

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 21th day of February 1837.

The last Will and Testament of Martha A. Biddle was read and was proved by the oath of William Biddle, sole executor thereof, and was proved by the oath of John Biddle, sole executor thereof, refusing to qualify as such. On the motion of said Pelly A. Biddle, who made oath, and together with George Biddle, her executor, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars, conditioned as the Law directs, before the Court, and is granted her for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of said Martha A. Biddle, with the said will annexed, in due form.

Teste J. R. Edwards C. C.

In the name of God, amen, I Harrison Parker of Southampton County, State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

First, I give to my Wife during her natural life one half of the last tract of Land, taking that portion adjoining the Burt tract also the Burt tract, the tract purchased of Henning J. Smith, and a small piece purchased of Harrison Bell. I also give her two Negro girls by name Fanny and Sarah during her life, but should she prefer to have them sold she may do so, taking one third of the amount for which they may sell in fee simple. I also give to her and her heirs forever one bay horse, two brace hoes and one gear's provision.

2nd. I give to my son Edwin one negro Boy by name Henry to him and his heirs forever.

3rd. The residue of my estate I wish sold (with the exception of my land in Southampton County not already disposed of and which I give to my son Edwin. One third of the amount arising from the sale of my perishable estate I give to my Wife. The remaining two thirds together with that arising from the sale of my Negroes after the payment of all my just debts I give to my son Edwin Parker to him and his heirs forever.

4. The price of Land which came by my Wife being Gates County I wish my executors, hereafter to be named, to have sold and request that my Wife will make the necessary deed to the purchasers. The money arising from the sale I give to my son Edwin. I constitute and appoint my Friends Henning J. Smith, Matthew Maughan and Harrison Bell my Executors.

Harrison Parker (Sd)

signed & sealed in
the presence of
Wm. A. Spoth

John A. Davidson

John Morris Jr.

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This last Will and Testament of Harrison Parker decd. was proved by the oath of John A. Davidson and John Morris Jr., Witnesses thereto, and was proved by the oath of Henning J. Smith, Matthew Maughan and Harrison Bell, the executors thereof, who made oath, and together with Edwin Harrison and Samuel R. Davidson, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars, conditioned as the Law directs, before the Court, and is granted them for obtaining a probate of said Will in due form.

Teste J. R. Edwards C. C.