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We find that the justice of the above Acct^l of justice time, August 19th 1762.

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A Court held for Sussex County the 19th Day of August 1762.

*This Account Current of the Estate of Edward Griffin died was returned
Exam. Audited, And by the Court Ordered to be Recorded.*

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A. Ainsborne Esq

In the Name of God Amen. I Robert Nicolson of the County of Sussex
being weak in Body, but of sound mind, and Memory; blessed be God, do this ^{fourth} ~~fourth~~ ^{fourth}
Day of July in the Year of our Lord 1762. make and Publish this my last Will and
Testament, in manner following, that is to say.

Impromissu Give and Requite unto my Son Michael Nicolson, and to his Heirs forever, three Negroes, to wit, Frank, Carter, and Judith with all her Increase from the date hereof, he having the said Negroes already in his Possession.

Given and bequeath unto my Son Harriſſa Nicollſon & to his Heirs and Aſſigns forever
 three Hundred and fifty Acres of Land by eſtimation and Bounded as followeth, to wit
 Beginning at the Road near the corner of my ſence and from thence along a new
 line near a Northweſt Courſe to a ſmall Meadow, thence down the drain of the ſaid Meadow
 to the turn of a branch called wildcat, thence croſſing the ſaid Branch along my old
 line to my corner at Thomas Myer's old field, thence along the ſaid line near a
 Northweſt Courſe to the long Branch thence up the ſaid branch to Bridg's Clay's corner
 Mine on the ſaid branch thence along a dividing line between me and the ſaid Clay
 to John Preſton's corner, thence along the ſaid Preſton's line to Joſeph Bethune's corner
 thence along a dividing line between me and John Hancock to where the ſaid line
 croſſeth the head of Wildcat branch thence down the run of the ſaid branch to a spring
 of a branch called the new deſign branch, thence up the ſaid branch leading towards the
 Road to a fork of the ſame thence along a new line to Hancock Road thence up the ſaid Road
 to the Beginning. being Lands partly taken up by me & the other part purchaſed of James
 Waſhington and Mark Pennell.

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If my above said Son Bartho Nicolson or either of my Son hereafter mentioned ^{Should} Die in
their Marriage one parcel of their Land give and Bequeath to my Son Samuel Nicolson
and to his Heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Harris Nicolson one Negro Man Named Peter and one Negro Woman Named Jancy with her Increase to him and his Heirs forever. I likewise give to my said Son Harris Nicolson Twenty five pounds Current Money and one good feather Bed and furniture.

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Item I give and bequeath to my son Mark Nicolson a parcel of Land containing by Estimation three Hundred Acres Bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning in a large branch of Seacock Swamp, thence along a new line bearing Westwardly to Seacock Road, thence crossing the said Road along a new line (dividing from my son Harris's Land) to the Mouth of the new design branch, thence up Wildcat branch to John Hancock's line, thence along the said Hancock's line to a Pine near Seacock Road, then South ten degrees East eighty two poles (to a pine), then South Southwest one Hundred & twenty two poles to a Wooded by the side of the great branch aforesaid and down the various Courses of the Run of the said branch to the Beginning, to him my said son Mark and his Heirs forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my said son Mark Nicolson one Negro Boy named Pompey and one Negro girl named Sarah with all her increase to him and his Heirs forever, And I also give my said son Twenty five pounds Current money, and one good feather Bed and furniture.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Nicolson the Land and Plantation whereon I now dwell containing by Estimation four Hundred and fifty Acres, Bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at Seacock Road, thence along a new line, of my son Harris's to a small Meadow, thence down the drain of the said Meadow to Wildcat branch, thence down the said Branch to Seacock Swamp, then down said Seacock Swamp to Benjamin Hancock's line, thence along said Hancock's line to a corner of William Hancock's line, thence along said William Hancock's line to the Head of a small branch, thence ⁱⁿ a South west course to a Holley in the great branch of Seacock Swamp aforesaid, thence up the said branch to the corner of a new line of my son Mark's, thence along the said, to Seacock Road, thence outward, along the Road the Beginning. To have and enjoy the said Land immediately after the Death of his Mother. I give the said Land to him and his Heirs forever. I likewise give to my said son John Nicolson two Negroes, to wit, Ben & Liza with all her increase to him and his Heirs forever. I also give to my said son ^{two} twenty pounds, ^{and one good feather Bed and furniture.}

