

The Last Will & Testament of
John Nourse, of Weston-under-Penyard, Esq.

dated 1 May 1714



In The Name of God Amen, I John Nourse of Lower Weston in the parish of Weston under Penyard in the County of Hereford Esq. being of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory (praise be given to Almighty God) Do make ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally I surrender my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits death and passion of my Blessed Savior and Redeemer Christ Jesus to have full pardon and remission of all my sins and to inherit eternall life And my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred in Christian buriall at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named and as for my worldly estate I dispose of the same as follows (Viz.) First I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Nourse all my freehold messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises lying and being in the parish of Linton in the County of Hereford and elsewhere in the said County which were not settled in jounture of my marriage to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever And I give devise and bequeath to my said son John Nourse his Executors Administrators and Assigns my Lease of the Lands in Penyard which I hold under the Duke of Kent for the remainder of the term thereof to come and unexpired and the Lease of the titles of Woolhope in the said County of Hereford for the remainder of the term thereof yet to come and unexpired under the rents and Covenants in the said severall leases expressed charged nevertheless and both the said freehold and leasehold Lands hereby made chargeable to and with our Annuity or yearly rent charge of fifty pounds per annum to be paid to my son Philip Nourse by four quarterly payments in every yeare until he shall attain his full age of one and Twenty years (viz.) on the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist the feast of St. Michael the Archangel the feast of the Nativity of our Savior Christ and the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by even and equal portions The first payment to begin and be made on the first of those feasts as shall next happen after my decease and if it shall happen that the said Annuity or yearly Rent of fifty pounds or any part thereof shall be behind in [?] or unpaid after any or either of the said feasts on which the same ought to be paid as aforesaid Then it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Phillip Nourse and his Assigns unto and upon the said premises or any part or parcell thereof to enter and to distrain and the distresse and distresses then and there had found and taken to lead drive carry away impound and dispose of pursuant to the late statutes in that case provided And my will is and I do hereby declare that the said annuity or yearly rent of fifty pounds shall be clear from all payments and deductions whatsoever and that the same shall be in barre and in full recompence and satisfaction of and for all rents and profits that the said Philip Nourse shall or may be entitled to out of any part of my Estate that is gavel-kind and whereas part of my Estate is gavel-kind yet I am willing that the whole should come to my eldest son and his forever I give devise and bequeath to my said son Philip Nourse the full sum of fifteen hundred pounds of lawful British money to be paid to him at his age of one and twenty years by the said John Nourse his brother upon condition that my said son Philip Nourse shall after he shall attain his said age of one and twenty years upon the request of

his said brother will and sufficiently release and convey all his estate right tittle and interest of in and to all and every part of my estate wishes of the nature of gavel-kind to his said brother John Dourse his heirs and assigns forever and I do hereby subject all my freehold and leasehold estate and all my personal estate (after payment of my debts and other legacies) to the payment of the said summe of fifteen hundred pounds to my said son Philip in manner as aforesaid Also I give to my Mother and two sisters ten pounds a piece to buy them mourning and I give to my mother's maid Alice Hill five pounds for her kindness to my children to be paid her within six months after my decease Also I do by these presents make nominate and appoint my sister Lettice Bond sole Executrix of this my will and give her all my personal estate upon trust that she shall pay my debts legacies and funeral charges with all convenient speed after my decease and that she shall imploy the residue for the benefit and advantage of my said John till he comes to the age of one and twenty years at which age I give to him all my plate household goods cattle chattles and personal estate to the only proper use of him his executors and administrators forever and I desire and appoint my said sister Bond to be guardian to my sons and to see to their education and bringing up and also desire my friends Richard Hopton and Phillip Hoskyns Esquires and Robert Gregory and William Garbons Gentlemen to be overseers of this my will to see the same duely performed as far as they can and I do hereby revoke all former Wills and Testaments and lastly I give to my said two sons a gold watch a piece and my gold rings to be divided between them In witness whereof I have hereto setting my hand and seale the first day of May in the thirteenth year of the Reigne of our sovereign Lady Queen Anne Anno domini 1714 ./.. John Dourse ./.. Signed sealed published and declared by the testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribe our names as witnesses in the testator's presence ./.. George Bonmor[?] William Warr William Hughes ./..



