

At a Court held for Sussex County the 21st day of August 1777.

The aforesaid last Will and Testament of John Mose deceased was presented into Court by Ephraim Mose the executor therein named who made oath thereto, and the same was proved by the oath of Lawrence Howse a witness thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executor certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Will: Claiborne jun^r C. S. C.

In the Name of God Amen I John Nicholson of Sussex County being sick of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, Thanks be to god for the same do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, this seventh day of January Anno domi 1777. in manner following, that is to say.

Imprimis, I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Nicholson during her Widowhood my college plantation and at her death or marriage to my son William Nicholson.

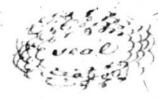
Item I lend to my said wife my negroe man Peter during her Widowhood.

Item I desire my executors hereafter named may raise from my other estate all the money that they can (leaving necessities for my wife and children) and the money so raised to be by them laid out in young negroe women, and my wife to have the use of the said negroe or negroes during her widowhood and at her death or marriage, to be with the above mentioned estate, equally divided amongst my then living children. Provided that any of my children do marry and have children, and so depart this life before my said wife that the said children at my wifes death or marriage shall be entitled to their father or mothers part of the said estate.

Lastly, I do constitute nominate and appoint my loving wife my brother William Nicholson and Richard Andrews Executors of this my last Will and Testament, to whom I also give the Guardianship of my children and my desire is that my estate be not appraised. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said John Nicholson to be his last Will and Testament, in whose presence and at whose request we have hereunto set our hands as Witnesses.

John Nicholson



William Ellis.
Steven Pepper.
Benjamin Ellis.

At a Court held for Sussex County the 18th day of September 1777.

The aforesaid last Will and Testament of John Nicholson deceased was presented into Court by Richard Andrews one of the executors therein named who made oath thereto as the law directs and the same was proved by the oath of William Ellis a Witness thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said executor certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Will: Claiborne jun^r C. S. C.

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Also two cows and one calf of the property of Anne Barr Esq. 11. 0 which is to be added to the above after satisfying her creditors.

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Richard Parker Sheriff

The Court held for Superior County the 21st day of May 1778.

This account of the sales of the Estate of Gabriel Barr dec'd was returned by the Sheriff and by the Court ordered to be Recorded.

Teste Will. Claiborne C. d. C.

An Inventory of the Estate of John Nicholson dec'd August 6th 1777

One negro man Peter, 3 Horses, 8 Cattle, 12 Sheep, 23 Hogs & Beds & furniture
8 Chairs, 1 Desk, 2 Chests, 3 Tables, one Loom and Lark, 2 Potts, 1 Pan, 3 Bishes, 1/2
Plates, 8 stone ditto, 8 knives and forks 30 barrels corn Excel tobacco, some
pepper, 10 Bushels wheat 350 lb cotton some flax and hocks, one mans saddle
one warriors ditto, 2 bridles, 1 dozen pewter spoons, some byson Casks, Gold
Lubbs, 6 washing ditto & water Pails, 2 flax wheels, 3 woollen ditto, pair Cotton
hands, 3 Mugs, 4 Bowles, 2 Tea Potts, 1 Tea Kettle, 5 Jugs, 5 Butter Potts, one
Sugar Tub and Canister, 1 Coffer & bottles, 1 Brig Iron, 1 Trowel, 1 Shovel, 1 p^o
Screw, 1 dozen quart bottles, 1 Cart and wheels and Gear, 2 ploughs & Axes.
2 Axes, 1 Hatchet, 5 Hoes, 1 grubbing ditto, 2 Iron Wedges, 1 drawing knife, 1
hand Saw, 1 Trenchant ditto, 1 Compass ditto, 4 Augers, 1 Sledge, 9 Chisels, 4 Planes
1 pair Compasses, 1 Candle stick and snuffers, 1 Candle mould, 1 Cooking Stove,
1 Urn, 1 Grifer, 1 drinking Stove, 17 1/2 yards Virginia Cloth, 12 lb small, 2
Staves one half an afton Hachet, 1 Gun, 2 1/2 bushels Salt, 8 sides & 3 skins
leather, 4 Peach stands, 1 Cane Cradle, 12 Grease, 1 p^o Turning Screws, 2 Bibles,
2 Testaments, 2 Psalters, 2 Prayer Books, 2 Vol. *Observations* & *Meditations*, 1
Dictionary, 1 Samson's Grammar, 1 Hyems Book, 1 Water Pitcher, 2 Seisars, 1
Box Iron & heaters 2 doz. Gun Flint 6 doz. fish hooks, 2 Crows, 2 Saw
Wrasts, 2 Harrows 1 Bell, 1 Paper belt, 1 p^o Firestone, 1 Hatchet, 2 Pincers, 1 Na
gon and strap, 100 Gallons apple brandy 1/2 ditto Peach ditto p^o money scales
1 Lancet, some wafers, Belt and Carbach Box, 2 Shoe Brushes, washing Irons
some powder and Hairs, some Hat & bags, 1 Sythe, Fish Gizz, 2 tobacco Box's
some turning Tools, 2 gouges, one Horrel, some old Staircase, 1 Fishing Stick
the half of ditto, some Stew, 2 small boxes of Lumber, 1 Sword, some fish skin
p^o Shoes, 1 Suncingle, 2 Pocket Books, 2 Pocket knives, 1 Ink stand, some files
1 Pencil, 1 tea Pott and Pan, p^o Hillards, 3 white Bannors, 2 white flours 10 lbs
one Rule, some lead, 1 Soap bar, 2 clove ditto & jackets, 1 p^o braces 1/2 p^o Stock
ings, 2 Hatts, 2 p^o Shoes.

William Nicholson, }
Richard Andrews, } Executors.

The Court held for Superior County the 18th day of June 1778.

This Inventory of the Estate of John Nicholson dec'd was returned by the Sheriff and by the Court ordered to be Recorded

Teste Will. Claiborne C. d. C.