

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.

Sealed and delivered in presence of
 Josiah ^{his} Collins. (Seal)
 James Moffatt
 M. E. 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 M. E. Sawyer the subscribing witnesses to the same, and ordered to be recorded.

Test. Henry Hills, 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 this office in Will Book "C" at page 79 &c.

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

(Seal)

F. H. Hobbs
 Clerk Superior Court.

I, Mills Riddick of the Town of Suffolk, County of Hanover 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, hereby 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 raised 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, whereon 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 her children and any free 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 dower and distributive share in my estate.

3rd. I give and devise unto my son Mills Edward Riddick, the land and plantation situate on the white Marsh, in the County commonly called the "Old Place" on which I formerly resided, and which I derived from my father, I say to my said son, Mills 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, Josiah 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 said Mills Riddick attached, whereon he resides commonly called "Soldiers Hope," late the residence and property of my deceased brother, Col. Josiah Riddick.

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

my wish and intention that he shall continue his studies, I hereby charge my estate with the payment of One Thousand Dollars for that object; which sum of money is to be raised out of my estate, without breaking in upon any of the other legacies before mentioned.

6th. It is my will and desire, and I do hereby order and direct, that my old and faithful negro man, Edward shall be allowed to remain on the plantation, where he now stays, and my Executors, hereinafter named, are directed to pay him annually the sum of Twenty five dollars; should he live so long as to become aged and infirm, I charge and require my Executors to take care of and support him comfortably out of my estate.

7th. All the rest and residue of my estate of every kind, sort and description, in possession, expectancy and action, I will, order and direct shall be sold and conveyed by Executors hereinafter to be named, when in their opinion it can be most advantageously done, and on such terms as they shall think most expedient. The proceeds of sales except the "Albion Company's Stock," which I shall hereafter dispose of I give and bequeath to my sons, Richard H. Riddick, Senr. Josiah Riddick, Mills Edward Riddick, Nathaniel Riddick and Washington Lafayette Riddick; my daughters, Mary A. Webb, Juliana Wood and Cornelia Hallow; and the living children of my daughters Sina Dossoway and Maria J. McGuire; and to be divided into ten shares or portions, but before this distribution and division of sales takes place, all advancements made by me to any of my children, must be fairly valued and deducted from their portions; and from the shares or portions given to the living children of my daughters Sina Dossoway and Maria J. McGuire, all advancements made by me to this father, must be subjected to the same valuation and deduction, which my sons and daughters as aforesaid. My object and intention is to produce equality in all the shares mentioned in this clause of my will.

8th. As my share or stock in the Albion Company, situated in the State of North Carolina, is as I design it shall be liable to sale, under the immediate preceding clause of this my will, I require upon my Executors hereinafter named to keep a vigilant eye upon the movement and

progress of that company, and to be governed in the sale of it, by the force of circumstances, until a sale shall be made, I give and devise to my said wife, one third part of the dividends or profits arising and accruing therefrom; after a sale shall be effected, I give to my said wife one third part of the proceeds thereof, the remaining two thirds of the dividends or profits and of the sales I give to my said sons and daughters and the living children of my daughter, Sina Dossoway and Maria J. McGuire, as mentioned in the Seventh clause of this will.

9th. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Riddick, Executor and my son, Richard H. Riddick, Senr. and Nathaniel Riddick, Executors of this my last will and testament. I request the Court to whom this paper writing shall be offered for probate to permit my said Executors and Executors to qualify without requiring security of them for the performance of the trust reposed in them and in the trusts of only one, or more of them should qualify, I repeat the request that no security be required of her him or them.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This 25th day of February 1844.

Mills Riddick (Seal)

Signed sealed, published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Mills Riddick, in presence of us:

Re. R. Puntis, Geo. B. Puntis, Joseph Puntis.

I the within named Mills Riddick, do make this present codicil to my within will which I hereby declare shall be taken as a part thereof.

I do hereby revoke so much of the devise and request contained in the Seventh clause thereof, as would embrace the sale of all my claims, which I have not particularly bequeathed and disposed of and in lieu thereof I give and devise all my claims with the future increase of the principal except those already disposed of in my said will, to my sons, Richard H. Riddick, Senr. Josiah Riddick, Mills Edward Riddick, Nathaniel Riddick and Washington Lafayette Riddick; my daughters Mary A. Webb, Juliana Wood and Cornelia Hallow, and to the living children of my daughter, Sina Dossoway and Maria J. McGuire, and to be divided into ten shares or portions to be divided between them in the same manner and subject to the same terms and condition as mentioned and expressed in the said 7th clause of my said will no other part of the said 7th clause is to be affected by this codicil; my

intent and meaning simply is that my slaves shall be divided and not sold.

