

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/689/98.

*The Will of John Nycolls of the Parish of East Grinstead in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, written 11 Jan 1737/8, proved 27 Apr 1738.*

(Paraphrased)

In the Name of God Amen I John Nycolls of Eastgrinsted in the County of Sussex Yeoman being sick and weak in Body but of Sound and disposing mind and understanding thanks be given to Almighty God for the same Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say:

First I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be decently buried. And as to my Worldly Estate I give and dispose of the same as followeth:

First I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the wife of John Jacob the Sum of Fifteen Pounds which with Eighty Five Pounds already paid to the said John Jacob makes the Sum of One hundred Pounds. And I Order that the Note or Notes that the said John Jacob has given for the said Eighty five Pounds be delivered him.

I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah the Sum of One hundred Pounds and also to my Son Benjamin the Sum of One hundred and twenty Pounds to be paid them severally as they shall attain their several and respective Ages of twenty one years And I Order that the Interest thereof shall go towards their Maintenance and bringing up.

I also give and bequeath unto my said Son Benjamin the further Sum of One hundred Pounds to be paid him by my Eldest Son John out of all that my Messuage Farm and Lands at Ashurst Wood in Eastgrinsted aforesaid late Luxfords within six months next after the Death and decease of my Loving Wife Sarah who has her Life in the same. And I do hereby expressly Charge the aforesaid Farm and Lands to and with the Payment of the same at the time aforesaid and not before.

I also give devise and bequeath unto my said Son Benjamin and his Heirs All that my Copyhold Barn Farm and Lands thereto belonging containing by Estimation Sixteen Acres more or less Situate lying and being in East Grinsted aforesaid holden of the Mannor of Imberhorne and now in the tenure or Occupation of Henry Batcheler or his Assigns which I have Surrendered to the use of my Will To have and to hold the said Barn Farm and Lands unto my said Son Benjamin and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

And Lastly after Debts Legacies and Funeral Expences are paid and discharged All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattells and Personally Estate whatsoever I give and bequeath to my Loving Wife Sarah and Son John Nycolls whom I make full and Joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Nycolls have to this my last Will and Testament contained in One Sheet of paper Set my hand and Seal the Eleventh day of January in the Eleventh Year of

King George the Second and in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and thirty Seven.

(Signed)

Witnesses: William Worger the Younger, Fran: Green, Richd Patrick