

John Richards 1565 (d. 1570 ?)

In Dei Nomine Amen. In the year of our Lord 1565, the 4th of May, I, John Richards of Wootton in the parish of Cumner, being sick of body but perfect in mind, do make this my present will and testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath my soul to almighty God and my body to be buried in the church yard of Cumner. I bequeath to the mother church of Salisbury 2 pence. Item I bequeath to my daughters **Annis** and **Mary** to each of them a quarter of barley. All the rest of my goods moveable and unmoveable I give to **Margaret** my wife whom I make my lawful executor to bestow them as her list. God's witness hereof is my wife and children.

Inventory 1572

This is the inventory of John Richards of Wootton in the parish of Cumner, praised by the estimation of **Thomas Richards, Thomas Badcock, Harry Broughton and Edmund Orpwood**

Imprimis 2 kine & 2 yearling bullocks	xx shillings xl sh.
Item 2 mares & 2 colts	xvi s
Item 2 sows & 3 stores?	viii sh.
Item The corn in the barns	iii l
Item The corn in the field	iii sh iv d(pence)
Item The hay in the field	x sh.
Item 1 overworn cart with the harness	x sh.
Item The plough and harrows	iii sh iv d
Item 1 chamber	v sh.
Item 1 table board. cowbord & the forms	iii sh iv d
Item 2 pots 1 pan a chaferne & a simmer	iii sh iii d
Item 1 chafing dish 2 candelesticks	i sh.
Item 6 platters 2 saucers 1 salt cellar	iv d
Item The broche & pot hangers with dishes & trenchers	iii sh I d

The debts

Item to John Andrews the younger	ii sh.
Item to Richard Andrews	xxiii sh. ii d
Item to Annis Richards	vi sh. iii d
Item to Richard Bowell	v sh.
Item to Margrit Clarke	v sh.
Item to John Richards	xv sh. viii d

Margaret Richards 1572

Bond of obligation between John Androwes (executor of Margaret Richards deceased) and Simon Richards and Thomas White LL.D dated 20th December 15 Elizabeth 1 (1572)

Noverint Universi per presentes nos Johannem Androwes de Wootton parochial de Comnor in comitatu Berkeriae executorem testament Margaretae Richardes nuper de Wootton predicto defunctae et Simonem Richardes de eadem Husbandmen, teneri et firmiter obligari Thpme White llegum doctori Archidiacono Berkeriae in decem libris bone et legalis monetae Anglie Solvendus eidem Thome White aut suo certo attornato executoribus vel successoribus suis ad quam quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciendum obligamus nos et vtrumque nostrum per se pro toto et insolido heredes executoresministratores nostros firmiter per presents Sigillis nostris sigillatum Datum vicesimo.....die mensis Decembris Anno regni Domine nostril Elizabethe dei gracia Anglie Ffrancie et Hiberniae Reginae fidei Defensoris etc Decimo quinto.

Know all men by these present, ourselves, John Androwes of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor in the county of Berkshire, executor of the testament of Margaret Richards, late of Wootton aforesaid, deceased, and Simon Richards of the same , husbandman, to be held and firmly bound to Thomas White. Doctor of laws, Archdeacon of Berkshire, in ten pounds of good and lawful money of England, to be paid to the same Thomas White or to his certain attorney, his executors or successors. Towards the which certain payment well and faithfully to be made, we bind ourselves, and whomsoever of us, by himself for the whole and jointly, the heirs, executors and administrators belonging to us firmly to these present. With our seals sealed, given on the twentieth..... day of the month of December in the year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth,by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland ,the Queen, Defender of the Faith etc ,the fifteenth.

Note in left margin. 1573 December 20. 3 crossed out by a later hand in pencil with 2 added above. Richards Margaret. Administration.

Thomas Richards 1574

Of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor.

