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been intitled unto if she or they had been living to re-  
 receive the same / And I do hereby make ordain nominate  
 constitute and appoint the said James Daily sole Executor  
 of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby revoke  
 rescind and make void all former and other Wills or Wills  
 by me at any time heretofore made And I do declare this  
 to be my only last Will and Testament In Witness whereof  
 I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this eighteenth day  
 of October in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of our so-  
 veraign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of  
 Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith  
 and so forth And in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven  
 hundred and seventy three - Eliza Richardson - Signed as  
 Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testatrix Elizabeth  
 Richardson as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence  
 of us who in her Presence and at her request and in the  
 Presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses  
 to the execution hereof - George Phillipps - William  
 Harper -

**This Will** was Proved at London the sixteenth  
 day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven  
 hundred and seventy three Before the Worshipful Mr  
 Francis Simpson Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right  
 Worshipful Sir George Way Knight also Doctor of Laws Master  
 of Requests or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury  
 lawfully constituted by the Oath of James Bailey the sole Executor  
 named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted  
 of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the  
 deceased he having been first sworn duly to  
 Administer -

**The last Will and Testament**  
 of Edward Risdon of Dorset Ham within the Parish of  
 Carhampton and County of Somerset Gentleman made and  
 published the eighth day of February in the thirteenth Year  
 of the Reign of King George the third and in the Year of  
 our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three In  
 the first place I recommend my Soul into the Hands of  
 Almighty God hoping and firmly trusting in and through the  
 Merits and Intercession of my Lord and Saviour Jesus  
 Christ to receive full Pardon and Remission of all my  
 Sins and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently  
 Interred according to the discretion of my Executors hereinafter  
 named Also I give and devise All that my Leasehold  
 Messuage and Tenement called or commonly known by the  
 Name of Lodge situate lying and being in the Parish of  
 Old Cleeve in the said County of Somerset And also all that  
 my Leasehold Overland part of Risdons Tenement also

Edward  
 Risdon



have not attained the Age of twenty one years until they shall  
 respectively attain their respective Ages of twenty one Years  
 as also towards the payment and discharge of my Debts and  
 Legacies Also I give and devise all that my Leasehold Dwelling  
 and Tenement called Alford Paws Tenement situate lying and  
 being at or near Washford within the said Parish of Saint  
 Denham from and immediately after the death of my said  
 Wife unto my said Son Edward Risdon his Executors Adors  
 and Assigns for and during all the then Residue and Remainder  
 of my Estate Term and Interest therein Also it is my Will that  
 in case all any or either of my said three Sons shall happen  
 to die unattaining the Age of twenty one Years and unmarried  
 that the Estates so herein before devised to him or them so  
 dying shall go to and amongst all and every my Children and  
 the Survivors of them equally to be divided between them  
 share and share alike without any preference or distinction of  
 Age or Sex to whom in such case I give the same accordingly  
 Also I give and devise all that my free Simple Overland called  
 or commonly known by the Name of Moor Down Tenement  
 situate lying and being in the Parish of Stogursey in the said  
 County of Somerset unto my said Wife Betty Risdon her Executors  
 Administrators and Assigns for and during and unto the full  
 end and Term of thirty Years to commence from the day of  
 my death and to be fully completed and ended if Mary Risdon  
 widow of John Risdon my late deceased Brother shall so long  
 happen to live upon the Trusts and for the purposes herein  
 after mentioned and Declared concerning the same that is to  
 say upon Trust that she and they do and shall apply the  
 clear neat Rents Issues and Profits thereof as well towards  
 the Maintenance and Education of all my Children that have  
 not attained the Age of twenty one Years until they shall  
 respectively attain their respective Ages of twenty one  
 years as also towards the payment and discharge of my  
 Debts and Legacies and from and immediately after the End or  
 other sooner Determination of the said Term of thirty Years  
 I give and devise my said free Simple Overland unto my said  
 Son John Risdon his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give  
 and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Risdon three hundred  
 Pounds to be paid her at the day of her Marriage with  
 Interest in the mean time for the same after the Rate of  
 four Pounds for each hundred Pounds by the Year Also I give  
 and bequeath unto my three Daughters Rebbecca Risdon Joan  
 Risdon and Jane Risdon and to each and every of them  
 two hundred and fifty Pounds a piece when and as they  
 shall respectively attain their respective Ages of twenty one  
 years and in case all any or either of my said three Daughters  
 Rebbecca Risdon Joan Risdon and Jane Risdon shall happen  
 to die unattaining the Age of twenty one Years and unmarried  
 then it is my Will that the Legacy or Legacies of her or them so  
 dying shall sink into the Residuum of my Effects All the  
 best Residue and Remainder of my Goods and Chattels or  
 Rights and Credits Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and

wheresoever my just Debts Legacies and funeral Expenses are  
 being first paid and discharged and wherewith I charge and do  
 oblige the same accordingly I give and devise and bequeath unto  
 my said Wife Betty Risson her Executors Administrators and  
 Assigns And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Wife  
 Betty Risson whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will  
 and Testament Lastly I revoke all former Wills by me made  
 and appoint this only to be my last Will and Testament In  
 Witnes whereof I the said Edward Risson the Testator have  
 to this my last Will and Testament contained in two Sheets  
 of Paper to each Sheet set my Hand and Seal the day and  
 Year first above written — Edw. Risson — Signed Sealed Published  
 and Declared by the said Edward Risson the Testator as and to  
 be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us and by  
 us subscribed as Witnesses thereto in his presence and at his  
 request and in the presence of each other — John Anthony —  
 Robert Corrick — Will<sup>m</sup> Trout 1775. / —

**This Will** was Proved at London the seventeenth  
 day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand  
 seven hundred and seventy three Before the Right Worshipp  
 Sir George Day Knight also Doctor of Laws Master of Requests  
 or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully  
 constituted by the Oath of Betty Risson Widow the executrix  
 of the ~~same~~ deceased and sole Executrix named in the said  
 Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular  
 the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been  
 first sworn by Commission duly to Administer —

Thomas  
 Richardson

**In the Name of God Amen**  
 I Thomas Richardson of the Priory Seal Office Whitehall  
 in the Parish of St. Martin in the fields in the County of  
 Middlesex Gentleman being but in an indifferent state of  
 health of Body but of sound mind memory and Understanding  
 make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following  
 that is to say first I resign my Soul into the Hands of Almighty  
 God my Creator in hopes of a joyful Resurrection to Eternal  
 life and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the  
 discretion of my Executors herein after named by Mr. William  
 Coffe Undertaker in Great Queen Street Westminster or  
 his Successor the Expense of which I desire may not exceed  
 fourteen Guineas and as to my Worldly Estate I dispose thereof  
 as follows to wit I give and bequeath to my Dear Susanna  
 Charlotte Henoullet Wife of James John Henoullet the sum  
 of five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain as  
 also my Gold Watch and Diamond Ring I also give unto her  
 my said Dear my Mahogany Case containing two or three Silver  
 Wandled Knives and Forks six Table Spoons and a marrow  
 Spoon I also give unto her my said Dear a pair of