

The Last Will & Testament of
John Nourse, of Lower Weston, Esq.

dated 24 June 1749



I John Nourse of Lower Weston in the County of Hereford Esquire do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows (to wit) I give and devise all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments which I am any ways empowered to dispose of and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof unto my eldest son John Nourse his heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless to the payment of my just debts which I hereby charge thereon and whereas by indentures bearing date on or about the Twenty Second Day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Two severall of my messuages lands and tenements are and stand limited to retain trustees therein mentioned for a term of four hundred years for the raising of portions for my younger children to be paid and distributed among them at such times in such shares proportions and manner as I should by will or deed direct now therefore pursuant to the power so vested in me I hereby limit direct and appoint the sum of seventeen hundred pounds part of two thousand pounds in the said indentures diverted to be raised for the portions of my said younger children to be divided amongst them in manner following that is to say to my son James Nourse the sum of three hundred and seventy pounds To my son Robert Nourse the like sum of three hundred and seventy pounds To my youngest son Timothy Nourse the sum of three hundred and twenty pounds and to my daughter Elizabeth Nourse the sum of three hundred and twenty pounds and whereas my second son William Nourse hath already received his share I do make no further provision for him in this my Will And my Will is that the said portions of my said children shall be paid to them at such times respectively as the same would have been payable by virtue of the said in part writed indentures In case no direction or appointment of the said two thousand pounds should have been by me made and whereas the said term of four hundred years is also vested in the said trustees for the raising of the further sum of five hundred pounds for an Augmentation of my said two Daughters portions subject to a power of applying out apprentice of the said Timothy and of applying such other parts of the said five hundred pounds and interest towards his maintenance and education until such time as he should be capable of giving a security to repay all such sums as should be so applied to his use now I hereby request the said trustees to apply no other parts of the said five hundred pounds or the interest thereof (besides the said one hundred pounds) in the education or maintenance of the said Timothy as he is otherwise provided for always And my Will is that if the said one hundred pounds or any part thereof shall be by the said trustees paid and applied to his the said Timothy's use as aforesaid then and in such case my said Daughters shall have and receive as much as the said Trustees shall have so applied to his use out of the before mentioned three hundred and twenty pounds by this my Will become payable Also I give and bequeath all my books unto my said Eldest Son John Nourse reserving nevertheless unto my Executrix herein after named the use of such of them as she shall make the use of during her natural life and all the rest and residue of my goods chattels and personal estate of what nature or kind so ever I give and bequeath unto my dear Wife Elizabeth whom I institute sole Executrix of this my Will hereby directing her thereout to pay and discharge my debts and funeral expenses in witness

whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord 1749 ./ J. Dourse ./ Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names hereto in his presence Susanna Gregory ~ Jane Merrick ~ Anne Gregory ./

Wn the ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty one [1751] Administration (with the will annexed) of Goods Chattels and Credits of John Dourse late of the parish of Weston under Penyard but in the parish of Woolhope in the County of Hereford Widower deceased was granted to John Dourse the natural and lawful Son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased for that Elizabeth Dourse the Wife of the said deceased and the sole Executrix and residuary Legatee named in the said Will died in the lifetime of the Testator being first sworn by Commission duly to administer ./

Wn the fourteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord 1754 Amend with the said Will annexed of the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased left administered by the said John Dourse now also deceased was granted to William Dourse also the natural and lawful Son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased he having benefit sworn by Commission duly to administer ./



give the same to my loving Daughter Sarah Wind to her own separate use and not to be subject to the tontrol Debts or power of John Wind her now Husband Item I give to my said Daughter Sarah Wind all my Household Goods and Implemētōs of Household Good w^hatsoever and wheresoever to her for life and not to be disposed of by her or subject to the power tontrol or Debts of her said Husband and after her death I give the same to my said Grand Daughter Sarah Wind and all the rest of my Estate Goods and Effects I give to my said Daughter Sarah Wind whom I hereby make executrix and appoint sole Executrix of this my Will In Witnes^s whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first Day of December one thousand seven hundred and fifty the mark of Sarah Wind signed sealed published and declared by the said Sarah Wind the testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto W^m Harbridge Robert Gaffer

This Will was proved at London on the second Day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty one before the Worshipful Arthur Collier Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Worshipful John Zetterworth also Doctor of Laws Master S^reeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Sarah Wind Wife of John Wind the Daughter of the deceased and the sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased being first sworn duly to administer.

John Nourse of lower Weston in the County of Hereford Esquire do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows (to wit) I give and devise all my Residues Lands Tenements and Hereditaments which I own any ways empowered to dispose of and the reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof unto my eldest Son John Nourse his heirs Executors and Assigns for ever subject nevertheless to the payment of my just Debts which I hereby charge thereon and whereas by Indentures bearing date on or about the twenty second Day of January one thousand seven hundred and forty two several of my Residues Lands and Tenements are and stand limited to certain Trustees therein mentioned for a term of four hundred years for the raising of portions for my younger Children to be paid and distributed amongst them at such times in such shares proportions and manner as I should by will or deed direct now therefore pursuant to the power so vested in me I hereby limit direct and appoint the sum of seven hundred pounds part of two thousand pounds in the said Indentures directed to be raised for the portions of my said younger Children to be divided

