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In the name of God Amen,
 I Charles Richardson of the County of Putnam
 State of North Carolina, being in health & of sound
 mind & memory and considering that my disposition
 drawing nigh according to the Course of Nature,
 recommending my soul to God who gave it & my
 to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial,
 nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again by
 the mighty power of God in the Morning of the Resur-
 rection, and as touching such worldly property as it
 pleased God to Endow me with in this life, I do
 Will & bequeath in manner following. And first, my
 Will is that all my just debts shall be paid out of my
 perishable property by my well beloved wife Mary
 Richardson to whom I bequeath 130 acres of land where
 I now live with all the appurtenances thereunto belong-
 ing together with two fifty acres tracts adjoining to it
 I further bequeath to the said Mary all my stock of
 every kind, together with all my household furniture
 every kind, to use and apply it to her use as she may think
 it need without intimation, and after her decease
 my further Will is that the above described lands shall
 be exposed to sale & equally divided amongst my five sons
 (to wit) William, Charles, Hymen, Hiram and James, I
 bequeath to my three daughters Isabella, Elizabeth & Mary
 each a feather Bed, and all other property pertaining to my
 Estate that may remain my Will is that it be Equally
 divided into eight shares amongst my eight Children
 as they may agree in respect of selling it off or dividing
 by Courts, and I do hereby revoke and disannul all other
 Wills and Testaments ~~heretofore~~ ^{heretofore} made by me ratifying
 Confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

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affixed my seal this 6th day of October 1823
 at N.C. This Will to be proved and
 signed sealed pronounced & Recorded in the said County Court
 & delivered in presence of my first succeeding after my decease
 in each other presence Charles Richardson Esq. ~~and~~
 my Executors subscribed
 our names -

N.B. I further appoint William
 Richardson & Jacob Michael my Executors
 to this Will

William Hall Esq. (Curator)
 William Hall Esq. (Curator)