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Nicolson and to his Heirs forever one Tract or parcel of Land known by the name of my Horse good Land containing two Hundred & forty Acres, for Boundas Refer to the Patent bearing Date the first Day of December, one Thousand seven Hundred and forty eight. I likewise give and bequeath to my said son two Negroes Boys, to wit, Jack and Ted, they now being in the Possession of my son Michael. I give the said Negroes to my said Samuel, and to his Heirs forever. I also give to my said son ^{son} twenty five pounds Cash, and one good feather Bed and furniture.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Nicolson two Negroes, to wit, Will and Jeff to her and her Heirs forever, to be delivered to her at the age of twenty one Years or Married. I also give to my said Daughter, twenty five pounds Current money, and one good feather Bed and furniture.

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Item I give to my loving Wife Mary Nicolson the use of the Plantation whereon I now dwell with all the Land which I have before given to my Son John During her Natural life.

Item I give and bequeath to my above said Wife three negroes, to wit, Tom, Kate & Amy to be disposed of as she may think proper at her Death. I also give to my said Wife the use of two Negroes, to wit, Janny and Simon during her natural life, and after the Death of my said Wife I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Nicolson the above said Negro Janny to her and her Heirs forever, and the above mentioned Negro Simon I give to my Son Samuel Nicolson and to his Heirs forever.

Item I further give to my loving Wife Mary Nicolson all the remaining part of my Estate, which is not already given away in Legacy, who then it be Stocks, Household Goods, Bonds, Bills, or Debt of any kind to be disposed of at her Death amongst my Children as she may think proper.

Item It is my Will and Desire that my Wife should have the profits of my Son Harvey's Nicolson's Estate till he arrives to age of twenty one Years, and that she (ie) my wife shall be at the expence of Schooling, Cloathing and putting him to such Business as his Uncle John Nicolson shall think most suitable. And I further desire that my said wife do have the profits of the Estate of my three youngest Children till they arrive to the age of twenty one Years, to wit, Mark, John and Samuel Nicolson, and that she be at the expence of Schooling, Cloathing, &c. till they be of suitable ages and sizes to be bound Apprentices, and that then my Son Mark be bound to a Wheelwright, John to a Cooper, & Samuel to a Taylor.

Item If in case my Son Samuel Nicolson should Die in his Minority I desire that my Son Mark Nicolson shall have the Land which I have given unto him (to wit) that Tract called the Horse Pond.

Item I constitute and appoint my Dear and loving wife Mary Nicolson & Son Michael Nicolson to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, wholly revoking and Disallowing all other Wills & Bequests made by me.

Item It is further more my Will and desire that my Estate should not be Appraised. Given Under my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written.

Signed, Declared & Published by the aforesaid Robert Nicolson as & for his last Will and Testament, in Presence of the who at his Request and in his presence have Attested the same

Robert Nicolson

William Blunt

Arthur Smith

Thomas Myers

Ann. Bailey

At a Court held for Sussex County the 16th day of September 1762.

The last Will and Testament of Robert Nicolson aforesaid was presented unto Consue Mary Nicolson and Michael Nicolson the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto according to Law & the same was proved by the Oath of Thomas Myers & the affirmation of Anselm Bailey jun^r (he being a Quaker) two of the Witnesses thereto, and by the Court Ordered to be Recorded, And on the motion of the said Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate in due form.

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In Obedience to an Order of Superior Court we the subscribers being first sworn have valued appraised the Estate of John Reiche decd. & find it as above written Given under our Hands this 15 of January 1768

Thomas Pasham

Matthew Pasham

Abraham Pasham

At a Court held for Superior County the 25 Day of January 1768 This Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of John Reiche deceased was returned, and by the Court Ordered to be Recorded
In witness

Alaiborne C. C.

