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John Dyke
Appraiser

An Inventory of the Estate of John Dyke deceased	
16 Yards at 4/6	£ 3. 15.
9 Hens of Cattle Young and Old	8. 5.
3 pots 2 1/2. 3. powder 15/10	1. 12. 10
Kitchen Ware and Fuel	4.
Cannister Bottle and New Glass	1. 10.
Pan 2/4 Books 16/1. Trench 2/4 Chest 6/1. Table 2/1	1. 8.
Spinning Wheel 5/1. 5 old Chairs 2/6	7. 6
Scales and Stitches 12/6. Gun 10/1. Seams 9/1. Water pipes 4/6	1. 7. 9
3 Beds &c.	10.
Hogsheads and Casks	1. 5.
Saddle 15/1. 2 Saws 2 7/6	1. 2. 6
Iron Tools of several Sorts	1. 3. 3
Rule and Compasses and ^{other} tools	2.
Two Longs	1.
2 Horses at £4.	8.
	£ 31. 9. 8.

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John Chisum

Charles Cockburn

Joseph Collins

At a Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of April 1774
 This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of John Dyke deceased
 was returned and ordered to be recorded.

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P. Harrington Clk.

P. Harrington Secy

John Nichols
Will

In the Name of God Amen, the 8th day of October in the
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three
 I John Nichols of the County of Halifax being very sick and Weak in body
 but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore Calling to
 mind the mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all
 men once to dye do make and utter this my last Will and Testament

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That is to say principally and first of all - I give becomend my soul to
God that gave it and for my body I recomend to the Earth to be buried in a
Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing
doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it is
pleased God to bless me with in this life - I give devise and dispose in
manner and form following I Emphref it is my will and I do order that
in the first place all my just debts be paid and satisfied.

Item I give to my well beloved Wife Mary Nichols during her Widow
hood only seven Negroes Namely Peter Lewis, Frank, Patt, Milley,
Mannah and Sonny also my Manor plantation together with five
hundred and eighty of Land Contiguous thereto according to a Survey
 lately made by Robert Wooding together with my Household furniture
Wares &c. also my stile together with my riding Horse Boe together
with all Stocks and movables of all kinds.

Item I have given to my sons William, John, and Jafe Nichols and
also to my Daughters Sary Robertson, Betty Owen and Peggy
Agree themselves their Hous and assigns all the Land Negroes
Cattle Hogs bees pews and every other thing that I before lent them to
have only proper use and behoof of them and their Hous as their parts
of my Estate.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Ambrose Nichols &
to his Hous and assigns all that tract or parcel of Land joining his
Brother Jafe, Mandewick, and Peter Hudson Situate on the branches
of Cloven Creek Containing four hundred and sixty eight Acres
more or less according to a Survey made by Robert Wooding it
being part of Order of Counsel also fifty pounds Current money to
be raised out of my Estate by my Executors by selling any thing that
can be best spared also every thing that has been owing him.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Marmy Nichols
and her Hous and assigns all the tract or parcel of Land Situate on the
branches of Deepcut and Blackwalnut Creeks and on both sides of Stewart
Sandy Creek joining the lines of Agnes Robertson, Thomas Hope and
the last lines of my order and John Jones Containing four hundred
Acres more or less according to a Survey made by Robert Wooding it
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being part of my order of sales. I also give to my Daughter aforesaid two Negroes namely Melly and Hannah one horse or mare two cows and Calves and one heifer together with one feather bed & Furniture. Item I give and bequeath to my wife beloved son Bird Nichols and to his Heirs and assigns all that Tract or parcel of Land situate on both sides of Black Walnut Creek Containing four hundred and fifty Acres more or less with a plantation thereon according to a Survey made by Col^d Wooding it being part of my order of Counsel joining the lines of my Manor plantation; likewise Agnes Robertson her land I have conveyed to her by the Consent of her Mother &c. I also do give to my aforesaid Son Bird Nichols two Negroes namely Peter and Pat also two Cows and Calves and one heifer without a Calf one bed and furniture it is my Will that my son David Nichols shall within twelve months after the decease or widowhood of Wife pay Bird Nichols fifteen pounds for his part of little Negro named Jenny it is also my Will that in Case I shall depart this life before I sell the present Crop that my Executors shall deliver to Bird David Nichols one ~~Wagon~~ of Tob^o of about 1200 to be divided Equal to purchase each a Suit of Cloths.

Item I give and bequeath to Will beloved son David Nichols and to his Heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of Land Contiguous to my mansion House situate in fork of Black Walnut Creek Containing four hundred and eighty Acres more or less according to a Survey made by Col^d Robert Wooding it being part of my Order of Counsel aforesaid also these Negroes namely Lewis, Frank and Jenny also two Cows and Calves and one heifer without a Calf also one bed and furniture.

