

I, John Richardson, of the County of New Kent, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath what estate it has pleased God to bless me with in manner and form following, that is to say - I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Secondly, I desire that my whole estate, both real and personal, be kept together during the natural life of my beloved wife, Mary N. Richardson, and at her death I desire that my whole estate real and personal be equally divided among all my children herein named, to-wit: Susan Williams, Williams P. Richardson, James Richardson, Mary N. Richardson, Delia Richardson, Andrew P. Richardson, Angelina T. Richardson, Theophilus Richardson and Sylvester N. Richardson, except that in the disposition of my estate, I desire that my two youngest sons Theophilus and Sylvester N. Richardson, shall each be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars, and my youngest daughter Angelina T. Richardson be allowed the sum of Fifty dollars, in addition to their proportion of my estate more than my other children for the purpose of raising and educating them. I desire that the income arising from my real and personal estate shall be appropriated towards the support of my wife and children, and towards the education of such of my children as shall not have completed their education and with those objects in view I hereby authorize my executors herein after named (after first obtaining the consent of my wife) to rent out such portions of my land, or hire out such of my negroes as they shall think necessary for their education and support. Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Williams P. Richardson and James Richardson and my friend John S. Lacy, executors of this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this December the 1st, 1840.

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Acknowledged in the presence of
James L. Ball, Archibald Mitchell.

John Richardson.

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At a Court held for said County the 8th day of April 1841.

The aforementioned last will and testament of John Richardson, decd, was put into Court and proved by the oath of Archer R. Mitchell, one of the subscribing witnesses and continued for further proof - and at a Court held the 12th day of August, 1841. The same was further proved by the oath of James L. Ball, another witness thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste

Geo. D. Christian, C. C.

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At a Court held for said County May 9th 1867.

The records of this Court having been destroyed by fire, and William P. Richardson, one of the executors named in the last will and testament of John Richardson, deceased, having presented to the Court the foregoing official copy of the said attested and proved by Geo. D. Christian, the Clerk of this Court. It is ordered that the said paper be recorded as a true copy of the last will and testament of John Richardson, deceased, recorded in this Court on the 12th day of August, 1841.

Teste

Geo. D. Christian C. C.

In the name of God amen!

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At the County of New Kent the 24th day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty six.