

Will of William Richardson, 1817

For a full explanation of this will and the people mentioned in it, see under The Richardson family.

This is the last will and testament of me, William Richardson of Great Ayton in Cleveland in the County of North York tanner which I (being of sound mind memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of this life) Do make in manner following that is to say, I give to my Grandson in Law Isaac Martin the sum of three hundred Pounds part of the sum of three hundred and thirty nine Pounds Principal Money due from him to me on one or more Note or Notes of Hand together with the interest thereof I also give and devise unto the said Isaac Martin his heirs and assigns for ever All those Five Closes or parcels of ground called or known by the name of Shields Closes and Little Hill situate and being within the Township or Parish of Great Ayton aforesaid with the Barn Cowhouse Shed and Outbuildings standing and being therein Subject nevertheless to and chargeable with the payment of the sum of Four hundred Pounds which I give and direct to be paid to my son Nicholas Richardson at the end of six calendar months next after my death with the interest for the same from my death after the rate of four Pounds and ten shillings for one hundred Pounds for a year **And** also subject to and charged with the payment of an Annuity or yearly sum of nine Pounds to Ann Thompson for her life at such times as the same is secured to be paid to her in and by a certain Deed bearing date on or about the fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and which I direct shall be in satisfaction of the same Annuity **And** from and after the decease of the said Ann Thompson then subject to and charged with the like Annuity of nine pounds which I give and direct to be paid to my said son Nicholas Richardson and Dorothy his wife and their assigns for and during their respective natural lives and the life of the survivor of them **And** from and after the death of such survivor Then I give and devise the said Annuity or yearly sum of nine pounds and direct the same to be paid to the two unmarried daughters of my said son Nicholas Richardson during their respective natural lives equally between them share and share alike **And** in case of the death of either of them then I direct that the whole of the same Annuity shall be paid to such surviving daughter during her life **And** I also direct that the same shall be paid half yearly clear of all deductions for taxes or otherwise and that the first payment thereof shall be made at the end of Six Calendar months next after the death of the said Ann Thompson to the person or persons then intitled to the same by virtue of this my Will **And** I give and devise unto my Grandaughter Rachel Martin wife of the said Isaac Martin her heirs and assigns for ever All that my Messuage Dwellinghouse or Tenement Tan House Tan Yards Tan Pits Stable and Garth with all Implements thereunto belonging now in the occupation of the said Isaac Martin as Tenant thereof situate and being in Great Ayton aforesaid with the appurtenances **And** also the Tan Yard Pits Barkhouses Dryinghouses and all Implements belonging to the Tan Yard called Williamsons now also in the occupation of the said Isaac Martin **And** I direct that a certain Watercourse or Stream of Water which now supplies the said Tan Pits called Williamsons with water shall for ever hereafter be continued in its present course or channel and shall not be diverted or turned away from the said tan Pits on any account whatsoever **And** I also give unto the said Rachel Martin All the Household Goods Household Stuff and Furniture whatsoever standing and being in at or about the Dwellinghouse and Premises devised to her as aforesaid to and for her own use and benefit and which with three hundred Pounds by me before given to the said Isaac Martin is by me intended as and for the portion and provision of my said Grandaughter Rachel Martin and her Husband **And** I give and devise unto my Grandaughter Mary Hesleton daughter of my son John Richardson her heirs and assigns for ever All that my Messuage or Dwellinghouse wherein I now live with the Yard Garden Orchard and Littlehouse the Meetinghouse Stable and piece of Ground thereto adjoining used as a burying place as now inclosed to be continued and used as such as has been formerly done by the people called Quakers

