

At Court held for the County of Southampton the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1843.  
The Account Sale of the Estate of Solomon D Parker deceased was returned & ordered  
to be Recorded.

Teste L. R. Edwards Esq

Jerusalem March 25<sup>th</sup> 1843.

John Murdaugh  
Will.  
I have to left. Geo A W Neurum (one of the few friends I have found in Southampton  
County) the charge of all my affairs. I request him to bury my body decently & to the  
best of his ability, & request that he and John W Rochelle will use their best endeavours.

P.S. I have add my obituary notice.

Died in Jerusalem Southampton County. John Murdaugh, a Lawyer and a most  
miserable man.

Please pay my debts. I owe very little.

Something to Capt Neurum

" to Wm G Young of Warwick

" to Fred Hall of Gafford

" to the Crawford Spouse in Portsmouth.

My little clothing & things to my brother Edmund

I owe Major Edwards a small Tax Account

I wish particularly to be buried in my old Drab Coat.

Be sure to publish my obituary notice as above - I transcribe it so that you will  
"Died in Jerusalem Southampton County. John Murdaugh, a Lawyer and a  
most miserable man. Love, Liquor and Gambling are the Friends of his worship."

Several persons are in debt to me.

Cpl. Rochelle \$ 10.00

Capt. Smith 35.00

For old Mr. Britton 20.00

For Illand admr of Thophilus Morris  
and others } 5.00

I bear my last regard for Capt. Neurum & family - for Mrs. Rochelle & family  
(see my Manuscript poems) - for Dr. Mingo & others. But Death so soon appre-  
aches that I have not time to say more. I die forgiving and, I hope, forgiven.

John Murdaugh

At Court held for the County of Southampton the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843  
A writing bearing date March 25<sup>th</sup> 1843 purporting the last will and Testament of  
John Murdaugh was produced to the court, and there being no subscribing witness thereto  
William Plossey & Ed Wright Park being sworn severally deposed and said that they  
were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said John Murdaugh & verily  
believe that the body of the said writing, as well as the signature thereto to be wholly in the  
hand writing of the said John Murdaugh, and the Court being thereof satisfied, it is ordered  
that the said writing be recorded as and for the last will & Testament of the said John  
Murdaugh deceased. And on the motion of George A W Neurum the recorder therein named who  
made oath together with John M Guay & John A Williams his securities entered into &  
acknowledged a bond in the sum of One Thousand dollars, conditioned as the Law.