and directing the County Clerk of Norfolk County to require no security of her as Executrix unless she marry again, then security shall be required of her.

I Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of February 1848.

(Seal)

W. S. Riddick.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named William S. Riddick, in the presence of us.

James Murdaugh
Thomas Williamson

At a Court held for Norfolk County the 21st day of March 1848. The last will and testament of W. S. Riddick, dec'd., was proved by the oaths of James Murdaugh and Thomas Williamson subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on motion of Anne Maria Riddick the Executrix therein named who made oath thereto and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of forty thousand dollars conditional according to law without security agreeable to the directions of said Will.

The Court being satisfied that the personal

estate of the testator is more than sufficient to pay his debts.

Certificate is granted the said Anna Maria Riddick for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Test:- Arthur Emmerson, C. C.

State of Virginia,

County of Norfolk: To Wit:

I, Abrah H. Martin, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, State of Virginia, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of my Office.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court this 30th day of June, in the year 1914.

(Seal)

Abrah H. Martin,
Clerk.

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk: To Wit:

I, C. H. Coleman, Judge of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that Abrah H. Martin, who hath given the preceding Certificate, is Clerk of the said Court and that his said attestation is in due form.

Given under my hand this 8th day of July, A.D. 1914.

C. H. Coleman

Judge of Circuit Court of Norfolk County.

State of Virginia, County of Norfolk: To Wit:

I, Abrah H. Martin, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Hon. C. H. Coleman, whose genuine signature appears to the Certificate above, is the only Judge of the said Circuit Court, and that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office this 10th day of July, A.D. 1914, in the 38th year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(Seal)

Abrah H. Martin
Clerk.

North Carolina, Beaufort County.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from

the exemplification of the record hereinafter mentioned that the last will and Testament of William S. Riddick, deceased, a citizen of Norfolk County, State of Virginia, has been duly proved and allowed in the proper Court of probate of said County and State, according to the laws of said State, and it further appearing that said William S. Riddick left property in the County of Beaufort, State of North Carolina, it is therefore ordered and adjudged that the exemplification of said Will and its probate in the proper Court of Norfolk County, State of Virginia, which has been produced and exhibited here duly certified and authenticated, be allowed, filed, and recorded in this Court.

This 20th day of July 1914.

Geo. A. Paul,
Clerk Superior Court.

North Carolina,
Beaufort County.

I, Geo. A. Paul, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby Certify that the foregoing four sheets are, and contain, a full, true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of William S. Riddick, together with the probate thereof, as the same is copied from and compared with the records of my Office.

(Seal)

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal. Done at office in Washington, D. C., this 28th day of June 1914.

Geo. A. Paul,
Clerk Superior Court.