In the name of God, Amen. This 24th day of December in the year of our Lord God 1574 and in the year of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith and the peace, I, **Thomas Richards** of Wootton in the county of Berks, husbandman, being of perfect remembrance and whole in body and soul, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following.. First I do recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God through Jesus Christ our Lord and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cumnor. Second, I do give and bequeath unto the mother church of Salisbury two pence. Item. I do give and bequeath unto the church of Cumnor one bushel of malt. Item. I do give unto every godchild that I have summaried two pence. Item. I do give unto every one of **Thomas Richards'** children a bushel of barley a year. Item. I do give unto Humfrey Miles and sons a bushel of barley a year. Item. I give and bequeath unto **John** my son one cart. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son **Simon** the iron bound cart, the towe of horses with all things that belong thereunto and all the standards of the house: that is to say the board, the cupboard, the mill, the yoting vat, the furnace, the best, and a basin, a chafing dish and three platters. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Margaret** six pounds beside her own stock and also I give her three platters, a pot and a candlestick and a pair of sheets and pillow beres to be paid and delivered unto her at Michaelmas come one month next ensuing the date thereon. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Jane** five pounds beside her own stock and also I give her 3 platters, a brass pot and a candlestick and two pillow beres one coffer, one curtain, one bolster and one painted cloth to be paid and delivered for her at Michaelmas come three years next and immediately following after the date hereof. Item. I give unto my foresaid daughter **Margaret** one coffer, one curtain, one coverlet, one bolster and one painted cloth to be delivered to her as it aforesaid at Michaelmas come one month next ensuing the date hereof. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane aforesaid a pair of chairs to be delivered as is aforesaid. Item. I do give and bequeath unto **Henry Broughton**, my son-in-law, twenty shillings, the which is owing unto me by the village of Wootton, my parish aforesaid. Item. I give and bequeath unto Simon my son the residue of my goods moveable and immoveable. **Simon** I also make my full executary. And I also make **Harry Broughton** and **Richard Bowell** overseers hereof. The witnesses hereof also **Harry Broughton**, **Richard Bowell**, **Thomas Badcock**, **William Badcock**, **Thomas Mayo** and **Thomas Charlton**.

Item. I will that **Elizabeth**, my wife, shall have her finding both meat and drink and cloth together with all other necessaries belonging to her finding during her natural life at the proper costs and charge of my said son **Simon** and also my said son **Simon** shall pay and deliver yearly to my said wife a quarter of malt and she shall *such/ with/ hope* be for her own to be well and sufficiently kept upon her hold during her said life and also my son **Simon** to be *forward* that my wife may have and enjoy all things according as is specified in my said will.

An inventory taken and appraised by **Richard Bowell, Harry Broughton, Thomas Badcock and Thomas Mayo** the 26th day of March 1575 of all the goods and chattels of **Thomas Richards**, late of Wootton of the parish of Cumnor, deceased, as followeth.

Imprimis	3 kine	3£
Item	3 stores	5£
Item	2 calves	10s
Item	5 geldings and mares and 2 colts	7£
Item	30 sheep	5£
Item	One iron bound cart and one dung cart belonging thereunto	16s 8d
Item	corn in the house by estimation 6 quarters	8s 4d
Item	6 acres of wheat and rye	3£
Item	11 acres of barley	3£ 8s 4d
Item	One flockbed 2 coverlets 2 blankets And two old curtains	20s
Item	6 pairs of sheets and 2 pillow beres And 2 table cloths	20s
Item	2 coffers	2s
Item	in the house one cupboard one folding chair and one form	13s 3d
Item	6 store pigs	17s 4d
Item	2 pots 2 pans one chafing dish 3 candlesticks and one basin	20s
Item	3 platters 3 pottingers and 3 salt cellars	6s 8d
Item	3 broches one frying pan and the pot hangers	3s
Item	the mill the yoting vat	20s
Item	6 barrels 6 buckets	6s 4d
Item	the apparel	30s

Summa

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To pay to his mother as is with..... in the will
Probat ... Junii 1575 Wmo San th
..... berks

Simon Richards

2nd November 1591. Simon Richards de Wootton, paroch. Cumnor.

In the name of God, Amen. The 17th January Anno Domini 1591 in the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith

I, **Simon Richards**, of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor, husbandman, being sick of body but of whole mind and in good and perfect remembrance, laud and thanks be to Almighty God, therefore do make and ordain this my present testament concerning here in my last will in the manner and form following. First, I I bequeath my body and soul to Almighty God, my maker and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Cumnor. Item, I give and bequeath unto the mother church of Salisbury two pence. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son **John** half a quarter of wheat and half a quarter of malt to be paid at or before the feast of St Andrew the Apostle next coming after my decease. Item, I give unto **William**, my son , one heifer bullock of three years old and half a quarter of barley to be paid at the age of one and twenty years. Also to the said **William** one sheep. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son **Edmond** one quarter of barley and one sheep to be paid at one and twenty years of age. Item. I give unto **Jacob**, my son one quarter of barley and one sheep to be paid at the age of one and twenty years. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Elizabeth** one quarter of barley and one cow to be paid at the age of eighteen years. Ite. I give unto **Thomas** my son payments the rents to have my land in *Broadlay* during the term of the lease. All the residue of my goods I..... I give unto **Amy** my wife and **Thomas** my son whom I make my true and lawful executor to see my legacies paid and my last will is formed and kept. To this my last will and testament I make and ordain **Edmond Orpwood** and **Richard Broughton** my overseers. To my last will and testament truly formed and kept **John Quaid**, **William Badcock** and **William Truelock** witnesses.

