

the last will and testament of Mr Henry Nichols P.P. 29.
Small Under Name of God Amen I Henry Nichols of the Parish of Saint Paul in
the County of Middlesex being sick in body but of sound and disposing mind
and memory (blessed be God) do make and Ordain this to be my last will
and testament. I first bequeath my soul to Almightie God, hoping for Eternal
life and salvation through the merits of my blessed Saviour and my body
I commit to the Earth to be buried decently at the discretion of my Executors
and as to my worldly goods I dispose of the same as followeth. Item I
give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Hannah fifty thousand pounds
weight of good and merchantable rice together with the debts that contract
same to be payd and delivered to her or her assigns (on Charles Town
Bay) the second crop after my decease by my Executor hereafter named
and further I do give and bequeath unto my said wife one negro boy named
Cuffie and one negro woman named Deborah and her service of one horse
out of all my horsehold to be and in her and assigns forever together
with all sums of money profits or advantages any wayes accruing or belong-
ing to the Estate of her former husband after one third part of the profits
accruing from the said estate which is due to me to this time and to belong
as also what cattle I have already killed or to come no further than in the
stock than I have already taken with me other damages and disbursements
laid out in the said estate are allowed and adjusted for to my own satisfaction
Item I And for the further use of my said wife Deborah and maintenance of my
said wife Hannah I do give and bequeath unto my said wife Hannah
residue money not passed in or payed in or at the date hereof to be payd
her annually one of the profits of my estate for and during her widowhood of it
said husband she should enjoy equally but at the end of a twelve years from the
date hereof of the continuance of widowhood I do bequeath my said wife that during her
widowhood she shall have sufficient and suitable accommodations with necessary
provisions out of the produce of my plantations with residence on the plantation
I have devised on (purchased of the Isaac Wright) but in case it should happen
my said wife should marry again she shall have residence on the said
plantation; only till my daughter Sarah shall attain to the compleat age of
fifteen years with full liberty of planting and managing the same at her discre-
tion clearing excepted together with the use of the buildings houses
without any reservation, reparation or restriction whatsoever, which
legacies, gifts and bequests before mentioned shall be taken repaid and
received to be to the said Ben and full satisfaction of all legacies third
or dowries which my said wife may have any claim or right to out of any
part of my estate either by law or Equity. Item I do give and Ordain
that part of my Town Plot (purchased of the Richard (papers) being dis-
tinguished in the Modell of the Town Plot by the so to be sold to
my said wife and the money to be disposed of towards the schooling of my three
youngest children vizt Elizabeth Ruth and Sarah provided if any of my
children hath a mind they may keep it paying the value as before to the
use above mentioned. Item I do give and bequeath to my daughter
Sarah the best of land I now reside on (purchased of the Isaac Wright)
to have and to hold to her her heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless
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the conditions & limitations before granted to my wife Hannah. Item I do
give and bequeath all my lands and other real estate (not before given) unto my
sons Isaac and Stephen, and to the respective heirs and assigns from equally
to be divided ~~between~~ them according to the most exact rate value at the time
my son Isaac shall arrive at the age of twenty one years by the majority of
my Executors and necessary Executors cannot agree on the division of the said
lands within three months after my said son shall be of age then each of
my said sons shall nominate and appoint one person to make the said
division, which persons so nominated by them shall make choice of
two allowed Surveyors to joyne them which Surveyors together with the
persons so appointed by my sons shall make the said division to each of
my sons then respective parts which shall be taken and held by them
and then their forces in as full and effectual manner to all intents and
purposes as if they were particularly limited and expressed. Item I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Hannah one negro woman Clara and
one negro boy named Peter (both already in her possession) to her and
her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter
Hannah one thousand pounds current money of the Province
(computed at the present value) to be payd her as soon as conveniently
may after my own just debts are cleared and discharged. Item I give
unto my daughter Lydia one thousand pounds current money aforesaid
and to be payd in like manner as my daughter Hannah. Item I give
and confirm to every of my children such horses and neat cattle as are
known and distinguished to belong to either of them to make they respecting
belong and that none of the said horses or neat cattle be deemed any part
of my estate. Item I give and devise all my slaves stock and other my
good and chattels of what kind soever (not already given) unto my children
by name Isaac, Stephen, Elizabeth, Ruth and Sarah to be equally divid-
ed among them according to their value in the most equitable manner
by my Executors and Executors as my children shall respectively attain
my sons the age of twenty one years, and my daughters the age of sixteen
years. But nevertheless it is hereby provided that if any Executors shall
adjudge any of my sons capable to manage and improve his share or part
that they may discretionally resigne unto him his share or part although
under the age of twenty one years and they shall be as fully and effectually
discharged and indemnified to all intents and purposes as if they had
attained the compleat age of twenty one years and I do hereby further will and
appoint that if either of my sons die without lawful issue before they attain
the age of twenty one years that then his share of the land shall fall to the
other son and his share of my personal Estate to be equally divided among
the surviving children before mentioned in this paragraph, to have and to
hold such shares or parts to them respectively then heirs and assigns
forever. Item I do hereby Ordain and appoint that the next profits arising
from any part of my estate now and above the payments of the several
legacies & dowries and annuities hereby given shall be payd out in the
purchase of negroes or the money put out at interest at the discretion
of my Executors and Executors for the benefit of all my children living

