

1919-008

Nansemond Co (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: Lettie Riddick Mills vs Walter Mills

Riddick, Simmons

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Daisy Nurney, agent of the Virginian Pilot,
a newspaper printed in the City of Norfolk, Va.,
do hereby certify that the annexed order of publication was duly published in the said paper for four successive weeks from and after the 26th day of March, 1919.

Daisy Nurney

Agent of the Virginian Pilot.

VIRGINIA:

In the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, in Vacation, the 25th day of March, 1919.

Lettie Riddick Mills, Complainant,
vs. In Chancery.
Walter Mills, Defendant.

The object of the above styled suit is for the said complainant to obtain from the said defendant a divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, on the grounds of desertion; and, it appearing by affidavit filed, according to law, that Walter Mills, the above named defendant, is not a resident of this state, it is therefore ordered that the said Walter Mills do appear within fifteen days after due publication of this order, in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond county, Virginia, and do what is necessary to protect his interests.

G. E. BUNTING, Clerk.
William S. Holland, p. q.

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VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond.

Rollie B. Dick *Trice*

Plff.

vs.

Walker Trice

Dft.

In

Chancery

I hereby certify that on the *25th* day of *March*, 191*9*

I posted a copy of the order of publication entered herein, at the front door of the Courthouse of the County of Nansemond; that being on or before the next succeeding rule day after said order was entered.

Given under my hand this *25th* day of *March*, 191*9*

W. B. Dancy

, Clerk,

By

, Deputy Clerk.

Certificates that order
of Ruben. ~~From~~ from
Hobbs

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, VIRGINIA:

Lettie Riddick Mills Complainant.

VS. AFFIDAVIT.

Walter Mills Defendant.

State of Virginia,

City of Suffolk, to-wit:

This day Lettie Riddick Mills, the above named plaintiff, personally appeared before me, William S. Holland, a Notary Public, in and for the City and State aforesaid, and made oath that Walter Mills, the above named defendant, is not a resident of this State.

Given under my hand this 25th day of March, 1919.

William S. Holland

Notary Public.

Letter Riddick Mills
v. Affidavit
Walter Mills

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, VIRGINIA.

Lettie Riddick Mills. Complainant.

vs. APPLICATION OR PETITION FOR ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

Walter Mills Defendant.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Your petitioner, Lettie Riddick Mills, represents that the aforesaid Walter Mills, the above named defendant, is not a resident of this State, as shown by her affidavit filed herewith; that the last known place of abode and post-office address of the said defendant is Prince, West Virginia; that she seeks a divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the ground of desertion. Your petitioner, therefore, prays that she be granted an order of publication against the above named Walter Mills, and I direct the clerk to mail a certified copy of said order of publication, when entered, to the said defendant at the address given herein. *Your petitioner also prays that*

a copy of the said order of publication be published in the
Virginia Pilot of Norfolk, Va., as prescribed by law —

Lettie Riddick Mills

By her Atty., W. S. Holland

Pettie Riddick Mills
✓ App. for Dr. of Pub.
Walter Mills —

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
NANSEMOND COUNTY, , THE 25th DAY OF MARCH, 1919.

Lettie Riddick Mills Complainant.

vs.....In Chancery.

Walter Mills.....Defendant.

The object of the above styled suit is for the said
Complainant to obtain from the said defendant a divorce a
vinculo matrimonii, on the grounds of desertion. And, it
appearing by affidavit filed according to law that Walter
Mills, the above named defendant, is not a resident of this
State, it is therefore ordered that the said Walter Mills
do appear within fifteen days after due publication of this
order, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of
Nansemond County, Virginia, and do what is necessary to
protect his interests.

W. S. Holland Clerk.

William S. Holland, p. q.

Virginia:

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County,

Lettie Riddick Mills -

Vs -

In Chancery

~~Walter~~ Mills -

Please issue summons against
the said defendant returnable to the
first rules in April 1919 -

Wm S. Holland - Atty

March 25th 1919 -

Lettie Riddick Mills

V. - Muro -

Walter Mills



MARRIAGE LICENSE



Virginia Nansemond County to-wit:

To Any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Walter Mills and Lettie Riddick

Given under my hand, as Clerk of Circuit Court of Nansemond County (~~to-wit~~) this

1st day of July 1914

G. E. Bunting Clerk.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE By, S. J. Parker, D.C.

To be annexed to the license, required by Section 2229 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act of February 16, 1910.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County (~~to-wit~~) of Nansemond

Date of Marriage July 1st, 1914 Place of Marriage Nansemond County

FULL NAMES OF PARTIES.

