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Will
for

In the Name of God Amen I John Nicholson of the County of Southampton being of sound
mind and memory thank be to Almighty God for the same do make an and in the
my last Will and Testament
Confer after my last debts are paid the balance of my Estate both real and personal in the
following manner to wit

First I give and bequeath to my son Charles Bugge Nicholson my 1/2 of the old Bridge
Dickering, Martins Cayfield and Longest Green
Item I bequeath to my loving Wife Mary Nicholson during my Mother's life the whole of
the house where I now live and after my Mother's Death I bequeath unto my said Wife
the same and had of said house my Mother's share during her natural life and
she and her heirs and assigns for the term of eight years from this date 1800. she
may not marry within said time at my request and I have father bequeathed her
3 Cows and Horses, all my cattle except one and I have my Cowes Sally and the new born
and great sufficient for the family until a new cow be come in desiring her to
maintain my children the whole time, there education may be charged to her whole
of the house but should my Wife Mary within the said term of eight years
from this date be desiring her natural life Cows and Horses my Cowes Sally and the
new born and furniture to her choice of the same of which and from I have
and nothing else in my will.

Then after the above mentioned term of eight years is expired I desire all my Estate
except my lands and Negroes that are left to my Wife for the term of eight years
not otherwise contented and disposed of to be sold to the highest bidder and the
Money arising from this sale to be divided in the following manner, one third to
my Wife and the other part to be equally divided between all my Children
Then I desire the remainder part of my Negroes that is to say after the time
for which they are lent as above may be if possibly divided between all my
Children by three good men appointed by the Court. Unto my land of all kinds
in which there is a site in Guilford Town I give to my son Charles Briggs
Trustee and he has him forever.

Then I desire the remainder part of my Estate may be equally divided between
my Wife and all my Children.

Then I do constitute and appoint my Brother in Law Heavitt Edmund &
John Kirby and my good friend John Thomas Executors of this my last will
and Testament and I do hereby have my hands set my hand and affixed
my seal this twelfth day of January 1781.

Signed Testa published and declared
in the s^d Joseph Nicolson as his last will & in
presence of

Charles X Moore, James Betton Moore
Nathan Moore, Edward Seward &

Josh^a Nicolson Seal

at which there is a debt in full and I give to my son or heirs or assigns

Nicolson and to his heirs forever

And I desire the remainder part of my Estate may be equally divided between
my wife and all my children

And I do constitute and appoint my Brother in Law Howell Edmunds &

John Kirby and my good friend Henry Thomas Executors of this my last will
and Testament and they have been set my hand and affixed
my seal this twelfth day of January 1781.

Signed Sealed published and declared
by the said J. Nicolson as his last will in my
presence of

James X Morris man Peter Moore

Abraham Morris Edward Seward &

Ct. a Court held for the County of Southampton the 29th day of July 1781. The will
was presented in Court by Howell Edmunds & John Kirby the Executors thereof and sworn by
the oaths of Abraham Morris & Edward Seward two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be
proved And on the motion of the said Executors who made oath according to Law Certificate was
granted them for obtaining a probate in due form giving security whereupon

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