

Will of Jonathan Richardson

I Jonathan Richardson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First- That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts, burials and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come to his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item I loan to my beloved wife Edith Richardson one negro man by the name of Clark also one negro woman by the name of Jane during her natural lifetime also I give to my beloved wife Edith Richardson one man by the name of Seb one bridle and saddle two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture two cows & calves two pots one dutch oven two dishes one basin and six plates one pan one flax wheel one wollen wheel fifteen head of hogs and fifteen barrels of corn.

Item I give and devise to my beloved grand son Richardson Rice two hundred dollars to be paid to him by my executor within two years from my death out of the monies in hand belonging to my estate also one feather bed, & furniture

Item I give and devise to my beloved daughter Finney Ferrell fifty dollars in cash also one bed bedstead and furniture

Item I give and devise to my beloved daughter Nancy Strickland one feather bed, bedstead & furniture

Item I give and devise to my beloved son Westly Richardson one feather bed bedstead and furniture also four hundred and sixty acres of land it being the land whereon I now live and my will is that my beloved wife Edith Richardson have the use privilege and profits of my land and plantation during her natural life and at her death to my beloved son Westly Richardson as before mentioned.

Item My will further the above named negroes Clark and Jane which I loan to my beloved wife Edith Richardson during her natural lifetime at her death is to be sold and the

money divided between my beloved children that is to say Calvin Richardson, Jory Richardson, Reddin Richardson, Westly Richardson, Elizabeth Catman, Nancy Strickland and Finney Ferrell.

Item I also give and bequeath devise to my beloved son Westly Richardson fifty dollars in cash to be paid by my executor also one yoke of oxen and a cart.

Item My will also is that all the balance of my property not herein mentioned to be sold and equally divided between my five beloved children namely Calvin, Jory, Elizabeth, Catman, Reddin Richardson and Nancy Strickland.

Item Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved son and trusty friend Calvin Richardson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills of me made heretofore in witness whereof I the said Jonathan Richardson do herunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of February A.D. 1854.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Jonathan Richardson to be his last will and testament in the presence of us at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names

Witnesses
E. H. Woodard
James Howell.

Jonathan Richardson (Test)

Johnston County Court- November Term 1854
Then was this paper writing proven in open court and offered for probate which upon the oaths and examination E. H. Woodard is duly proven and ordered to be recorded

J. H. Kennedy clk