Walter Mills and Lettie Riddick

Age of Husband 27 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) Single

Age of Wife 23 years; Condition (single, widowed or divorced) Single

Race (White or Colored) Colored

Husband's Place of Birth Accomac Co., Va. Residence Nansemond County

Wife's Place of Birth North Carolina Residence Nansemond County

Names of { Husband Alex Mills and Rebecca, his wife

Parents { Wife John Riddick and Amanda, his wife

Occupation of Husband Laborer

Given under my hand this 1st day of July 1914

G. E. Bunting, Clerk.

By, S. J. Parker D.C.

Certificate of Time and Place of Marriage

I, W. F. Brinkley, a Minister of the Baptist

Church, or religious order of that name, do certify that on the 1st day of July 1914,

at Suffolk, Virginia, under authority of the above License, I joined together in the Holy State of Matrimony the persons named and described therein. I qualified and gave bond according to law authorizing me to celebrate the rites of marriage in the County (~~to-wit~~) of Suffolk, State of Virginia.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of July 1914

Rev. W. F. Brinkley

(Person who performs ceremony sign here.)

The Minister or other person celebrating a marriage is required, within thirty (30) days thereafter, to return the license and certificate of the Clerk and his certificate of the time and place at which the marriage was celebrated to the Clerk who issued the license; failure to comply with these requirements of the law makes the Minister or other person celebrating the marriage liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty dollars for each offense (see Section 2229 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Act approved February 16, 1910, Acts 1910, chapter 28, pages 36 and 37).

County (~~as City~~) Hansemond

Walter Mills Husband,

and { **Marriage License**

Lottie Riddick Wife,

Date of Issue July, 1st, 1914

Marriage Register No. 3 Page 48

The depositions of Lettie Riddick Mills, Amanda Riddick, and Robert Simmons, taken before me, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of the County of Nansemond, at William S. Holland's office, in Suffolk, Virginia, on the 12th day of May, 1919, and between the hours of 9 A. M. and 6 p.m., to be read as evidence in behalf of Lettie Riddick Mills, in a certain suit in equity depending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, wherein Lettie Riddick Mills is plaintiff and Walter Mills is defendant.

PRESENT: William S. Holland, attorney for plaintiff.

No appearance for defendant.

Lettie Riddick Mills.

Lettie Riddick Mills, being duly sworn, deposes as follows;

- Q. Please state your name, age, occupation, and residence?
- A. Lettie Riddick Mills, 30 years old, laborer, Suffolk, Va.
- Q. Are you living with your husband now?
- A. No, Sir, he left me on the second Sun day in October, 1915.
- Q. Why did he leave you?
- A. He went to Hopewell to live with another woman. The following
* Decmber afer he left me, he sent sent for his clothes by Bob.
S Simmons, and he was living at Hopewell with this woman at that *time*
- Q. Did you give him any cause to leave you?
- A. No, Sir.
- Q. Why do you believe that your husband went to Hopewell to live with a woman? Did he ever live with another woman?
- A. Well, we were married on the first of July 1914 and he left me the first time during the latter part of the next Month to go to Eastern Shore to live with a woman. While he was over there I wrote to him for money several times and also asked him to come back home. The woman which was living with him answered my letters for him. Here is one (Marked Exhibit A). He kept on living with her until I had him arrasted about the first of April 1915. And when the sheriff brought him back here he ackn~~ow~~ledged that he was living with this woman, but he said if I would take him back, that he would do better. Then after he stayed with me about a week, he went to N. C. to work, and came back in the following August. He left on the second Sunday in October 1915, and I have not seen him since.
- Q. Where is he living now?
- A. He was living in Prince W. Va., the last time I heard about him.
- Q. Where did you all last co-habit?
- A. At my mother's house in Hansemond County, Virginia.
- Q. Did he leave you voluntarily and without any cause on your part?
- A. Yes, Sir. And further the deponent saith not.

Lettie Reddick Mills

Manda Riddick.