Probat *cora*Edwardo White in xxBerks. Officiali
Semde die..... Novembris anno Dei Comissaexecutoriin deo
cesto iurate in forma iuris iurate. Saiureest.

The inventory of the goods and chattels of Simon Richards of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor, husbandman, lately deceased, appraised by **Edmond Orpwood, John Bond, Richard Broughton** the *xix* May.....

Item in the best chamber one plain bedstead	
And featherbed with bolsters and pillows and all that pertains to the said bed	2£
Item in the same chamber three bolsters with six pairs of sheets with four Tablecloths with three <i>toweles</i> and three pillowberes with one press	
One painted cloth	22s 3d
Item in the second chamber two bolsters with two coarse flockbeds	
With the <i>pertinants</i> that belong to the said bed	36s 6d
Item in the hall one cupboard one table one back board	
One binch board one form one painted cloth with 16 pieces of pewter	
Item 6 candlesticks one basin one chafing dish with four <i>silltes</i>	3s 3d
Item three pots little and great with four <i>tandrens</i> little and great with 1 pan	30s
Item three broches little and great one pair of andirons one gridiron	
With one hanger with one pair of pothooks	5s
Item five barrels two forms with three buckets one <i>porringer</i>	6s 8d
Item oneing vate one furnace	8s
Item four horses and two colts	6£
Item two carts iron bound with cart harness and plough harness	
With one plough furnished with cart timber and plough timber	4£
Item seven beasts young and old and eleven sheep	10£
Item 12 bushells of <i>whitlam</i> malt	26s 8d
Item the <i>trappe</i> of the ground	16£
Item 6 storepigs and the wood in bought the ground	20s
Item <i>his werring apparel</i>	26s
8d	

Somma

Thomas Richards 1609

Testament. Thomas Richards de Wootton in the parish of Cumnor. In the name of God Amen. The 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1609 and in the seventh year of the reign of our sovereign Lord James, King of England, of France and Ireland the seventh and of Scotland the two and fortieth, I, Thomas Richards of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor in the county of Berks..... Being sick in body but whole in mind of good and perfect remembrance, thanks be to God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I bequeath my soul unto the almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried nigh in the parish of Cumnor aforesaid. Item. I give and bequeath to the cathedral church of Salisbury two pence. Item. I give unto my son **William** one cow and one quarter of barley. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son **Thomas** one cow and a quarter of barley. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Jane** one cow and a quarter of barley. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Elizabeth** one cow and a quarter of barley. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter **Amy** one cow and a quarter of barley. These legacies to be paid at the age of one and twenty years or at the day of their marriage, which shall happen first. Item. I do give and bequeath unto my sister **Elizabeth** twenty pounds. Item. I give and bequeath all the rest of my goods and chattels to **Elizabeth** my wife whom I make my executor. If the said Elizabeth my wife do marry then my will is to my two sons .William and Thomas shall have five pounds apiece and my three daughters Jane, Elizabeth and Amy either of them six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence each to be paid without witness or sent at the writing and publishing of this my last will and testament withal d..... **Nicholas Mayo John Richards**
Whom I make my overseers.

The inventory of all the goods and chattels of Thomas Richards of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor in the County of Berks late deceased, appraised by **Richard Badcock, Thomas Mayo, John Richards.**

Imprimis. In the hall one table board, four benches, one cupboard, two chairs.

Item In the best chamber one joined bed with its furniture.

Item In the best chamber one truckle bed with its furniture and one cupboard and four small cofers.

Item In the loft over the best chamber one boarded bedstead and flockbed, one featherbed, two coverlets, one blanket.

Item One cofer and two pounds of *wool* with all other lumber therein.

Item In the chamber within the hall one boarded bedstead, one old chest, one cradle and four largish barrels and all other lumber therein.

