

William Richards 1841

This is the last will and testament of me **William Richards** of Wootton in the county of Berks., yeoman, made the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

First I direct all my just debts and funeral and testament expenses to be paid by my executor hereinafter named as soon as shall be conveniently possible after my decease. I give and devise all that my freehold messuage or farm house wherein I now dwell situate at Wootton aforesaid with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also all my freehold or leasehold land which I may die possessed of unto my son **James Richards** his heirs and assigns for ever charged and chargeable nevertheless with the payment of the following legacies (that is to say) to my daughter **Lydia** two hundred pounds, to my son **Thomas** forty pounds, to my son **William** fifty pounds, to my son **Benjamin** fifty pounds, to my son **Frederick** one hundred pounds, to my son **Joseph** one hundred and sixty pounds and to my daughter **Hannah** the wife of Thomas Stevens one hundred and fifty pounds and I direct that all the above legacies shall be paid within twelve calendar months next after my decease or to such of them as may happen to be minors when and as soon as he or they shall attain the age of twenty one years. I give the messuage or tenement I have lately built near the farm house in Wootton aforesaid with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto my said son **Joseph** his heirs and assigns for ever. I give the cottage and garden in Wootton aforesaid with the appurtenances thereto belonging now in the occupation of **Thomas Richards and Jane** there unto my said daughter **Lydia** her heirs and assigns for ever. I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever unto my said son **James Richards** and appoint him sole executor of this my last will and testament.

Lastly I revoke all other wills by me heretofore made and declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to this my will contained in two sheets of paper set my hand to the first sheet thereof and my hand and seal to this the second and last sheet thereof the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named **William Richards** the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Willm. Webb, Benj. Blagrove, C.J. Whitehouse