John W. Richardson's last will and testament

I John W Richardson of the County of Union and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existance 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 pay all funeral expences together with my just debts howsoever and to whomso. ever owing out of the monys that may first come into his hands or a part or parcel of my estate

Item I give and devise to my mother Juliet H. Richardson all of my estate both real and personal to be hers and at her disposal absolutely forever

Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my mother Juliet H Richardson my lawful executrix to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same

In witness whereof I the said John W Richardson do here unto set my hand and seal this 28th March A.D 1863.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said John W Richardson to be his last will and testament in presents of us who at his request and in his presents do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

John W Richardson (Seal)

M J Simpson Jurat

In witness whereof I the said John W Richardson do hereunto set my hand and Seal. This 28th March AD 1865.

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M J Simpson Jurat

Hugh McLean

State of North Carolina } Court of pleas and quarter Sessions
Craven County } January Term 1866

This instrument of writing the last will and testament of John W Richardson dec'd was produced in Open Court by Isabel H Richardson the executrix therein named and was duly proven by M J Simpson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

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