Executrix of this my last Will hereby revoking all other Wills and
 I do desire to be interred under the stone I laid upon W. Mannings
 grave in the parish Church of Ewelme in Oxfordshire as private as
 may be Item I give to Mary Garbut my mother's maid with her
 when I dye forty shillings I also give to the poor of the parish of
 Cudington five pounds and I do declare this to be my last Will and
 Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 Seal the day and year above written. Elizabeth Manning. Signed
 sealed published and declared by the said Elizabeth Manning the
 Testator for and as her last Will and Testament in the presence of
 us. Stephen Gales Mary Garbut.

Probatum

fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud Londoniam
 septimo die mensis Maii ultimo Domini Millesimo septingentesimo
 primo. Scato coram venerabili et egregio viro Johanne Betteworth
 Legum Doctore Curia prerogativa Cantuariensis Magistro et
 Custode sacre Commissario legitime constituto Juramento Rebetta
 Marshall iura Executrix in dicto Testamento nominata Curia
 Commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum
 iurium et rectorum dictae defunctae de bene et fideliter administranda
 eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia. Jurat Vigore Commissionis.

In the Name of God Amen

Johannis Gourse Arm.

I John Gourse of Lower Redston in the parish of Redston under
 Penyard in the County of Hereford Esq. being of sound perfect
 and disposing mind and memory (praise be given to Almighty God)
 do make ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in
 manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I
 recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator
 hoping through the merits death and passion of my blessed Saviour
 and Redeemer Christ Jesus to have full pardon and remission of all
 my sins and to inherit eternall life and my body I commit to the
 earth to be decently interred in Christian buriall at the discretion of
 my executrix hereinafter named and as for my worldly estate I do
 dispose of the same as follows (viz.) first I give devise and bequeath
 unto my son John Gourse all my freehold messuages lands
 tenements hereditaments and premises situate lying and being in
 the parish of Sinton in the County of Hereford and elsewhere in the
 said County which were not settled in Joynture on my Marriage
 hold to him his heirs and assigns forever and I give devise and
 bequeath to my said son John Gourse his Executors Administrators and
 assigns my lease of the lands in Penyard which I hold under the
 Duke of Kent for the remainder of the term thereof to run and
 unexpired and the lease of the tithes of Woolhope in the said
 County of Hereford for the remainder of the term thereof yet to run
 and unexpired under the rents and covenants in the said severall
 leases expressed. Charged nevertheless and both the said freehold
 and leasehold lands hereby made chargeable to and with one
 annuity or yearly Rent charge of fifty pounds panned to be paid to

