

which he the said Benjamin Williamson did possess of, the particulars of which legacies are unknown to the said Mary A. Richs and Robert W. Richs as well as who by said last will and Testament were appointed Executors of the same. But said last will and Testament duly proved as a will remaining in the probate office of the County of Southampton and Elizabeth Islands and said Prince supposed to be Executors. Now know ye, that we the said Mary A. Richs and Robert W. Richs if such be legacies by the said last will and Testament of the said Benjamin Williamson, and if such be not legacies the one that is named in said last will and Testament as legacies having made considered and approved, and by these presents do make considered and approved John D. Hoins, of the County of Shelby and State of Tennessee our true and lawful Attorney, or the true and lawful Attorney of the one of us named in said last will and Testament of the said Benjamin Williamson, for us and in our names or for and in the name of either of us as aforesaid and for our use or the use either to go to Southampton County Virginia to ask demand suit for recover and receive of and from the Executors of the said last will and Testament of the said Benjamin Williamson or in whose hands soever the same may be found the said legacy or legacies mentioned in the said will and Testament to us or to either of us and also all such other sums of money debts goods wares and demands whatsoever which are or shall be due owing payable and belonging to us or to either of us by any means whatsoever for or on account of our full share part or interests or the share part or dividend of either of us for or on account of said estate, and we hereby fully authorize and empower the said John D. Hoins to make such disposition of our or either of our Interest in said estate that he may think most to our advantage or to the advantage of either of us, to purchase for us negroes in short fully to represent us in all things that he may deem necessary or to our interest, in no full and ample manner as if we were personally present and doing the same for ourselves. In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and affixed our seal the 21 day of September 1849.

Signed sealed and delivered
In presence

Mary Ann Richs (w)
Robert W. Richs (w)

State of Tennessee to wit: I James B. Thornton a Commissioner appointed for the State aforesaid under an Act of the State of Virginia entitled an Act authorizing the appointment of Commissioners to take depositions and affidavits the acknowledgment of deeds and instruments in writing under seal out of the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Mary A. Richs and Robert W. Richs parties to a certain power of Attorney bearing date the 21st day of September 1849 and hereunto personally appeared before me in my State aforesaid, and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed respectively and I do hereby certify the said acknowledgment of each to the Clerk of the proper Court in the State of Virginia in order that the said power of Attorney may be recorded: Given under my hand and seal at Memphis in State of Tennessee the 21st day of September in the year of our Lord 1849

John B. Thornton (w)

Southampton County in the Clerk's Office the 9th day of November 1849.