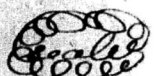


In the name of God Amen the 19th of March in the year of our Lord God
1697 I Lewis Nicholas of the Parish of Washington in the County of Westmoreland
Hants, being very Sick & weak in body but of Perfect memory of mind, thanks
be given unto God; therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to Die, do make & ordain this
my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first I give and
recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I commit
it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the dis-
cretion of my Executor nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall
recover the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as touching such
worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
revise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form, Impremis
I give and bequeth to the said my dearly beloved Wife, whom I constitute make
and Ordain my only sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, all &
Singular of my Lands, Messuages & Tenements, Money, Goods, Chattels, by her
Self Truly to be possessed & enjoyed; and I doe hereby utterly Disallow, revoke
and Disannull all other Testaments, Wills & Legacies, bequests & Executors by me
in any manner before this time named, willed and bequethed, ratifying & Confirming
this & no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
sett my hand and Seal the Day and year above Written

Signed Sealed & Published, pronounced

Lewis Nicholas 

and declared by the said Lewis Nicholas

as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

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worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give
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this the other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal the day and year above Written

Signed Sealed & Published, pronounced

Lewis Nicholas 

and Declared by the said Lewis Nicholas

as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

Laurence Butler, James Camron, John Winter

Westmoreland.

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Larmon, a Probate thereof granted to Ursula, Select & C^l of the Record
Lucio Nicholas, and the Will ordered to be Recorded

Teste
James Westcomb. C^l &c

In The Name of God Amen taking to consideration the mortality of
Mankind, and that I am mortall as others, being sick and weak in body yet of
Perfect memory, I thought fit to make this my last Will and Testament; First of
all I committ my Soule to God that gave it and my body to Christian Burial
according to the discretion of my Executors which is my loving Wife Mary Peares and
Mr Thomas Gelson; Next of all I desire that my Funeral Charges, and all my
Lawfull Debts which I am indetted shall be paid and discharged out of my
Personal Estate and the remainder to be equally divided betwixt my Wife and
my Son that is to say the one half to my loving Wife Mary Peares & the other
half to my outifull Son George Peares, likewise I give to my loving Wife
Mary Peares this Plantation, lying and situate at upper Machodacth Creek in
Westmoreland County (the which I doe now occupy & possess) during the terme of her
life, and after her life the same Plantation to go unto the Possession of my
Son George Peares or his heirs forever likewise my land in the Forest that is to
say the Plantation that my Tennant Christopher Rodgers doth now occupy and
possess, I give the One half to my loving Wife Mary Peares during the terme of her