Item In the loft over the hall one cheese *lack* and two sh...es with alltche s...th.i

Item In the kitchen two broches, one pair of andirons, one pair of packs, one gridiron, one fire shovel and a pair of tongs.

Item two pots, three kettles, two chafernes, one brass pan.

Item One d...son ofer we...so, one chafing dish, one s...in m...ter, two brass candlesticks and a worn tercott

Item In the chamber over the kitchen four bushels of beans, one boarded bedstead, one old hor.... and all other lumber

Item In thehouse one cheese press, one ...ond..t dab...one ch...rmt sh...e chive.. four chest fatt and two chairs

Item In the milhouse one fatte with all other lumber

Item The linen. Four pairs of sheets and four tablecloths and all other linen

Item the c..... of corn in the barn

Item All the rye

Item Half a score of sheep

Item Four hogs and six sows

Item Four mares and four geldings

Item Four beasts, six bullocks ands

Item Two carts, one plough with its furniture with all cart harness and plough harness and all other fundaments thereunto belonging

Item In the backside two *hossecks* ,one grinding stone with all the wood and lumber

Item All theterns

Item his wearing apparel

Summa 39-1-4

William Richards 1722

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Richards the elder of Wootton in the county of Berks, and, being at this present time of indifferent health of body but of sound and discerning mind and memory, God be praised for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in form following..

First and chiefly I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be directly buried. And as for such worldly goods and estate wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to give me, I dispose thereof as followeth.

Imp. Whereas by deeds heretofore by me maintained, lands and tenements are hereby settled on my son **William Richards** and by the same deeds there is or should be provision made for the payment of ten pounds yearly to my loving wife **Elizabeth** for ever during her natural life. Now I do qualify and confirm the same annuity and as far as me lyeth do charge the payment thereof on the lands and tenements so settled on my son William as aforesaid. Item I give to my said son **William**, son **Thomas Richards** and to my three daughters **Anne the wife of Thomas Pape**, **Mary the wife of Daniel White** and **Elizabeth the wife of Stephen Ollandier** and to each and every one of them one shilling a piece, having already made sufficient provision for them. Item all the rest and residue of my goods and chattels, sums and funds of money, debts and estate whatsoever as will as personal, I give and bequeath unto my said loving wife **Elizabeth** whom I make and appoint my full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness thereof, I the said William Richards the elder have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of August Dom. Ann 1722 and in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King and Defender of the Faith.

Signed, sealed, published and bestowed by the estate of William Richards the elder for this his last will and testament in the place of us who have herewith subscribed and witnessed at his request John Harper, the mark of Katharine Badcock, the mark of William Badcock.

Probat apud..... septimoseptembris anno 1722.

..... and perfect inventory of the goods and chattels and personal estate of William Richards the elder in the *yeoman* of Wootton in the County of Berksdeceased

Item In the hall one long table, five.....flocks, four.....chairs, four pewter dishes, four pewter plates, one pair of curtains, one.....rack, one flitch of bacon, two spits, oneing glass and other	1-5-8
Item in the chamber	
One feather bed and bedstead, one blanket and and one rug 1.....	
.....	2-0-0
six chairs, one table, one warming pan and one old.....	0-10-0
Item In the chamber	
One feather bed and bedstead and bolster, one blanket and one rug	1-10-0
One standing..... One old.....and one coffer, one old stool	0-9-0
Item In the buttery	
.....ing One old and one	0-9-0
.....	
..... one	0-5-0
Item In the kitchen	
Five pots one one And other	1-1-0
Item In the dining	
One and other	0-17-0
Item In the and	
One old bedstead, one blanket and	0-4-0
Item The	
Five pairs of shoes, one dozen napkins and	1-5-0
Item In the b....ick	
The wood and hay	8-5-0
Five And six store pigs	11-0-0
..... apparel and money in pocket	

Taken and appraised the 4th day of June Anno Dom. 1720 by us Henrie Barnes , Robert Mayo

William Richards 1724

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Richards of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor in the county of Berks , and being at this present sick of body but of sound and discerning mind and memory, Almighty God be praised for the same, do make and ordain my last will and testament in form following.

First and chiefly I commend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be directly buried, and as for such goods and estate wherewith it hath pleased the Lord to bestow upon me, I dispose thereof as follows.

