

In the name of God Amen, I Edward Richardson of the County
 of Middlebury & State of New England being weak of body but of
 sound mind & memory calling to Remembrance the uncertainty
 of life & that it is appointed unto all men once to die, To this
 24th day of July in the year of our Lord 1797 make constitute
 & appoint this my last will & Testament My will is first I beg with
 my Soul to him mighty God who gave it me, & my body to the church
 from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection thro' my
 mediator Jesus Christ, And as for what worldly goods I have I leave
 God to bless me with I dispose of as follows—Item I give to
 my beloved wife Catherine Richardson all my household
 goods of every kind whatever also two cows & calves,
Item I give to my son George Richardson five shillings currency
Item I give to my son Edward Richardson five shillings currency
Item I give to my son Mason Richardson five shillings currency
Item I give to my son Breckinley Richardson all the land & p. p. p. p.
 on the S^t & West of the beaver dam branch including the land on both
 sides of the Rocky river road adjoining the lands of Samuel Jones
 & William Richardson, Item I give to my son Thomas all the land on
 after the death of my wife all the land & p. p. p. p. on the East side
 of the beaver dam & Rocky river road adjoining the land of
 Charles Pugh & George running as far as the highway & up said
 branch to Joshua Yerbrughs line thence west to the head
 of the beaver dam branch & down the said branch to the road
 including the plantation whereon I now live—Item I give
 to my daughters Betsey & Sally eighty acres of land adjoining
 the lands of William Richardson & William Fisher to be
 Equally divided between them by my Executors &c, & in case
 my desire is that the whole of the residue of my said estate be
 sold by my Executors in order to discharge my just debts &c
 Lastly I do by these presents appoint my Trusty friends
 Thomas Winsor & my son Edward Richardson my true &
 lawful Executors of this my last will & Testament in
 witness of which I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year
 above written Signed & acknowledged before the last will
 & Testament of Edward Richardson upon

Edw. Richardson
 & Catherine

Witnessed at Middlebury
 24th July 1797