And also the Cowhouse Stack Yard and so much of the Hall Garth inclosing the same as has been lately fenced off from the residue of the said Hall Garth which said new hedge or fence I direct shall be for ever maintained for my said son Nicholas Richardson his heirs and assigns and the owners for the time being of the other part of the said Hall Garth hereinafter of him given and devised **I Also** give and devise unto the said Mary Hesleton her heirs and assigns for ever All those Closes or parcels of ground in Great Ayton aforesaid called the Crofts and Mill Beck subject to and charged and chargeable with the payment of the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds which I give and direct to be paid to my said son Nicholas Richardson at the end of twelve Calendar Months next after my death **And** I give and direct to be paid to my son Nicholas Richardson at the end of twelve Calendar Months next after my death **And** I give and devise unto the said Mary Hesleton her heirs and assigns for ever the Mangle House and Yard or Orchard thereto belonging now in my own occupation situate and being in Great Ayton aforesaid with the appurtenances **And** I also give unto the said Mary Hesleton her heirs and assigns for ever All those two Dwellinghouses or Tenements with the appurtenances in Great Ayton aforesaid now or late in the occupation of Ann Taylerson and Thomas Hair as Tenants thereof subject nevertheless to the payment of the Annuity or yearly sum of twenty shillings which I give and direct to be paid to Ann the Widow of my late son William Richardson during the term of her natural life clear of all deductions whatsoever by two equal half yearly payments the first payment thereof to be made at the end of six Calendar Months next after my death **And** I give and devise unto my Granddaughter Hannah daughter of my said son Nicholas Richardson his heirs and assigns for ever All these Dwellinghouses or Tenements in Great Ayton aforesaid now or late in the occupation of William and Hannah York and Ralph Rennardson with the Orchards Garths and appurtenances thereto belonging subject to the payment of the Annuity or yearly sum of forty shillings to the said Ann Richardson during her life at such times and in such manner as the said yearly sum of twenty shillings is hereinbefore directed to be paid to her by the said Mary Hesleton **And** I give unto my Granddaughter Rachel daughter of my said son Nicholas Richardson her heirs and assigns for ever the Dwellinghouse and Garth with the appurtenances in Great Ayton aforesaid now in Richard Barkers occupation **And** also the Orchard thereto adjoining now in my own occupation Subject to the payment of the Annuity or yearly sum of twenty shillings to the said Ann Richardson during her life at such times and in such manner as the said two several Annuities of twenty shillings and forty shillings above mentioned as directed to be paid to her and which said several Annuities together with the sum of one hundred pounds in Goods and Monies by me heretofore advanced to her are I am well satisfied more than she is intitled to out of my Estate or Effects of which her late Husband died seized or possessed **And** whereas my late son William Richardson was at the time of his decease indebted to me on Bond and Notes of Hand in the Principal sum of six hundred and thirty Pounds and which Money I retained in my Hands out of his Effect which came to my hands as his administrator after his death **And** whereas I compute that I am now possessed of the sum of two hundred and sixty Pounds part thereof the residue of the same sum having been already applied by me to such purposes as I deem proper and just now I do hereby give and bequeath the same sum of two hundred and sixty Pounds unto my said son Nicholas Richardson **And** for the satisfaction of any of my relations who may wish for an explanation of the reasons inducing me to make the disposal of the same sum of two hundred and sixty Pounds contrary to what was contained in my former Wills I wish them to refer to a certain paper writing left by me in the Hands of my said Granddaughter Mary Hesleton or my said son Nicholas Richardson who is well acquainted with my reasons for making such disposal of the same sum **And** I give unto my said Granddaughter Mary Hesleton All the Household Goods Household Stuff Furniture and implements whatsoever now standing and being in or at or about my Dwellinghouse and tenements now in my own occupation to and for her own use save and excepting my Ready Money which I give to my said son Nicholas Richardson and also except my Title Deeds and Writings which I give to the respective

Devises of my real Estates to which the same respectively relative And I give to my Grandson in Law Philip Hesleton All such Corn Grain and Hay as shall be the produce of and shall be standing and being at my death upon the Lands and Premises devised as aforesaid to the said Mary his wife **And** I earnestly recommend to my said two Grandsons in Law Isaac Martin and Philip Hesleton and their respective wives that they would contribute in such proportions as to them may seem fair and equitable to all such expenses as may be necessary for the comfortable support and maintenance of my son John Richardson **And** as to all the rest and residue of my Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate and also my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever not hereinbefore otherwise devised or disposed of I give devise and bequeath the same unto my said son Nicholas Richardson his heirs executors administrators and assigns according o the several natures and tenures thereof subject nevertheless to and charged and chargeable with the payment of my just debts and Funeral expenses **And** I will and direct that the several persons to whom any annuity or annuities are or is given by this Will shall respectively be intitled to recover the same in case of non-payment thereof as and when the same shall be respectively become due and payable as are usual in cases of Rents Reserved on Leases for Years **And** I constitute and appoint my said son Nicholas Richardson sole executor of this my Will **And** I revoke all former Wills and Codicils by me herebefore made and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two. The mark of William Richardson. Signed sealed published and declared by the above named William Richardson the Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written who all of us in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto - Ralph Rennison, John Preston, Wm K Spedding.

The writing contained in this and the preceding sheet of paper hereto annexed is a true copy of the Probate of the last Will and Testament of the above named William Richardson which Probate was granted by the Exchequer Court of York to the above named Nicholas Richardson as sole executor on the sixteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and ninety four; and of the attestation thereto; having carefully examined and compared together this twenty fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventeen by us.

Joseph Barns, Robt Boulton