

RECORD OF WILLS.

In the last of Feb.

I, Samuel Chas. Richardson of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and perfect understanding do this the 25th day of April in the Year of Our Lord 1848, make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner and form as follows, viz =

I give and bequeath unto my Son Edmund B. Richardson my domestic place including the tract including the tract of land on which it is situated, containing two hundred acres it being one half of a patent granted to Phillip Wickersham

Also I give to my Son Edmund B. one third part of all my mill and back lands, excepting of the white and Colono or Swamp land, including one third part of the mill in consideration of the many services rendered by him to me since his maturity and without any further accountability on his part to my other heirs.

I give and bequeath unto my Son, John L. Richardson, in like manner, one half of the following described piece of land, containing eight or one hundred acres, lying and being back of a seventy acre piece, bought by him from David L. Meriw, it being part of the white and Colono land and which I have had surveyed for him by C. F. Byrne Esq.

I give and bequeath unto my Sons Purdie John and Edmund, the residue of the white and Colono or Swamp land, and all of my other land, not named above to be coequally divided between them, upon their paying, five eighths of the value of the same to be coequally divided between my daughters Eliza St. Marshall, Helen Mahoney, and Mary Ann Smith, and the children of my daughter Sophia Blake, and the children of my son James Richardson, viz: Sarah Ann Richardson and John St. Richardson.

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I give and bequeath unto my Sons Purdie and John, the remaining two thirds of my mill and back land including two thirds of the mill to be coequally divided between them, upon their paying five eighths of the value of the same to my said daughters, viz: Eliza St. Marshall, Helen Mahoney, and Mary Ann Smith, and the children of my said daughter Sophia Blake, and of my said son James, viz: Sarah Ann Bridgers and John St. Richardson

My intention in the two last items is as far as regards to my grand and great grand children that the children of my said daughter, J. Blake, shall receive what would have been their mother's share, it being one eighth of the said tract, and that the children of my daughter Mary McKell, to receive their mother's share of that portion, and that the children of my son James, viz: Sarah and John, shall receive what would have been their father's portion of the above tract of land, it being one eighth of the same, the valuation of these lands to be made by any three disinterested men, unconnected with the parties to be chosen by my children, who may be living in the State at the time.

I having advanced to my daughter, Sophia Blake three Negroes viz: Dido, Sophia and Morris, which I valued at \$1100.⁰⁰ and I here direct that the sum viz: \$1100.⁰⁰ be deducted from the portion that will fall to her children, in division of my Estate.

I having advanced to my son James two Negroes viz: Tom & Mabel, which I valued at \$600.⁰⁰ to be deducted from the portion that will fall to his children in the division of my Estate.

I have advanced to my son Purdie, three Negroes viz: Quinno, Mintie and Melinda the son of Phileas, which I value at \$1400.⁰⁰ and charge him with the same in the division of my Estate.

I have advanced to my daughter Eliza St. three Negroes viz: Mary, Jenny and Eliza for the same account for \$1200.⁰⁰

I have advanced to my son John three viz: Ed, Amy and ...

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- That they may have or have had, for which he shall account for \$1000⁰⁰
- 10th I have advanced to my daughter Helen Mahoney, three negroes viz. Daniel, Tom and Alfred, for which she shall account for \$1200⁰⁰
- 11th I have advanced to my son Edmund three negroes viz. Lewis, Caroline and Ramon, for which he shall account for \$1200⁰⁰
- 12th I have advanced to my daughter Mary Ann Smith, four negroes viz. Castor, Jerry, Juvenia and Pat Child John, for which she shall account for \$1400⁰⁰
- 13th I hereby give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Ann Bridgers, my negro girl named Madeline, over and above what other portion she may have of my Estate, and without any charge to her for the same.
- 14th I give and bequeath to my grandson John C. Richardson, two hundred dollars in money, to be paid to him by my Executors, in such sum and at such times, as a majority of them shall deem right and proper for his comfortable maintenance, also a horse to be worth \$75⁰⁰ which my Executors shall furnish him, the money and the horse to be over his distributive share, without any charge to him for the same.
- 15th I further will and direct that all the residue of my property, such Real Personal or personal including all that I obtained in marriage with my late lamented wife, Lucy, G. Richardson, after the payment of all of my just debts, and funeral expenses, be divided between my children and grand children, as hereinbefore mentioned, after balancing all the advancements, which I heretofore named.
- 16th I further will and bequeath to my daughter Helen Mahoney, a home and lot in the town of Wilmington N.C. now occupied and in the possession of James Mahoney, her husband, without any charge being made against her, in the distribution of my Estate.

