

At Writing his my date 16th day of April 1864, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Samuel Biddle ^{de} was produced in Court to be proved and William H. Whitcomb being sworn deposed and says he is well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Samuel Biddle and verily believes the body of the said writing as well as the signature thereto to be wholly in the hand writing of the said Samuel Biddle. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Writing be received as and for the last Will and Testament of the said Samuel Biddle ^{de} and in the motion of E. W. Biddle the Executor thereof in the premises of twenty five thousand dollars (conditioned according to law, California is granted leave for allowing a probate of the said will in due form—

Ordered that John W. Harrison, Wm H. Whitcomb & William M. Bunker being first duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace for the purpose do appraise all the goods or chattels of Samuel Biddle ^{de} and return the appraisement under their hands to the Clerk of this Court—

Present John Parker, John W. Harrison, Geo. C. Pope, Wm. Vignebant, E. P. Story
Joshua Postler, A. W. Hoyle, Robt. L. Barnes. Justices

Ordered that J. R. Edwards, W. B. Shumard & H. H. Dyer being first duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace for the purpose do appraise all the goods or chattels of James T. Parker ^{de} and return the appraisement under their hands to the Clerk of this Court—

On motion of W. J. Bryant and for reasons appearing to the Court, he is exempt from the payment of taxes & dues in future, he being aged & infirm—

Ordered that the Sheriff summon all the ading Justices of this County to the first day of the next term of this Court, to consider the expediency of bringing upon Court and other property appraised with others within this County, and on interest and profits mentioned in the 49th article of the Constitution in the 51st and the five in the 57th Sections of the 35th Chapter of the Code of Virginia of 1860 in which laws are applied against persons residing in the County—

The last will and Testament of Nancy Chittly ^{de} was proved by the oath of John Roberts one of the subscribing witnesses thereto—

Ordered that the estate of Nancy Chittly ^{de} be committed to the hands of the Sheriff of this County to be administered according to law—

Ordered that Rev. B. Humber D., Edward Bunker & Milla Britt being first duly sworn for the purpose do appraise all the goods or chattels of Nancy Chittly ^{de} and return the appraisement under their hands to the Clerk of this Court—

Ordered that the black negator Hark Brown free negro who was born free in this County is exempt from his former negator—

Absent all the Justices except J. B. Kelle presiding Justice, William Vignebant & James Holmes. Justices—

On the motion of Robert Ogilvie administrator of Andrew B. Postler ^{de}. Ordered that he invest the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars in his hands belonging to R. G. Post.