An Inventory of the Estate of Robert Nicolson decd

Fifty head of Cattle, one Hundred head of Hoggs, six Horses, twenty six Sheep, fifty four Geese, six feather beds & Furniture, one Desk & book Case, one Box, two looking glasses, two Chests, three oval Table two Pine D.^s, one & half dozen Chairs, three Dozen quart bottles a Case with eight b. Alms, five punch bowls, eight Tumblers, a set of Stone Tea & Coffee ware, one & half dozen Stone Plates two Tea Pots, three drinking mugs, four clove monthes Juggs, three butter Pots, two guns, a case of Pistols, a sword, one case of Razors, a case of Lancets, one Tea Kettle, one large Copper d.^s one small Brass d.^s one large Still, thirty six Cyder Casks, two meal Tubs, one flower d.^s three mens Saddles, two womens d.^s four bridles, one Loom & Geer, three spinning Wheels, four ff. Candles, one Candle stand, three Candle sticks, one ff. smuffs, one warming Pan, one frying d.^s one Stone, shovel & Tongue, fourteen Knives & forks, four Pots, two Pot Racks, one Spout, three wooden Bowls, two Tubs, two Pails, two Piggonies, one half Bushel, one whip Saw, one Case Cut d.^s one hand d.^s one Cart & Harness, two Plows, a set of Shoemakers Tools, seven wedding Hoos, d.^s of Killing, d.^s five Grubbing, d.^s two sets of Iron Wedges, one Iron, one drawing Knife, one Adze, three Augers, two Chisels, one Gouge, one bore Iron & Heaters, one ff. Gardners Shovel one d.^s of Sheep, one Plate, two Vinegar Cruets, one ff. Saylor's Shaves, two Salt Cellars, one Porter Funnel, one pint Pot, two Dozen & half Porter Plates, one Dozen off Dishes, five d.^s Basons, Money due to the Estate fifty Pounds, a dozen good Books, four Fires of Wax, six Axes, one Hatchet, one Spade, one Dial, sixteen Pounds feathers, two ff. Stilliards, one set Cart Wheel Boxes, one Grind Stone, one Spice mortar & Pestel, two Bells, two ff. money scales, two Chamber pots, & some Lumber, two meal sifters & one seach, Eighteen Negroes viz. one Negro fellow called Tom, one Negro man called James, one Negro man called Peter one Negro man called Frank;

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One Negro man called Will, one negro woman called Kate, one negro woman called Amey, one negro woman called Judith, one negro boy called Jese, one negro boy called Ben, one negro boy called Pompey, one negro boy called Jack, one negro boy called Simon, one negro boy called Ted, one negro boy called Carter, one negro girl called Jenny, one negro girl called Nell, one negro girl called Lydia thirty shillings Cash

Executors { Mary Nicolson
Michael Nicolson

A Court held for Superior County the 20th Day of January 1768
This Inventory of the Estate of Robert Nicolson decd was returned & by the Court Ordered to be Recorded.

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Alaiborne Esq

The Estate of Mr. Stafford Decd D^r

Contra

(C^d)

1762
Decem^r

To Gloucester Hinnicutt Bond	£5 15 1/2
To Funeral Charges & Acc ^t	1 10 1/2
To John Ogburn Judgment	0 17 1/2
To David Jones Account	0 12 1/2
To James & Hugh Belcher	9 2 1/2
To Maj. Edward Pettway	0 14 1/2
To Cash paid for warranting	0 1 1/2
To Col. Claiborne Tickets	1 0 1/2
To Cash to Hardgrave for witnesses to the Will	6 0
To M ^r . Peter Belcher	1 10 1/2
To the Secretary Ticket & 2 nd Job ^e	3 4
Total	£21 16 3/4

By Sundries of Acc Sales	£16 15 1/2
By Nathan Norrington	1 0 1/2
By Sundry debt found on his Bond	2 6 1/2
By Amelie Bailey	1 12 1/2
By Gloucester Hinnicutt	0 1 1/2
Total	£21 16 3/4

Errors Except

Hugh Belcher Adm^r

We have Examined the above Acc
& find it to be just

Rob^t. Jones
Jas. Tomlinson

A Court held for Superior County the 20th Day of January 1768
This account of Hugh Belcher of his Administration of the Estate of Mr. Stafford decd was returned audited & ordered to be Recorded.

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Alaiborne Esq