

At a Court held for Sussex County the 1st day of January 1754.

The above written last Will and Testament of Peter Howarth deceased was presented & read by Rachel Howarth and Joshua Howarth the Executors therein named who made Oath thereunto according to Law and the same was proved by the Oaths of John Jenkins Joseph Denton and Rebecca Howarth junior the Witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executors Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test J. Claiborne Clerk

In the name of God amen I John Nicolson of the County of Surry being weak & Sick but of sound mind and memory sheweth be God I do this month day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say.

I Give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Nicolson all my Right and Interest to the College Plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred and thirty three Acres.

I Give unto my said Wife Mary Nicolson during her Natural life the use and labour of Negroes Will Dick and Sarah and after her decease it is my Will that the said Negroes sold by my Executors or the Survivor or Survivors of them and the money arising from the Sale thereof be equally divided amongst my Children Henry John Jane William Elizabeth and Robert Nicolson. I likewise Give to my said Wife as her absolute Property a Bay Horse called Mississippi with her Saddle Bridle and Furniture the same in the House with all its Harness gear and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging and also one third part of all my personal Estate to be by her taken and made choice of to the Appraisement thereof.

I Give unto my son Henry Nicolson and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever one parcel of Land lying in Brunswick County containing two hundred and twenty five Acres which I purchased of Daniel Barrett and whereon the said Barrett now resides.

I Give unto my said son Henry Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man called Pat.

I Give unto my said son Henry Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man named Sharper.

I Give unto my said son Henry Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro Boy named Moll.

I Give unto my said son Henry Nicolson thirty pounds current money of Virginia to be raised by my said son Henry Nicolson applied to the purchasing of such land as he shall think it beneficial for my said son Flood Nicolson and his Heirs and Assigns to use in any way they may see fit.

I Give unto my son Robert Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man named Moll. I Give unto my son Jesse Nicolson and my Daughter Lucy Nicolson the sum of one hundred pounds to be together with her Increase if any equal to Lucy upon the said Lucy's attaining the Age of Twenty or if it is my Will that the profits arising from the Labour of the said Children Jesse and Lucy.

I Give unto my son Flood Nicolson and to his Heirs and Assigns one parcel of Land part of a larger Tract purchased by me and being in the County of Brunswick to be sold or in case of his death by some indifferent person chosen and laid off according to the best of his or their Judgment and

At about held for Suffolk County the 11 day of February 1734

The above written last Will and Testament of Peter Hawthorne deceased was presented & read by Rachel Hawthorne and Joshua Hawthorne the Executors therein named who may oath thereto according to Law and the same was proved by the Oaths of John Jenken Joseph Denson and Rebecca Hawthorne junior the witnesses thereto and by the for ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

Exec.

Jos. J. Claiborne Esq



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I Give unto my son Henry Nicolson and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever a parcel of Land lying in Brunswick County containing two hundred and twenty four acres purchased of Daniel Barrell and whereon the said Barrell owes unto my said son Henry Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man called Pat

I Give unto my said son Henry Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man named Sharper to my said son Henry Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man

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I Give unto my son Elwood Nicolson and to his Heirs and Assigns one hundred and eighty two Acres of Land part of a larger Tract purchased of Brooks lying and being in the County of Brunswick to be held in case of his death by some Indifferent person chosen and laid off according to the best of his or their Judgment and

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to my wife Mary Nicolson and to her Assigns one Negro Boy named into a Daughter Elizabeth Nicolson and to her Assigns one Negro

I Give unto my said son Henry Nicolson thirty pounds current money of Virginia to be raised to by my son Henry Nicolson applied to the purchasing of him it beneficial for my said son I do hereby direct that the said money may be under the care direction and will

unto my son Robert Nicolson and to his Assigns one Negro man to my son Jesse Nicolson and my Daughter Lucy Nicolson and to my wife Mary to be together with her Increase if any equal and Lucy upon the said Lucy's attaining the Age of twenty or it is my Will that the profits arising from the Labour or Increase till that time be applied towards the maintenance of the said Children Jesse and Lucy

I Give unto my son Elwood Nicolson and to his Heirs and Assigns two Acres of Land part of a larger Tract purchased of Brooks lying and being in the County of Brunswick to be sold or in case of his death by some Indifferent person charged laid off according to the best of his or their Judgment and

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and I have unto my son Robert Nicolson and to his heirs and assigns forever
(3) this hundred and eighty three acres of Land being the remaining part of the above parcel of
Land purchased of Carrell and the heirs.

Item I give and Devise unto my sons John and William Nicolson and to their heirs and assigns
for ever all my Tract of Land adjoining the College plantation whereon I now live contain-
ing two hundred and fifty Acres.

Item It is my Will and desire that all the rest and residue of my personal Estate not before
disposed of after my just Debts are paid shall be paid by my Executors hereinafter named and
the Money arising from the Sale thereof be equally divided between my first mentioned
Children Henry John Jane William Elizabeth Flood and Robert Nicolson.

Item It is my Intent and desire that if either of my first mentioned Children Henry John
Jane William Elizabeth Flood or Robert should depart this life during his or her lifetime
without issue and it should so happen that the Negro herein before devised together with my
said Children should also die that then the Negro of the Child so first dying shall go to
and be vested in the surviving Child so losing his or her Negro.

Item I desire that the College plantation for which I now have a Lease containing two
hundred and fifteen Acres may be sold for the most that can be had for the same by my
Executors hereafter mentioned and the Money arising from the Sale thereof equally divided
between my first mentioned Children Henry John Jane William Elizabeth Flood and
Robert Nicolson. And lastly I do make Ordain constitute and appoint my loving wife
Mary Nicolson my son Henry Nicolson and my Brother Robert Nicolson Executors of this
my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Nicolson to this my
last Will and Testament have set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

John Nicolson (P)

Declared and Published
in the above named John Nicolson
and for his last Will and Testament
present of us who at his request and
his presence have attested the same

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October the month one thousand four hundred and fifty
and Testament have added that my son Henry Nicolson
father of my children John and William Nicolson and
Jane and Elizabeth Nicolson as the Negro herein before devised
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Witness my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Wm. A. Smith

A Court held for Sussex County the 11 day of March 1794
The above written last Will and Testament of John Nicolson deceased
Nicolson and Robert Nicolson two of the Executors therein named within
and the same were proved by the Oaths of John Edmunds and Wm.
thereat and by the Court Ordered to be Recorded And on this
date is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form
Test J. Claiborn