

In the Name of God Amen I Matthew Shields
of the County of Norfolk being at this very sick, but of perfect
Sense and sound in Mind and Memory, Do make this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following.
I give and Devise unto my Brother Samuel and his Heirs
forever One certain parcel of Land Beginning at Long Point and
running to the Head of a Cove, Thence crossing over to a Cove
on the Creek of William Nicholson, Containing about Five
Acres.

Item I give to my Brother Samuel, all the Materials that I have now
by me respecting a House intended to be built on Long Point.

Item I leave to my loving Wife Sarah during her natural Life the
One half of my Lands.

Item I give and Devise unto my Daughter Fanny and her Heirs
for ever all my Lands, my loving Wife however is to have
the use of One Half as aforesaid.

Item my Stocks of all kinds I empower my Executors hereafter
Named to sell, and the Money arising from such Sale to be
applied towards discharging my Debts, and the overplus if
any to be equally divided between my Wife and Daughter.

Item I Leave to my loving Wife Sarah
one half of my Lands —
Item I Give and Devise unto my Daughter Fanny and her Heirs
for ever all my Lands, my loving Wife however is to have
the use of one half as aforesaid —

Item my Stocks of all kinds I empower my Executors hereafter
named to sell, and the Money arising from such Sale to be
applied towards discharging my Debts, and the overplus if
any to be equally divided between my Wife and Daughter —

Item I Leave to my loving Wife during her Natural Life the use of
Negroes Guy and Jack —

Item I give to my Daughter Fanny and her Heirs, Negroes Tony
and Mill, and after the Decease of my said Wife I give to my
said Daughter Fanny Negro Guy and Jack —

Item All the Remainder of my Estate of what kind soever I
empower my Executors (hereafter named) to sell, and the
produce of such Sale to be equally divided between my Wife
and Daughter (after my Debts are paid) —
Lastly I Nominate and appoint my Father in Law John Cor-
my Brother Samuel, and my Friend William

Nicholson Executors of this my last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and
Seal the Twenty fifth Day of December, in the Year One Thou-
=sand Seven Hundred and Seventy Five.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
by the Testator to his last
Will and Testament, in
presence of us

Mat Shields, & Seal

William Nicholson junr
John Corprew junr
Dan Sanford

January 6th 1777 The above will proved by an order Book
Test Saml Boush S^r

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Hughes
of the Parish of Portsmouth in the County of Norfolk being