

The Last Will & Testament of
John Nourse, of Lower Weston, Esq.
dated 3 December 1697



In the name of God Amen, I John Nourse of Lower Weston in the County of Herf Esqr being somewhat distempered in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto Almighty God considering the uncertainty of this life do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following And first I commend my soul into the hands of God that gave it me and my body to be buried in Christian buryall according to the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named Also I give and bequeath unto Anna my daughter the summe of five hundred pounds And I give and bequeath unto Letice my other daughter the like summe of five hundred pounds to be paid to each of them with interest for the same at the rate of six pounds for every hundred pounds within the span of one yeare after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto Anne my dearly beloved wife all my store of cattle wine and grain whatsoever the better to make her advance my said two daughters fortunes And I do also give unto my said loving wife all my plate goods and household stuff whatsoever or at her ? to accept of the summe of one hundred pounds for the same from John my son she paying my debt and funeral expenses And I do give and devise unto my said son John and his heirs forever all my messuages lands tenements and indentures whatsoever and wheresoever in the said County of Herf And I do make and ordain my said beloved wife sole Executrix of this my last will and testament utterly revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the third day of December in the ninth year of the Reigne of our Soveriegne Lord King William the third Anno Domini one thousand six hundred ninety seven ./.. John Nourse ./.. Signed sealed and published in the presence of Richard Danley Richard Davis Thomas Rogers ./..



half of the furniture of my Chamber and Comptinghouse and this my
 last will and Testament I have written all with my own hands to
 avoid disputes which howsoever should any contrary to my earnest
 desire arise I doe require the said persons so disputing if in Aleppo
 to leave their said difference to the determination of the Reverend
 our Abbe Hallifax strictly obliging them to stand to his sentence upon
 paine in case of doing otherwise the person or persons deserting
 to loose all benefitts they might reap by this my will and in case any
 disputes should arise in England I desire they be referred to the
 Right Reverend Bishop of London for the time being and doe oblige
 any person or persons mentioned in this my will to stand to his
 arbitrament upon paine of losing the benefitt they might otherwise
 reap by any legacy herein given them In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal the 12th day of July one thousand
 six hundred ninety three and in the fifth year of the Reigne of our
 Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary of England King
 and Queen Defender of the Faith In signed sealed and delivered in the
 presence of Thomas Soley Arthur Browne Thomas Darley.

Probatum

fuit huius Testamentum apud London
 duodecimo die mensis Februarii Anno Dni (Stilo Angliae) millesimo
 septimo nonagesimo septimo coram vobis viro Thoma Sam. Legum
 Doctore Surrogato vobis et egregij viri Dow & Bernardi Raines Militis
 Legum etiam Doctoris Curiae prerogative Cantuar Magistri Custodis
 libere Commissarij hinc constituti Juramento Edwardi Walthorpe fratris
 dicti defuncti et unius Executorum in dicto Testamento nominat Cui
 commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurum
 et reddituum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrandis cadem ad
 laudem Dei Evangelica Jurat Richardo Walthorpe altero Executorum
 expressis remunerante.

J. m.
 Johis Nurse

In the name of God Amen

I John Nurse of Lower Abston in the County of Staff Esq^r
 being somewhat distempred in body but of sound and perfect
 mind and memory thanks be given unto Almighty God
 considering the uncertainty of this life doe make my last will
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 body to be buried in Christian buryall according to the discretion
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 and bequath unto Letice my other daughter the like summe of
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 loving wife all my pate goods and household stuff whatsoever or

at his death to accept of the sum of one hundred pounds for the
 same from John my son the paying my debts and funeral expenses
 And I doe give and devise unto my said son John and his heirs
 for ever all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments soever
 and wheresoever in the said County of Essex And I doe make and
 ordain my said beloved wife Johⁿ Executrix of this my last Will and
 Testament utterly voiding all former Wills by me made In
 witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third
 day of September in the ninth year of the Reigne of our Sovereign
 Lord King William the third Anno D^{omi}ni thousand six
 hundred eighty seven John Nourse signed sealed and
 published in the presence of R^{ichard} Hanley Richard Davis Tho^{mas} Rogers

Probatum

fuit hincori Testamentum apud London
 coram beati et equit^{issimi} viro domino R^{ichardo} Rames Ar^{chiepiscopo}
 Legum doctore Curie prerogative Cantuariensis Magistro
 Custode sive Commissario tunc constituto quarto die mensis
 february Anno domini millesimo septimo nonagesimo
 septimo Juramento Anna Nourse Relicta et Executrix in dicto
 Testamento nominat^a Cui commissa fuit administratio omnium et
 singulorum bonorum j^{uramentum} et creditorum dicti defuncti et
 fideliter administranda eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia vigore
 commissionis Jurat^a Ep^{iscopu}

Know all men by these presents

Jan
 Willm^{iam} Nichol^{as}

that I William Nicolls of Blarlowe in the County of Derby
 Merchant shippwright have and by these presents doe make
 ordaine and constitute my well beloved wife Anne Nicolls my true
 and lawfull Attorney in and for me and in my name and for
 for use to ask demand and receive of and from the
 the Clerk or paymaster of the Admiralty and Com^{mission} for prize
 money and whom else it may concern as well all such wages and
 pay bounty money prize money and all other summe and summes of
 money whatsover as now is and whitt hereafter shall or may
 be due or payable unto me pursuant to their Admiralty
 Declaracion of the 23rd of May 1689 And alsoe all such persons
 salaries smart money and all other moneys and things whatsover
 which now and at any time hereafter is and shall be due to me
 for my service or otherwise in any of their Admiralty shipp
 or vessells or any merchant shipp or shippes as alsoe to demand
 receive and receive of all other persons and persons whatsover
 whom it doth or may concern all and singular such other
 summe and summes of money goods wares effects wages debts due
 claims and demands whatsover which now and hereafter is
 or shall be due and payable unto me either by bond bill book
 account or otherwise howsoever And moreover in my name and
 for my proper use to demise and let by lease in writing or
 otherwise All or any of my messuages lands or tenements to
 such person or persons and for such term of years conditions and