

appear by release given under my own hand as witness my hand
and seal ye 9th day of May 1674.

Richard Tydwell (Seale) for Mark

WT: Tho. French John Marshall

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An explanation seems to be in order here. A stepdaughter, at that time, was often referred to as a daughter-in-law". When Anna Barnett married Richard Tidwell, she had not reached the age of seventeen or been married as her legacy had not been previously awarded.

At least six children were born to Richard and Anna. The year of birth of only two is known. It seems possible that a daughter, Martha, was the first born, followed by a son, Richard (II). The other children were John, Ann, Peter and Robert, who seems to have been the youngest.

By May 25, 1692, Richard Tidwell was dead. On that date "Anna Tydwell, widow produced an inventory of her deceased husband Richard Tydwell's estate and prayed to have administration thereof, which is granted her". (Westmoreland Order Book, Part I, 1690-92).

On the same date and on the following page of the Order Book, it states that "Upon the petition of Widdow Ann Tydwell to have paraphernalia allow'd her out of her deceased husband's estate, the court doe allow her one feather bed,