Manda Riddick, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

Q. Please state your name, age, occupation, and residence.

A. Manda Riddick, 63 years old, Mid-wife, Suffolk, Va.

Q. Are you related to either party to this suit in which Lettie Riddick Mills is asking for a divorce?

A. Yes, Sir, She is my daughter.

Q. Is she married, and, if so, to whom?

A. Yes, sir, Walter Mills is her husband.

Q. Are they living together now?

A. No, sir. He left her about a year after they were married.

Q. When did he leave her----what month and year?

A. He left her the last time on the second Sunday in October, 1915, and has never been back.

Q. Did he have any cause on her part for leaving her?

A. No, sir. He had been living with another woman on Eastern Shore and came back here in April, 1915 for a short time, then he went to N.C. to work, until August, 1915, then he left the last time in October, 1915, and went to Hopewell, Va. I have heard since then that he is living with a woman there.

Q. Did he leave her voluntarily without any excuse?

A. Yes, sir. He left her on his own accord.

Q. Where were they living at the time he left her?

A. They were living with me here in Nansemond County, Virginia.

Q. How long has Lettie Riddick Mills been living in Nansemond County, Virginia?

A. She has been living here all her life.

Q. What was the disposition and habits of Walter Mills?

A. I just do not know much about him. He was a stranger here. I don't even know where he came from. While he ^{never} tried to beat her, he was peculiar and acted different from everybody else.

And further the deponent saith not.

Witness:

Bradford Kilby,

^{his}
Amanda X Riddick
mark.

Robert Simmons.

Robert Simmons, being duly sworn, deposes as follows:

- Q. Please state your name, age, accupation, and residence?
- A. Robert Simmons, 36 years old, employee of the Purity Ice Cream Company, Suffolk, Virginia.
- Q. Are you acquainted with Walter Mills?
- A. Yes, Sir. I have been knowing him for about four years.
- Q. Where did you get acquainted with him, and when?
- A. In November 1915, I went to Hopewell, Virginia, to work, and Walter Mills and I got a room to-gether. He had been ~~there~~ there about three or four weeks when I got there.
- Q. How long did you all room to-gether?
- A. About three months, from November, 1915.
- Q. Do you know whether or not Walter Mills had any immoral relation with other women during the three months?
- A. Yes, Sir, I know he kept a woman in Hopewell during this this time. I did know her name, but I have forgotten it.
- Q. Did he sent for his clothes by you ~~to get them~~ from Lettie Riddick Mills, and, if so, when?
- A. Yes, Sir, I came to Suffolk for a few day about Christmas in 1915, and he asked me to go to Lettie Riddick's Mill's house, and get all of his clothes. He said that he was ~~never~~ never coming back to live with her.
- Q. Do know know whether he used liquors to excess or not during the three months which you all roomed together?
- A. He drinked right much.

And further the deponent saith not.

^{his}
Robert x Simmons
mark

Witness:
Bradford Kilby.

STATE OF VIRGINIA,

County of Nansemond, to-wit:

I, Bradford Kilby, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Lettie Riddick Mills, Amanda Riddick, and Robert Simmons were duly taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the office of William S. Holland, in the City of Suffolk, Virginia, on the 12th day of May, 1919, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. and for the purpose in the caption hereto mentioned.

Given under my hand this 12th day of May, 1919.

Bradford Kilby
Commissioner in Chancery for the
Circuit Court of Nansemond County,
Virginia.

WILLIAM S. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HANSEMOND.

LETTIE RIDDICK MILLS -----COMPLAINANT.

VS.

DECRETE.

WALTER MILLS-----DEPENDANT.

This cause, in which the defendant has been proceeded against in the manner prescribed by law against defendants who are non-residents, came on this day to be heard on the bill of complaint and the depositions of witnesses taken as required by law, and, the defendant failing to appear and plead, answer or demur, was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing to the Court from the evidenced submitted in this cause that the said defendant, Walter Mills, since his marriage with the said plaintiff, Lettie Riddick Mills, has deserted her for a period of more than three years next before the institution of this suit, that the said plaintiff has been domiciled in and a resident of Virginia for more than one year preceding the commencement of this suit, that they last co-habited in the County of Hansemond, Virginia; the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the said plaintiff be and she is hereby granted a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the said defendant, and that the said marriage ceremony heretofore solemnized be, and the same is hereby annulled and set aside, and it appearing that nothing further remains to be done in this cause, it is ordered to be stricken from the docket.