Hannah and Lydia excepted) to be equally divided as they shall respectively receive their shares. Lastly I do nominate and appoint my beloved wife Hannah Executrix during the time of her being a widow, my son Lewis Joseph John Raven, Mr Richard Godfrey and Mr William Elliott (son of Mr Thomas Elliott) Executors of this my last will and testament and that my said wife with my Executors be and answer my children. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. this Twentieth day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine Signed sealed published and declared this within written to be his last will and testament of the testator in the presence of us the subscribers who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Thomas Customs Henry Hodgkin Thomas Cooper.

Thomas Nichols (Seal)

By the Honble John Middleton Esquire to R^d Jan 1729.

Personally appeared before me Thomas Customs, Henry Hodgkin and Thomas Cooper the three subscribers witnesses to the within Lastment who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists declare they were present and did see the within named Henry Customs declare before me and declare that within instrument to be his last will and testament and that he was at the same time of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of the Depon^t knowledge. And the Depon^t further say they veraciously subscribe but then named as witnesses in the testators presence. Edm^d etc. the two Executors sworn. Let John Harrison be sworn.

1729 Record of Charleston S^t

Letters Patent granted by the Hon^{ble} John Middleton Esquire to Thomas Nichols, James Customs, Captain John Raven, Mr Richard Godfrey and Mr W^m Elliott qualified Executors on the 20th January 1729

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Thomas Smith Jun^r

The Last will and testament of Thomas Smith Jun^r P^r S^t. In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Smith Jun^r being very sick and weak but blessed be God of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. In Wit^{ness} I becomm^e my soul into the hands of my most mercifull Creator hoping to find pardon and acceptance in and through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sister, Justina Moore one thousand acres of land on the upper part of a tract of three thousand acres of land given me by my father on the upper part of his Barony on W^mineau river which is thousand acres of land I appoint shall one quarter part of the front of the three thousand acres of land and which said thousand acres of land I give

unto my said sister Moore to her heirs and assigns forever. Item I give all my whole estate real and personal unto my beloved son Thomas Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever my lawfull debts and legacies first paid. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving sister Moore and Family leave and liberty to live at my plantation on Ashley river and to have the benefit of the stock and provisions for her support during her widowhood. Item I give and bequeath to every dissenting minister in South Carolina the sum of fifty pounds to each and fifty pounds more to him who preaches my funeral sermon to be paid within two years after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving brother George Smith and Mr Roger Saunders fifty pounds to each to buy mourning and a mourning ring to each. Item I do hereby appoint my loving brother George Smith and Mr Roger Saunders to be Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of December One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine.

Signed sealed published and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of
M^r Erskine - Ben^t Waring - Martha Bee.

Thomas Smith Jun^r (Seal)

By the Hon^{ble} John Middleton Esq^r President etc. 15th Jan^y 1729.
Personally appeared before me Miles Brewton and Benjamin Waring two of the subscribing witnesses to the above instrument who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists declare they were present and did see the above Thomas Smith Jun^r signe seal publish and declare the above instrument to be his last will and testament and that he was at the same time of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding to the best of the Depon^t knowledge and the Depon^t say they veraciously subscribed their names as witnesses together with the other witnesses Martha Bee in the said Testators presence and at his request. 15th Jan^y 1729
The Executors sworn.

Ar^r Middleton

Letters Patent granted by the Hon^{ble} Ar^r Middleton to George Smith Roger Saunders qualified Executors on 25th January 1729.

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Henry Bowser

The Last will and testament of Henry Bowser. Bundle L^{ib} A^{ss} 55. No 38 South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Bowser of Colleton County Planter being very sick towards of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body I do hereby appoint for all men once today I do hereby ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first