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- 17th I further will and direct that all the property, such Real Personal or personal, which I have heretofore devised, unto my daughter Helen Mahoney, and Mary Ann Smith, and to my grand children Sarah Ann Bridgers and John C. Richardson, be given to my sons, Daniel, John, and Edmund, D. Richardson, to them their heirs Executors and assigns, forever, in special trust and confidence nevertheless that they my said sons shall hold the same in trust for the use, behoof, and benefit of my said children and grand children for them and their heirs forever.
- With the understanding that they my sons the Trustees above named shall in no case, be made accountable for their management of the said property, or for any indulgence they may see proper to give, having entire confidence that they will act in the best manner they are capable of for the benefit of those concerned.
- 18th As some of my heirs live out of the State of North Carolina, and wishing to accommodate my negroes as far as practicable and to cause as little separation as possible, among families it is my wish that my sons, Daniel, John, and Edmund, if they choose, take and keep most of my negroes, as may fall to any of my said heirs, living out of the State of North Carolina, at as fair valuation, which shall be made by arbiters chosen by the parties, unless they shall agree to the valuation which may be made by the Commissioners who may divide them, the aforesaid negroes.
- But nevertheless, if any of my negroes do drawn by my said heirs living out of the State, shall be missing to go with their new owners, then and in that case it is my wish that they should go.
- 19th I hereby constitute and appoint my worthy sons, Daniel, Richardson, John, S. Richardson, and Edmund, D. Richardson, as Executors to this my last will and testament, and I do hereby, revoke all wills made by me heretofore, directing my Executors that they shall pay all my just debts, and funeral charges out of any part of my Estate that is not particularly bequeathed.
- In testimony whereof I the said Daniel Richardson have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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Sub. the day and year first above written

Signed and sealed
In presence of
C. J. Byrne
John Smith
W. J. Durham

S. C. Richardson

State of North Carolina
Bladen County May 29th 1849.

I Samuel C. Richardson in the fear of God do add the following Codicil to this my last will and testament viz

I do hereby revoke so much of the fourth section of the foregoing will as requires my sons Purdie and John to pay five eighths of the value of two thirds of my mill and the tract of land on which they are situate to my other heirs.

I do hereby give and bequeath to my said sons Purdie Richardson and John S. Richardson the above named two thirds of my mills and lands on which they are situate the tract containing three hundred acres patented in my own name to be divided between them without any charge to them for the same. The remaining one third of which property is given to my son Edmund B. Richardson in this my last will and testament.

I further revoke so much of the fourth section of this my will as requires my son Purdie Richardson to be charged with the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars for three negroes which I have given him and I hereby direct that he be charged with the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars which is the correct amount.

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Sub. Richardson have Remains set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Signed and sealed
In presence of
John Smith
W. J. Durham

S. C. Richardson

State of North Carolina
Bladen County July 20th 1850.

I Samuel C. Richardson of the County and State aforesaid do add the following Codicil to this my last will and testament viz

I give and bequeath unto my son Edmund B. Richardson all of the Household and Kitchen furniture that he left in my place at the time of my death in consideration of which and for a more equitable division of my Estate I direct that he my said son Edmund B. Richardson pay equally with my said son John for his third part of the tract of land lying on Suggs Mill Pond and make so much of my will as gives it to him without charge.

I further direct that a tract of land I own in the County of Columbus containing two hundred acres more or less be sold by my Executors and the proceeds of the same be divided in accordance with the direction given in the fifteenth section of this my last will and testament.

I further direct that in the distribution of my undivided slaves my boy Chelom be given to my son John S. Richardson he being charged with his value.

In testimony whereof I the said Samuel Richardson have Remains set my hand and seal the day and year as first above written.

"not" S. C. Richardson