LETTIE BIDDICK KILLS

VS.--FINAL DECREE.

WALTER KILLS

May 24. 1919
Jas L. McShore

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WILLIAM S. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Lettie Riddick Mills

v.

BILL.

Walter Mills

TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Your complainant, Lettie Riddick Mills, respectfully represents:

(1) That on the 1st day of July, 1914, your complainant, whose maiden name was Lettie Riddick, was lawfully married in Nansemond County, Virginia, to Walter Mills, as will appear from a certificate of marriage herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A", and made a part of this bill; and,

(2) That continuously from date of said marriage until the ____ day of October, 1915, your complainant and the said Walter Mills lived together as husband and wife in Nansemond County, Virginia;;and,

(3) That the said Walter Mills has wilfully deserted and abandoned your complainant for a period of more than three years; that is to say, on the ____ day of October, 1915, the said Walter Mills did voluntarily, wilfully and without any justification whatever, leave his home; that immediately before leaving he stated to your complainant that he was going to leave her forever, and that he would never return to her; and that your complainant has never heard from him since that day; and,

(4) That your complainant has resided and has been domiciled in this State ever since the aforesaid marriage, and for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit, and is domiciled and now resides in this State; and,

(5) That your complainant last cohabited with the said Walter Mills at Pleasant Hill, in the County of Nansemond, Virginia:

In consideration whereof, and foreasmuch as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity, your complainant prays that the said Walter Mills may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required, but not on oath, to answer the same, the oath being hereby waived; that proper process may be issued; that a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed her; and that your complainant may have all such further, and other, and general relief in the premises as the nature of her case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

March 25th, 1919

Wm S. Holland
Counsel.

Lettie Riddick Mills
Complainant.
By her atty, W.S. Holland

Little Riddick Mills
v- Bill
Walter Mills

Filed April 7, 1919.
W. S. Holland
P. Clerk

WILLIAM S. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY, MAY,
JULY, AND OCTOBER

HON. JAMES L. MCLEMORE, JUDGE
GEO. E. BUNTING, CLERK
S. E. EVERETT, COMMONWEALTHS' ATTORNEY
E. E. WAGNER, SHERIFF
C. R. FULGHAM, COUNTY TREASURER
LEE BRITT, COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS

Nansemond County Clerk's Office

SUFFOLK, VA.,

RULE NOTIS:

Lettie Riddick Mills,

Plft.

v.

Walter Mills,

Deft.

March 25, 1919.

Order of publication on affidavit

Copy of order of publ'n. mailed to last known address, of Deft. Prince,
West Virginia, and copy posted at C. H.

Bees filed

Set for hearing on order of publication.

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Walter hulle

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May 1918

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Daisy Nurney, agent of the Virginian Pilot,
a newspaper printed in the City of Norfolk, Va.,
do hereby certify that the annexed order of pub-
lication was duly published in the said paper for
four successive weeks from and after the 11th day
of September, 1918.

Daisy Nurney
Agent of the Virginian Pilot.

VIRGINIA:

In the clerk's office of the Circuit
Court of Nansemond county, in va-
cation, the 10th day of September,
1918.

Lettie Riddick Mills, Complainant.

vs. In Chancery.

Walter Mills, Defendant.

The object of the above styled suit
is for the complainant to obtain from
the said defendant a divorce a vinculo
matrimonii, on the grounds of desertion.
And, it appearing by affidavit filed ac-
cording to law that Walter Mills, the
above-named defendant, is not a resi-
dent of this state, it is therefore ordered
that the said Walter Mills do appear
within fifteen days after due publication
of this order, in the clerk's office of
the Circuit Court of Nansemond county,
Virginia, and do what is necessary to
protect his interests.

A copy—Teste:

G. E. BUNTING, Clerk.

William S. Holland, p. q.

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
HANSEMOND COUNTY, IN VACATION, THE 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
1918.

Lettie Riddick Mills.....Complainant.

vs.

In Chancery

Walter Mills.....Defendant.

for the Complainant

The object of the above styled suit is ⁿto obtain from
the said defendant a divorce a vinculo matrimonii, on the
grounds of desertion. And, it appearing by affidavit filed
according to law that Walter Mills, the above-named defendant,
is not a resident of this State, it is therefore ordered that
the said Walter Mills do appear within fifteen days after due
publication of this order, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court of Nansemond County, Virginia, and do what is necessary
to protect his interests.

