

7 I do the Name of God Amen I Henry Nichols of the Parish of Patuxent
in the County of Stafford in Virginia Planters being sickly at this present but in
Perfect good sense and Memory praised be thoughty God for it have thought it is
Necessary to set my Affairs in order as followeth and First I give & Bequeath
my Precious and Immortal Soul to God and the Lord Jesus Christ who gave it
me and my Body to be decently Buried in the Earth as my Executors hereafter
Mentioned shall think proper and as for my Worldly Estate I give & Bequeath it as
Follows Item I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Wife Susanna
Nichols the use of the Plantation Houses Orchard Rail Timber Wood and all
other Necessaries thereon whereon I now live for and during her Natural life or
Widowhood but she shall not sell nor Embagele any thing thereunto belonging
nor suffer any person or persons Related to herself nor me to cut anything off
The said Land nor to do any manner of Work thereon I also give unto my said
Wife Susanna the use of all the Test of my Estate within Doors and without
except those Legacies which I shall hereafter mention for and during her
said Natural Life or Widowhood

Item I give and Bequeath unto my eldest Son Henry Nichols after the Decease or
Marriage of his Mother Susanna Nichols the Plantation whereon I now live with
all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging one Negro Man Named Simon and
one small Gun all which I give unto him and his Heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Zachariah Nichols one Gun & one large

all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging one Negro Man Named Simon and one small Gun all which I give unto him and his Heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Zachariah Nichols one Gun one large Iron Potte Tacks & hooks and one Broad ax one Drawing knife & three chisels after the Marriage of his Mother to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Elizabeth Nichols after the Decease or Marriage of her Mother one Oval Table one Dovetail Chest one pybe Heifer one Iron Potte one Puter Dick and one Puter Bussor which I give unto her and her Heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Clotilda Nichols after the Decease or Marriage of her Mother my Best feather Bed and furniture one Puter Dick two Plates and one Iron Potte the which I give unto her and her Heirs forever also my Bed to go with the same to her and her Heirs forever

Item I also give and Bequeath unto my abovesaid Son Zachariah Nichols one Pybe heifer Quarters to him and his Heirs forever And my Will and Desire is that all my Moveable Estate that is not given in Legacies to my above mentioned Children shall at the Decease or Marriage of my Wife Susanna Nichols be equally divided between my three Children Viz^t Zachariah Elizabeth & Clotilda Nichols and their Heirs forever

I do hereby Nominate Appoint and Ordain my Trusty Friends Col^l George White and Capt^t Thomas
Watson whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament to see its will
and truly Performed Revoking and Disannulling all former and other Will or Wills
by me made but Ratifying allowing and Confirming this as my last Will &
Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal
this Tenth Day of March One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine

Signed Sealed and Delivered

Henry Nichols and Seal

In the Presence of

Demas Deale

Norfolk County

Mary T. Bruce

To a Court the 20th day of Aug^r 1772

William Bayley

Lodged for further proof Sep^r 17. 1772 further proved &

Lodged for the Executors Octo^r Court Qualified

In the Name of God Amen the fourth Day of February in the Year of our
Lord God one Thousand Seven hundred and seventy Two David Harper of Norfolk County
and Parish of Portsmouth being very sick and Weak in Body but of a perfect mind
and memory Thanks be to God for the same do make constitute or dain and appoint
His Executor