my son Phillip Nurse by four quarterly payments in every year
untill he shall attain his full age of one and twenty years (vizt)
on the feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist the feast of
S. Michael the Archangel the feast of the Nativity of our Saviour
Christ and the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary by even and equall portions The first payment to begin and
be made on the first of those feasts as shall next happen after
my decease And if it shall happen that the said annuity or yearly
Rent of fifty pounds or any part thereof shall be behind in arreare
or unpaid after any or either of the said feasts on which the same
ought to be paid as aforesaid Then it shall and may be lawfull to
and for the said Phillip Nurse and his assigns into and upon the
said premises or any part or part thereof to enter and to distress
and the distresse and distressees then and there had found and taken
to lead drive carry away impound and dispose of pursuant to the
late statutes in that case provided And my will is and I do
hereby declare that the said annuity or yearly Rent of fifty
pounds shall be clear from all payments and deductions whatsoever
And that the same shall be in barre and in full recompence and
satisfaction of and for all Rents and profits that the said Phillip
Nurse shall or may be intituled to out of any part of my Estate
that is Ravelle kind and whereas part of my Estate is Ravelle kind yet
I am willing that the whole should come to my eldest son and therefore
I give devise and bequeath to my said son Phillip Nurse the full
summe of fifty hundred pounds of lawfull British money to be
paid to him at his age of one and twenty years by the said John
Nurse his Brother upon Condition that my said son Phillip
Nurse shall after he shall attain his said age of one and twenty
years upon the request of his said Brother will and sufficiently
release and convey all his Estate right title and Interest of in and
to all and every part of my Estate which is of the nature of
Ravelle kind to his said Brother John Nurse his heirs and assigns
And I do hereby subject all my freehold and leasehold Estates
and all my personall Estate (after payment of my debts and other
legacies) to the payment of the said summe of fifty hundred
pounds to my said son Phillip in maner as aforesaid And I give
to my Mother and two Sisters Ten pounds a piece to buy their
Mourning And I give to my Mother's Maid Olive Will five pounds
for her due to my Children to be paid her within six months
after my decease Also I do by these presents make nominate and
appoint my sister Lettice Bond sole executrix of this my will
and give her all my personall Estate upon trust that she shall
pay my debts legacies and funeral charges with all convenient
speed after my decease and that she shall employ the residue for
the benefit and advantage of my said John till he comes to the
age of one and twenty years At which age I give to him all my
plate household goods Cattle Chattels and personall Estate to the
only proper use of him his Executors and Administrators forever
And I desire and appoint my said sister Bond to be Guardian to
my sons and to see to their Education and breeding up And I also
desire my friends Richard Sopton and Phillip Costynges Esquires
and Robert Gregory and William Garbons Gentlemen to be

Overseers of this my Will to see the same duly performed as far as they can And I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and ratify and confirm this only to be my last Will and Testament And lastly I give to my said two Sons a gold watch a peice and my gold Rings to be divided between them In Witnes where of I have here set my hand and seal the first day of May in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne Anno Dni 1714. / John Flowers. / signed sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as Witnesses in the Testators presence. / George & Thomas William Warre Wm Hughes. /

Probatum

fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud Londoniam coram venerabili viro Willielmo Estments Legum Doctore & Surrogato venerabilis et egregii viri Johannis Bettsworth Legum etiam Doctoris Curia prerogativa Cantuariensis Magistri Custodis sive Commissarii legitime constituti serundo die mensis Maii Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo Decimo Sexto Juramento Felicitia Gregorij als Widow (modo uxoris Roberti Gregorij) Sororis dicti defuncti et Executoris in dicto Testamento nominata Cui Commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et reddituum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter Administrando ut eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat. /

In the Name of God Amen

Henry Norman

I Henry Norman of Bath in the County of Somerset being indisposed in body and rassing to mind the certainty of my death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make and declare this my Will in manner following (that is to say) first and principally I do commit my soul unto almighty God my heavenly Father in hopes of Eternal life and salvation through the alone merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour and my body I commit to the earth to have decent and Christian buriall at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as to the disposall of my worldly goods Chattells and Estate I give will and appoint the same in manner following (that is to say) I give and bequeath unto my Brother Roger Norman the summe of five pounds and also all my wearing apparell Item I give unto my Sister Anne Clarke the like summe of five pounds. The rest and residue of all and singular my ready money goods Chattells Debts and Estate whatsoever after my just Debts and funeral charges are paid I wholly give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Norman her heirs Executors and Administrators absolutely And here my said wife Mary Norman I do ordain and appoint sole Executrix of this my Will and do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time made In Witnes my hand and seal the fifth day of November Anno Dni 1706: and in the fifth year of the Reign of Queen Anne over England &c. / Henry Norman. / signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator for and as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us. / Susana Walker Margarett Walker Sr. Mills &c. /

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