H. E. Runtz Clerk.

William S. Holland, p.q.

Lettie Reddick Mills

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Walter Mills

Order of Publication

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF NANSEMOND, VIRGINIA:

Lettie Riddick Mills.....Complainant.

vs. APPLICATION OR PETITION FOR ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

Walter Mills.....Defendant.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of Nansemond County:

Your petitioner, Lettie Riddick Mills, represents that the aforesaid Walter Mills, the above named defendant, is not a resident of this State, as shown by her affidavit filed herewith. Your petitioner further represents that the last known place of abode and post-office address of the said defendant is Prince, West Virginia; that she seeks a divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the ground of desertion. Your petitioner further prays that she be granted an order of publication against the above named Walter Mills.

Lettie Riddick Mills

Letter Riddick Mills
V. Petition for order of publication
Walter Mills

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF HANBLEDON, VIRGINIA:

Lettie Riddick Mills.....Complainant.

vs.

AFFIDAVIT.

Walter Mills.....Defendant.

State of Virginia,

City of Suffolk, to-wit:

This day Lettie Riddick Mills, the above named plaintiff, personally appeared before me, William S. Holland, a Notary Public, in and for the City and State aforesaid, and made oath that Walter Mills, the above named defendant, is not a resident of this State.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September, 1918.

William S. Holland

Notary Public.

Letter Riddick Mills
✓- Affidavit
Walter Mills

This seems to be a case where the wife has
practically driven the husband from home -
no evidence that Ord. Pub was ever posted

VIRGINIA.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

Lettie Riddick Mills

vs.

ORDER.

Walter Mills

On application Lettie Riddick Mills by her counsel,
it is hereby ordered that the order of publication in the
cause be published in the Virginian Pilot, a newspaper duly
circulated in Nansemond County, of Norfolk, Virginia, as
prescribed by law.

Lettie Riddick Mills

vs.

Walter Mills

ENTER, MARCH 26th, 1919.

J. P. McNamee

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY,

Lettie Riddick Mills *-----Complainant.

v. Final Decree.

Walter Mills -----Defendant.

On motion of counsel for the complainant, this cause is dismissed, and, it appearing that nothing further remains to be done, the same is ordered to be stricken from the docket.

Enter March 40. 1914
Jas. R. [unclear]

Cheney [unclear]
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VIRGINIA,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANCY MOND COUNTY.

Lettie Riddick Mills

V.

BILL.

Walter Mills.

TO THE HONORABLE CIRCUIT COURT OF NANSEMOND COUNTY.

(5) That your complainant last cohabited with the said Walter Mills at Pleasant Hill, in the County of Hansemond, Virginia:

In consideration whereof, and foreasmuch as your complainant is remediless in the premises save in a court of equity, your complainant prays that the said Walter Mills may be made a party defendant to this bill, and required, but not on oath, to answer the same, the oath being hereby waived; that proper process may be issued; that a divorce from the bond of matrimony which was created by the aforesaid marriage be decreed her; and that your complainant may have all such further, and other, and general relief in the premises as the nature of her case may require, or to equity shall seem meet.

Sept. 10th 1918.

Lellie Reddick Mills
Complainant.

Wm S. Halland
Counsel.

Lettie Hiddick Mills.

vs. BILL.

Walter Mills.

Filed Sept. 16, 1918
W. S. Holland
Chk

WILLIAM S. HOLLAND
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY, MAY,
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Nansemond County Clerk's Office

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

Virginia:-

In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County

Lettie Riddick Mills

VS

Walter Mills

To G. E. Bunting, Clerk

Please issue summons returnable to the 2nd September, (1918) rules.

Wm S. Holland. p. q.

W.S.H.

Ricks Tubs

*Affidavit of non-residence filed
Ord. of Hon. Judge, City of Norfolk, ordered to
sent down, address of deft, copy to Va. Dist.
Bldg filed.*

Cause set for hearing

Dismissed
on motion
of counsel
for complainant

Wm S. Holland, Jr.

Rutter Riddick Mills
18 Dy. with Odor
Waller Mills

Field Dec. 10th 1908

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