Imprimis I give, devise and bequeath that my messuage tenement funds and
With the lying and..... in Wootton aforesaid which Iof
and of Oxford with of Abi
ngdon..... And **Richard Richards** aforesaid to hold the same premises unto the said
assigns andand.....**Richard Mayo** his heirs and assigns to permit
and**Jane** my beloved wife to hold and enjoy the said premises and the
and to have for and during her natural life and from after
her and for my daughter **Jane Richards** her heirs and assigns for
herandwhatsoever I
I give and the out of a from my estate in Wootton aforesaid
whichwas by me purchased of and from **William** and and
Richard Mayo to have and to hold the same and the will unto the said
Francis And **Richard Mayo** their heirs and assigns in trust to permit and
suffer my said loving wife **Jane** and her assigns to have, hold and enjoy for and
during her natural life and from and after her death unto and for my son **William**
Richards his heirs and assigns for ever Subject unto and chargeable with the
payment of the sums of six hundred pounds of lawful British money unto my said
daughter **Jane** within after the death of her mother and to and for
everwhatsoever I give the said
Francisand **Richard Mayo** ten shillings a to buy.....

Thomas Richards 1760

This will was read at Abingdon the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty before the worshipful William Justice of and official of the of the of lawfully by the oath of **Hannah Richards** the widow and assign of the aforesaid and the executrix of this will and testament..... the of the goods and chattels of the said being of the truth of the said will and of Authority the and a true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattels of the said Thomas and thereof when required.

In the name of God, Amen. I, **Thomas Richards** of Wootton in the parish of Cumnor in the county of Berks, yeoman, being indisposed in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

..... Principally I give my soul into the hands of God who gave it to me for my in the earth from whence it came to be buried in the

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William Richards 1802

In the name of God, Amen. I, William Richards of Wootton in the County of Berks, Yeoman, being in good health and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I give and bequeath unto my nephews and nieces **James Richards, Sally Richards, Lydia Richards, Thomas Richards, Benjamin Richards, Elizabeth Cowling, Mary Cowling, Jane Cowling and John Richards** and also unto **Mary Richards**, widow of my deceased nephew **William**, the sum of £25 apiece to be paid unto each of them the said etc. within 6 months of my decease. And I do hereby charge and make chargeable all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever with the payment of the said legacies and ... and.... Of them. Also I give and bequeath unto my brother **John Richards** and his assigns from and during the term of his natural life one annuity or yearly sum of £25 free and clear from all taxes and other deductions whatsoever to be paid and payable unto my said brother John Richards and his assigns by two equal half yearly payments at the two most usual feast days of payments in the year, that is today on the feast day of the Annunciation of the Sainted Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel, the first payment thereof to begin and be made on such of the feast days as shall first and next happen after my decease. And I do hereby charge and make chargeable all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever with the payment of the said annuity and further I do devise and bequeath all those my freehold estates at Wootton and *Boarshill* in the County of Berks and all and singular other my real and personal estate of what nature or kind soever and whatsoever subject to and charged and chargeable with the payment of the legacies of £25 each and of the annuity above mentioned and all of my just debts and funeral expenses unto my nephew William, son of my brother Thomas Richards, his executors and administrators, and lastly I make and ordain, constitute and appoint my said last nephew William Richards sole executor of this my will hereby revoking and declaring all said former wills by me made and declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have herein to put my hand and seal the 30th day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight.

Witnesses. **Henry Staunton**
Benjamin Cosier
..... **Cosier**

Proved 1802 by oath of William Richards, nephew.

Thomas Richards 1798 , 1822 (d. 1824)

