

In the Name of God Amen. The eighth
Eighth Day of May in the year of our Lord 1782. I
Wm. John Richardson of Bedford County in the
Colony of Virginia, being sick and weak in
Body, but of perfect Mind and memory, thank
be given unto God for the same, and calling
to mind the mortality of my Body, and know-
ing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, do make and ordain this my Last
Will & Testament. That is to say, principally
and first of all, I give and recommend
my Soul into the hands of God that gave it
and for my Body I recommend it to the
Earth, to be buried in a Christian like
and decent manner, at the discretion of
my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the
General Resurrection I shall receive the

same again by the mighty power of God: and
as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it
has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give,
devise, and dispose of the same in manner and
form following: that is to say. - In the first place
I lend to my beloved Wife Dorothy Richardson
during her life or Widowhood the Plantation
wherupon I now live all the stock & plantation
tools, and all the moveable Estate upon the
Plantation and at her death the Land is to be
equally divided amongst my four sons George
Richardson, John Richardson, Morgan Rich-
ardson, William Richardson - but my Will is
that William Richardson should have his part
of the Land where the Buildings now stand
at the East end of the Cove. I give unto my
son Morgan Richardson the first Colt that
we have called Bond when he comes

at the East end of the home - I give unto my
son Morgan Richardson the first Colt that
my Mare called Börd has when he comes
of age - I give unto my son William Rich-
ardson a Colt that is now called Poll when
he comes of age - I give unto my daughter
Sally Richardson one feather Bed the best
and all the rest of my household furniture is
to be equally divided amongst my five
Daughters, Jane Richardson, Mary Richardson
Judy Richardson, Elizabeth Richardson
and Sally Richardson, and all the rest
of my Stock in General are to be equally divi-
ded amongst all my Children, and I do
constitute make and ordain my son John
Richardson and Thomas Edson my only
and sole Executors of this my last Will and

Testament

Testament, and I do hereby certify & confirm
this and no other to be my last will &
Testament. My Willings or hereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal the day &
year above written.

Signed, sealed, published

pronounced & declared

by the said John Richardson

as his last Will & Testament

in the presence of us the subscribers.

Isaac Reynolds

Michael Gilbert

Wm. H. Grege

his
John Richardson

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At a Court held for Campbell County Oct 2 1788

This last Will & Testament of John
Richardson deceased was proved by the oath
of Isaac Reynolds a Witness thereto subscribed

And at a Court held for the said County

the fifth day of March following it appear:

And at a court held for the said County
the fifth day of March following it appear-
ing to the said Court that Michael Gilbert
& Matthew Allegre the other Witnesses to
the said Will were removed out of this
State, & the said Isaac Reynolds making
Oath that they the said Gilbert & Allegre
did in his presence Witness the said
Will. It is ordered that it be admitted to
records.

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And at a court held for the said County September 2^d 1790.

Upon the motion of John Richardson one of the Executors of the
Will aforesaid, not a made Oath thereto Certificate is granted him
obtaining Probate thereof giving security whereupon he together with
Henry Edison, John St. Aubert & William Richardson entered into an
Oath & gave their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds for the safe
conduct & faithful administration of the said Decedent's Estate & per-
formance of his Will. Liberty being reserved the other Executors on the
Will named to join in the probate thereof when he shall think fit.

Teste

Pro Alexander C.C.