Item I give and bequeath to my two sons Bird and David Nichols and my Daughter Nanny to each of them two cows.

Item I do likewise give to my two sons Bird and David aforesaid my Still Cask and give to be used between them and each to have a like property in them, also he two have the largest to Buil.

Item I give likewise to my Daughter Nanny and my two sons Bird and David Nichols to each two dishes one basin and one plate and two knives and forks also it is my Will and desire that all the above

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Legacies is to be advanced to Nancy, Bird, and David Nichols at the expense
or intermarrying of my wife aforesaid.

I have given to my eldest beloved son John Nichols all my Wearing Cloths of
any kind and it my will that the remainder of my Stock household
furniture and every other thing that Can be Shards of the plantation
shall be sold after the dec^d or intermarrying of my afores^d Wife at six
months Credit by my Executors and if any of my Children should die
without Issue their share then future be equally divided among the Survivors.
I have by appoint and constitute Mat Soms and my loving sons
William and John Nichols to be Executors of this my last Will and
Testament In Witness Whereof I have set my hand affixed my seal
this day and date as above

Sealed and delivered

in presence of

Matthew Soms

Edward Parker

Ralph J. Over
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At a Court Continued and held for Halifax County the 22^d day of April 1774
This last Will and Testament of John Nichols deceased was presented in
Court by William Nichols one of the Executors herein named who
made Oath hereto According to Law. And the same being proved by
the Oaths of two of the Witnesses hereto was ordered to be recorded, and on
the motion of the Executor Certificate was granted him for obtaining a
Probat hereof due form giving security whereupon he with James
Cobb and Abraham Sefton his securities entered into and acknowledged
their Oaths with Condition according to law. And Matthew Soms one
other of the Executors herein named refused take up on himself the burden
and Execution thereof and liberty is reserved to the other Executor to join in
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The Appraisment of the Estate of John Nichols deceased.

John Nichols
Estate

Peter	95.0.0
Linn	85.0.0
Frank	75.0.0
John	60.0.0
Milly	35.0.0
Jenny	25.0.0
Hannah who is Silly	0.0.0
28 head of Cattle	35.0.0
15 head of Sheep	4.5.0
31 head of Hogs	7.15.0
1 Horse named Boo	15.0.0
1 Black Horse / Sides /	2.0.0
1 Mare and Colt	5.0.0
12 Paster Plates	0.18.0
5 Dishes, some old paster and 4000	1.10.0
Assort of Earthen Ware	1.0.0
2 Chests and 1 Trunk	1.2.6
1 Quart 1 half pint pot, and 1 Canada Mould	0.6.0
2 Butter pots and 1 Tea Kettle	0.10.0
2 Table Cloths	0.7.0
1 Bed and Furniture	11.0.0
Assort of Knives and Forks	0.8.0
4 Chamber Pots	0.4.0
1 Bed and furniture	12.0.0
10 Sup. 7 Bishes. 2 Mugs, and 1 Bowl	1.0.10
1 Bed and Furniture	15.0.0
Assort of Steel and Iron	0.10.0
1 Bed and Furniture	15.0.0
A Ogen 20 of assort and Bells	1.9.0
1 Coat Plate	0.15.0
Assort of Iron	1.12.6
2 Sifters	0.2.0

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2 Iron Wedges	0. 5. 0
1 Chain	1. 10. 0
1 Grindstone	0. 5. 0
2 Table, and 1 looking Glass	0. 10. 6
Apparel of Man. Hairs	0. 8. 0
Apparel of Plantation and Carpenter Tools	1. 15. 0
5 Mill Bags and 1 Wallet	0. 7. 0
3 Wheat Sives, and parcel of Shoe makers Tools	0. 10. 0
Apparel of Tubs and Pails	0. 13. 6
A saddle bridle and Housie	1. 10. 0
3 Spinning Wheel	1. 8. 0
1 Woman's saddle	2. 0. 0
Apparel of Flay Hackels, Box Iron and heater	2. 10. 0
Apparel of Tan's Leather	2. 10. 0
Pots and Hooks, 1 pan and Flesh forks	1. 16. 6
1 Still and Tub	14. 13. 0
1 Spoon Mouls and 1 Ladle	0. 12. 6
2 Pair of Cotton Cards	0. 5. 0
Apparel of Household Furniture	1. 0. 0
2 Guns	2. 0. 0
A Quantity of Brandy	A. 0. 0
A Quantity of Syper, Whid and Casks with shaf Cocks	6. 0. 0

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W^h the subscribers being first sworn hath appraised the Estate of John Nichols deceased according to the above state. Given under our hands this 28th day of May Anno Dom 177A.

William Nichols Esq^r

Edwards Parker Jr
Ralph Owen
Edwards Parker

At a Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of July 177A.
This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of John Nichols deceased was returned, and the same was ordered to be recorded.

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