amongst them in manner following that is to say to my son
 James Drouse the sum of three hundred and seventy pounds to my
 son Robert Drouse the like sum of three hundred and seventy
 pounds to my youngest son Timothy Drouse the sum of three
 hundred and twenty pounds to my daughter Anne Drouse the sum of
 three hundred and twenty pounds and to my daughter Elizabeth
 Drouse the like sum of three hundred and twenty pounds And
 whereas my second son William Drouse hath already received his
 share I do make no further provision for him in this my Will and
 my Will is that the said portions of my said Children shall be paid
 to them at such times respectively as the same would have been
 payable by virtue of the said in part recited Indentures In case no
 direction or appointment of the said two thousand pounds should have
 been by me made and whereas the said term of four hundred
 years is also vested in the said Trustees for the raising of
 the further sum of five hundred pounds for an Augmentation
 of my said two Daughters portions subject to a power of applying
 one hundred pounds part thereof for the Education and placing
 out apprentice of the said Timothy and of applying such other
 parts of the said five hundred pounds and interest towards his
 maintenance and Education until such time as he should be
 capable of giving a security to repay all such sums as should be
 so applied to his use And I hereby request the said Trustees
 to apply no other parts of the said five hundred pounds or
 the interest thereof (besides the said one hundred pounds) in the
 Education or maintenance of the said Timothy as he is otherwise
 provided for provided always and my Will is that if the said one
 hundred pounds or any part thereof shall be by the said Trustees paid
 and applied to his the said Timothys use as aforesaid then and
 in such case my said Daughters shall have and receive so much
 as the said Trustees shall have so applied to his use out
 of the before mentioned three hundred and twenty pounds by
 this my Will allotted him at such time as his said share shall by
 this my Will become payable also I give and bequeath all my
 Books unto my said eldest son John Drouse recovering nevertheless
 unto my Executrix herein after named the use of such of them
 as she shall make choice of during her natural life and all
 the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels and personal Estate
 of what nature or kind soever I give and bequeath unto my
 dear Wife Elizabeth whom I constitute sole Executrix of this
 my Will hereby directing her thereout to pay and discharge
 my Debts and funeral Expenses but Duties whereof I have hereto
 set my hand and seal this twentieth day of June in Year
 of our Lord 1749 J. Drouse signed sealed published and
 declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament
 in the presence of us who subscribed our Names hereto in his
 presence Swanna Gregory Jane Morick Anne Gregory /

On the ninth Day of December in the Year of our Lord
 one thousand seven hundred and fifty one Administration
 (with the Will annexed) of Goods Chattels and Credits of John

On the fourth day of November in the year of Our Lord 1757 Annear with the said Will annexed of the Goods
 Chattels and Credits of the said deceased left unadministered by the said John Drouse now also deceased was granted
 to William Drouse also the natural and lawful son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased he having been first
 sworn by Commission duly to administer.

Wm. late of the parish of St. Dunstons under Spayre but in the parish of St. Dunstons in the County of Middlesex deceased was granted to John Wm. the natural and lawful son and one of the next of kin of the said deceased for that Elizabeth Wm. Wm. the wife of the said deceased and the sole executrix and residuary Legatee named in the said Will died in the life time of the testator being first sworn by Commission duly to administer.

Albert Nesbitt.

Let the Almighty's Name be praised for his abundant mercy conferred on me an unworthy sinner who most humbly implores the continuance of his divine providence. I Albert Nesbitt of Portsmouth in the County of Southampton being at present in health of body and mind and intending to make a Voyage beyond Sea but as nothing is more precious than life it is necessary that we should as much as possible be prepared in our spiritual and temporal concerns therefore I make this my last Will and Testament first I humbly hope for acceptance with my Almighty Creator through the merits and intercession of a most merciful Redeemer and my body may be disposed as shall be agreeable to my surviving friends and after all debts are paid I give and bequeath the Legacies here after named with which my friends may purchase some what in remembrance of me I give and bequeath to Mr. James Burtinall Senior of Portsmouth and his wife each ten Guineas Mr. John Cobban of Plymouth ten Guineas my God son Daniel Albert Thompson ten Guineas Item to Lieutenant Joseph Burtinall Mr. George Shepherd Mr. James Gibbs Captain Richard Irvine and his wife all of Portsmouth each and severally five Guineas Item to Mr. Daniel Thompson and his wife of Cowes each and severally five Guineas Item to William Baulton two Guineas Item to Mary Olliver and Susan Writwell one Guinea each Item I give and bequeath to Mr. James Burtinall Junior one Box marked A. B. C. containing sundry Books Item to Mr. William Burtinall I give my Silver Watch Item to Mr. James Burtinall Senior and his wife for use of their sons James and William I give a Cornstot Chest marked A. B. C. and a large Box marked A. B. C. containing Cloaths Suits &c. Item to Mrs. Mary Burtinall daughter to the afore said Mr. James Burtinall Senior I give five Guineas a Box marked A. B. C. containing sundry ware Item to Mr. Robert Smalley I give one Guinea and the picture of the Resurrection Item to Mr. Gibbs I give the picture of the Adventure Item to Mr. Irvine I give two Looking glasses and what other goods remain in her house after the above Legacies are taken away Item I give and bequeath whatsover I do possess of in Money Ships Efforts &c. which are not disposed of by this my Will I say I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided between my surviving sisters on condition they allow their Mother during her life two per Centum per Annum on what sums they may be entitled to by this my Will and my Mother to enjoy the whole Arrear