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of June 1844.

Mills Riddick (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for a codicil to the last will and testament of the above named, Mills Riddick, in our presence: Ro. B. Puntis, Jo. B. Puntis, Joseph Puntis,

At a monthly Court held for Hansemond County, the 14th day of October 1844. This last Will and Testament together with the codicil annexed, of Mills Riddick deceased, was proved by the oaths of Robert B. Puntis, John B. Puntis and Joseph Puntis the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded; And on motion of Richard H. Riddick Senr. and Nathaniel Riddick, the Executors therein named who made oath thereto entered into and acknowledged this bond in the penalty of one Hundred Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law directs (without security the will requiring none) certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form, Robert being named to Mary Riddick, the Executrix named in the said Will. to give in the probate when she shall think fit.

Test: Joseph Puntis, Clerk.

State of Virginia,
Hansemond County, To wit:

I, Joseph Puntis, Clerk of the County Court of Hansemond County, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of the said Court.

In Testimony whereof, I have set my hand and annex the Seal of the said Court.

This 19th day of February, A.D. 1851.

Joseph Puntis, Clerk.

(Seal)

State of Virginia
Hansemond County, To wit:

I, Hardy Leves, presiding Justice of the Court of Hansemond County in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the attestation hereunto annexed made by Joseph Puntis, Clerk of

the said Court, is in due form, Given under my hand at the County of Hansemond, this 28th day of February in the year 1851.

Hardy Leves.

State of North Carolina.

Washington County, February Term, 1854.

An exemplification of the Will of Mills Riddick late a resident of the State of Virginia, conveying property in the State of North Carolina, said Will having been duly proved and allowed in said State of Virginia, is produced in open Court and said exemplification being certified and authenticated agreeable to law, on motion it is ordered by the Court that it be and it hereby is filed, allowed and ordered recorded said will is in Hands, letters and figures as before set forth. Given under the seal aforesaid Court.

(Seal)

Attest: F. F. Fagan, clk.

In the Clerk's office of Hansemond County Court the 21st day of October 1867. This duly authenticated copy of the last Will and testament of Mills Riddick deceased, with the certificates thereon, was produced by Richard H. Riddick Senr. and Nathaniel Riddick Executors of said deceased and on their application is recorded anew the book in which the same was originally recorded having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's office and records on the 7th day of February, 1866.

Teste: Peter B. Puntis, Clerk.

Virginia
Hansemond County, To wit:

L. E. C. Bunting, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hansemond County in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of the said Court.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and annex the seal of the said Court. this 22nd day of June 1914.

L. E. C. Bunting.
Clerk Circuit Court of Hansemond County, Virginia.

State of Virginia,
Harrison County. To Wit:

I, James L. McLemore, only judge of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that J. E. Bunting, who hath given the preceding certificate, is Clerk of the said Court and that his attestation is in due form.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of June, 1914.

James L. McLemore,
Judge of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, Virginia.

State of Virginia,
County of Harrison, To Wit:

I, J. E. Bunting, Clerk of the Circuit Court of County of Harrison, in the State of Virginia a Court of record, do hereby certify that Jas. L. McLemore, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate is now, and was at the time of signing the said certificate, Judge of the said Circuit Court of the said County of Harrison duly qualified according to law that his signature is genuine and that all of his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit.

Given my hand this 22nd day of June, 1914.

J. E. Bunting,

Clerk Circuit Court of Harrison County, Virginia

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 Mills Riddick, deceased, a citizen of Harrison 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 Mills 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 Harrison County and State of Virginia which

has been produced and exhibited here duly certified and authenticated be allowed filed and recorded in this Court.

This 1st 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 eight sheets are, and contain, a full, true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of Mills Riddick, together with the probate thereof, as the same is copied from and compared with the records of my office.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal. Done at my office in Washington, D. C., this the 27th day of June 1914.

Geo. A. Paul,
Clerk Superior Court.

(Seal)