I, Thomas Richards of Wootton in the county of Berks., yeoman, being advanced in years but at present in good health and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life do make public and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body I commit to the earth to be directly interred at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named and as to such worldly estate as God of his goodness hath bestowed upon me, I give and dispose thereof in manner hereinafter mentioned, that is to say whereas by judenture of lease bearing date on or about the twenty first day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and made or mentioned to be made between the late Willoughby, Earl of Abingdon Lord Norwicks and Baron of Rycote in the County of Oxford deceased of the one part and the said Thomas Richards of the other part, the said Willoughby Earl of Abingdon for the consideration herein mentioned did demise lease sell and *to form lot* unto me the said Thomas Richards all that messuage and tenements and one yard land with the appurtenances in Stroud in the parish of Cumnor in the said County of Berks and commonly called or known by the name of Whitly and one toft and half yard land with appurtenances situate in Stroud aforesaid commonly called Rutters and also one toft with the appurtenances called Woodbreach situate in Stroud aforesaid and also one other toft called Billocks with the appurtenances situate in Stroud aforesaid and also one piece of demesne land lying in the upfield in the parish of Wytham in the said County of Berks then late in the tenure of William Tubb or his assigns and then in the tenure of William Bridgewater for the term of ninety nine years if my sons **James Richards** then about thirty two years, **Thomas Richards** then aged about twenty five years, should so long live, I do hereby give, demise and bequeath unto my said son **James Richards** all that my said leasehold estate and premises to hold unto him my said son James Richards and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life and from and after the decease of my said son James Richards, I give demise and bequeath unto my daughter **Lydia** the wife of **George Long** of Marcham in the said County of Berks, yeoman, all that aforesaid leasehold estate and premises to hold unto my said daughter Lydia her executors, advisers and assigns for and during all the rest residue and remainder of my estate then and interest thereby provided always and I do hereby declare and direct that the said several gifts and bequests of the said leasehold estate and premises to my said son James Richards and my said daughter Lydia are to subject to and charged and chargeable with the payment of one annuity and clear yearly sum of five pounds of lawful money of Great Britain unto my daughter **Sally Richards** for and during the term of her natural life and also with the payment of one other annuity or clear yearly sum of fifteen pounds of lawful money of Great Britain unto my said son Thomas for and during the term of his natural life and also with the payment of one other annuity or clear yearly sum of ten pounds of lawful money of Great Britain unto my said son **Benjamin Richards** for and during the term of his natural life and which said several annuities or clear yearly sums of five, fifteen and ten pounds I do hereby direct to be paid by half yearly equal payments at Lady Day and Michaelmas Day the first payment thereof to commence and to be made on the first of the said days which shall happen next after my

decease and if it shall happen that the said several annuities or clear sums of five, fifteen and ten pounds so given as aforesaid to my said daughter and sons Sally, Thomas, Benjamin or either of them or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of forty days next after either of the said days which the same respectively ought to be paid as aforesaid being first lawfully ordered that then and so often at any time or limit thereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for the said daughter and sons respectively into and upon the said leasehold estate and premises charged therewith or any part or parts thereof to enter and distrain and such *distrofes and distrofes* to strain and keep until he or she or they shall be fully paid and satisfied his her or their said respective annuities together with the Charges and expenses they may be respectively put to in and about the making , distraining and keeping thereof provided further and I do hereby declare it to be my will and express intention that the said several annuities of ten and fifteen pounds heretofore given to mysons Benjamin and Thomas shall from and after thy depart this life be paid and payable to their respective wives and children as shall be living at the death of their respective husbands and fathers in equal shares and proportions and so continue payable during the remainder of the time granted by the said demised lease and I do hereby nominate and appoint my said son James and my son **William** guardians and trustees of my said children and to see this part of my will only and faithfully performed and I do also nominate and appoint my said son William and his brother Thomas as guardians and trustees of my said daughter Sally and to see that the annuity given her is duly and faithfully applied to and for her own use and benefit and see that this part of my will is duly and faithfully performed and I do hereby give and invest them the said James and William the guardians and trustees of my said son Thomas and Benjamin and the survivor of them both such and the life power and authority to obtain payment of the said annuity or either of them for the said sons and children as I have herein before given to their respective husbands and fathers to recover the same and I do also give and invest the said William Richards and his son **Thomas** guardians and trustees of my said daughter Sally aforesaid and that the survivor of them with such and the life power and authority to recover and obtain as I have hereinbefore given my said daughter Sally payment of the said annuity for my said daughter Sally to recover the same. I give to my said daughter Sally the bed bedstead and furniture thereunto belonging in the little dark room of my own dwelling house. I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Lydia the wife of George Long as herebefore mentioned the sum of twenty pounds to be paid within twelve months next after my decease and I give and demise and bequeath unto my said son William all my real estate and the rest of my said personal estate goods chattels and effects whatsoever to hold unto him my said son William his heirs and executors advisors and assigns for ever and I do hereby appoint my said son William the executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will or wills by me at any time..... Made and do declare this only to be my last will and testament. In witness thereof whereof I have to this my last will consisting of five sheets of paper to the first four sheets of my hand and to the last sheet my hand and seal this 31st October in the year of our Lord 1822.

Thomas Richards as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses **Stephen Cowling William Noakes Alders.**

Proved London 15/11/1824 by oath of William Richards son & sole executor.

