

State of Georgia }
Richardson Family } In the name of God Amen I Charles
of the County and State aforesaid being sick of body but
sound mind ~~and disposing of my estate and property~~ do make and give
this testament as my last will and testament hereby revoking
all former wills by me made
First I desire that all my just debts be paid
Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Weston
my son Matthew N Top and David Alexander and William
R. Ralston sons of my daughter Mary my negro woman Peggy
her children to be equally divided into three parts or shares the
children of my daughter Mary to share one share between them
part or share given to my daughter Sarah I desire shall remain
in her hands and possession for her and her son James but
at the death of her and her son James to go to and be
in my son Matthew N Top and my three grand ~~children~~ sons
Alexander and William R. Ralston one half to my said son
the other half to my said grand sons
Third I desire that my household and kitchen furniture be
to pay my debts and if the proceeds should not be sufficient
I wish that my negro man Henry shall be sold and the money
therefrom appropriated to the same purpose
Fourth I give and bequeath my negro man Edmund to
my son Matthew N Top to have and his heirs forever
Fifth I give desire and bequeath my negro woman Jinney
my grand son James Brace during his life and at his death
daughter Sarah during her natural life and at her death to go
my son Matthew N and my three grand sons David Alexander
William R. Ralston in the same manner as the other property
already given above at the death of my said daughter Sarah
Sixth If there should be any property not herein devised to
my Executors hereafter to be named to dispose of the same in
best manner they can for the benefit of my said children and
grand children

My son Matthew V Top and David Alexander and William
R. Ralston sons of my daughter Mary my negro woman Peggy, or
her children to be equally divided into three parts or shares the third
children of my daughter Mary to share one share between them
part or share given to my daughter Sarah I desire shall remain
in her hands and possession for her and her son James but
at the death of her and her son James to go to and be
in my son Matthew V Top and my three grand ~~children~~ sons
Alexander and William R. Ralston one half to my said son and
the other half to my said grand sons

Third I desire that my household and kitchen furniture be
to pay my debts and if the proceeds should not be sufficient
I desire that my negro man Henry shall be sold and the money
therefrom appropriated to the same purpose

Fourth I give and bequeath my negro man Edmunda to
my son Matthew V Top to have and his heirs forever

Fifth I give desire and bequeath my negro woman Jimmy
my grand son James Brace during his life and at his death
daughter Sarah during her natural life and at her death to go
my son Matthew V and my three grand sons David Alexander
William R. Ralston in the same manner as the other property
already given them at the death of my said daughter Sarah

Sixth If there should be any property not herein devised to
my Executors hereafter to be named to dispose of the same in
best manner they can for the benefit of my said children or
grand children

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
John I nominate my son Matthew V Top and my friend
George M. Walker Executors of this my last will and testament
in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the
day of September 1839

Signature Maria and
acknowledged in presence
of Mary I. Roberts
W. Leachman
Helen Shaw

True Top Execs

Testimony } Personally appeared and sworn before me *Mason Shuman* as
witness to the foregoing Instrument who being duly sworn by *John Lee*
that he was personally present and saw the *decedent* sign and seal
and declare the same to be his last will and Testament that *decedent*
of sound and disposing mind and memory to the last of his
knowledge and belief and that he together with *Henry T. Loomis*
& *John L. Loomis* signed the same as witnesses at the request and in
the presence of the testator and of each other
Subscribed to before

this 6th January 1840

Mason Shuman