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In the name of God, Amen, I Edward Richards of the County of Chancery
being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and
Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made, First
I give to my son Shadrach Richards one negro girl named Nacey, besides
what I have already given him to him & his heirs for ever. Secondly, I
give to my Grandson Joel Richards eldest son of my ^{Shadrach} Shadrach, one negro
girl named Peggy to him and his heirs for ever. Thirdly, I give to my
son Waitman Richards, over and above what I have already given him
one negro man named Julius, also one negro woman named Sall, and her
child named Barbary, also one tract of land adjoining the line of the land on
which he now lives, supposed to contain one hundred & thirty acres to him
and his heirs for ever. Fourthly, I give to my son Edmund Richards, one
negro man named Andrew, also one negro woman named Charlotte, and
her child named Linda, also a negro girl named Jada, and also a negro
boy named Martin, with the whole of the land and plantation whereon
I now live together with the two new surveys adjoining thereto, also one
hundred acres of land adjoining the line of John Hargis, together with
all my household furniture plantation Utensils & stock of all kinds to
him and his heirs for ever and whereas I possess a tract of land and
mill on the north fork of Chestnut Creek, containing about three
hundred and thirty acres my will and desire is that the aforesaid
tract of land together with the mill and all the appurtenances thereto
belonging be sold on a credit of eighteen months, and the money arising
therefrom to be equally divided between my Daughters Nancy Hargis,
Charity Stuart, Rhoda Warren, Betsey Madder and the children of my
Deceased Daughter Susan Jones. And whereas I have given to my son
Edmund Richards a greater proportion of my estate than I have given
to any other children I therefore direct, and it is my express will and
desire, that he support & maintain my wife Elizabeth Richards
during her natural life or widowhood with all things necessary such
as good wholesome diet, cloathing lodging such as she has been heretofore
accustomed to, and that she have the use of my mansion house without
molestation, and that she have the use of my negro girl Jada during
her natural life, and after her Decease to go as before directed to my
said son Edmund & his heirs for ever, And lastly, I appoint my sons
Shadrach Richards and Edmund Richards Executors of this my last
Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this X day of December 1803.

Edward Richards

Signed Sealed Published & declared
as the last Will & Testament
of the above named Edward Richards
in the presence of us
J^{ts} Smith

Thos Thompson

Lacharack Warren

At a Court held for Franklin County April 16th 1812.

This last Will and Testament of Edward Richards deceased
was proved by the oath of Stephen Smith and Thomas Thompson,
two of the witnesses hereto and ordered to be recorded.

And at a Court held for Franklin County June 1st 1812,
on the motion of Shadrach Richards and Edmund Richards the
Executors named in this last and Testament of Edward Richards
dec^d who made oath as the Law directs and together with
Jonathan Patterson and ^{Walter} Watmore Richards their securities entered
into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of five thousand
Dollars conditioned according to Law. Certificate is granted them
for obtaining a Probate in due form.

Test, James Callaway C. J. C.

Appraisement Equally to an order of the worshipful Court of Franklin to us
C. Richards deputed being sworn we have proceeded to view this 5th day of June
1812 appraise the negroes Personal Estate of Edward Richards dec^d
Existed Exhibited to us by the Executors as follows 1812

Negro Julius	\$60.0.0
Negro Sally	36.0.0
Negroes Charlotte & George	120.0.0
Negro Nancy	77.10.0
Negro Jude	90.0.0
Negro Peggy	83.5.0
Negro Martin	90.0.0
Negro Barbering	30.0.0
Negro Barnett	30.0.0
Negro Malinda	69.10.0
Negro Leman	40.0.0
Negro Andrews	135.0.0
and Red Iron Hoof	2.9.0

3	one Red Cedar low Vgarline	55. 14. 0
	one spider low	3. 6. 0
	one Red calf	0. 7. 6
	one Red Heifer	2. 11. 0
	one set Black Smiths Tools	7. 10. 0
	one butting knife	0. 4. 6
	one Iron Chain	0. 4. 6
	a parcel of old backs	0. 10. 6
	one Hog	0. 13. 6
	a parcel of Sugs	1. 2. 0
	one old Churn	0. 6. 0
	one old Shot Gun	0. 15. 0
	one old Case Razors	0. 6. 0
	one Hoare	0. 12. 0
	one old Chisel	0. 6. 0
	one Bed Bedstead and Cord	3. 0. 0
	one Bed Bedstead one Head one Sheet & Parcel of Feathers	4. 10. 0
	one Flax Wheel	0. 10. 6
	one Bed Furniture	3. 12. 0
	a parcel of Bed Stands	2. 2. 0
	a parcel of old powder	2. 2. 0
	one old Sea pot Hairdressing note	0. 3. 9
	one old Dresher one old Sifter & Butter pot	0. 9. 6
	one old Box & a parcel of old water Wepels	0. 6. 0
	one old Saddle	0. 6. 0
	one old Chisel one old quart Pot & a parcel of spoons	0. 7. 6
	a parcel of old Castings	2. 11. 6
	a parcel of old Does Gears &c	1. 11. 6
	one Mold Horse	7. 10. 0
	one Sheep	0. 10. 0
	a parcel of old Pork & two Slays	0. 7. 6
	Credits	
	one Bond upon Amos Lewis for £20 Subjects	
	Credits unknown	20. 0. 0
	one Ditto upon Ditto for	21. 0. 0
	Making	950. 13. 3
	add one Bundle low	7. 8. 0
	By maker	957. 1. 3

Amos Lewis

John Martin
Charles Richard
James (Wid)

At a Court held for Franklin County July 6th 1812
This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of
Edward Richards dec^d was returned and ordered to be recorded
Test, James Callaway C. J. C.

Appraisement Agreeable to an order of the Worshipful Court of the County of
No. Powell Franklin to us directed we have proceeded (after being first sworn)
Estate to appraise the following property belonging to the Estate of
Examined Robert Powell dec^d and shown to us by the administrators.
1811 aug^r 15th

20 head of cattle	104	50
15 head of Sheep	21	
1 Waggon and 6 Swingletrees	55	
1 Lot of Carthen ware	4	58
1 Churn 1 P. lot of tin ware	5	52
1 bundle stick of Tea bottle	1	84
1 set of knives & forks	1	75
4 pewter basons 9 plates & 2 dishes	11	75
11 pewter spoons & 2 Walnut Tables	6	55
3 Iron pots 2 P. hooks 1 Skillet & oven	5	50
1 bask 75 ^{cts} 1 pair stickyards 3 P.	3	75
43 hogs	75	75
3 Axes & 3 hammers	4	106
1 Iron shovel & 1 hilling hoe	5	67
1 Lot of old Iron	16	37½
1 Auger and drawing knife	75	
Old Waggon Irons	5	
1 Still kasp and worm	38	12
1 Siver Auger	34	
Parcel of Waggon Gear	13	50
Tare bucket, 1 pole axe & 4 Reaps hook	2	75
155 ^{lb} Bar Iron	8	68
1 hilling hoe back band &c	75	
Parcel of Upper leather	3	
old Parker & tin funnel	0	75
1 Parcel of undressed leather	5	
	15	85
	486	9½