

The Last Will & Testament of  
Anne Nourse ne Smith, of Lower Weston, Widow  
dated 15 February 1709/10



**I**n the name of God Amen, The fifteenth day of February in the eighth year of the reigne of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Britain France and Ireland defender of the faith Anno Domini 1709 I Anne Nourse of Lower Weston in the County of Hereford widow being weake in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory (praise be given to Almighty God) do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in the manner following, That is to say first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the meritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to be eternally saved And my body I committ to the earth to be buryed in Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named And as for such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give devise and dispose thereof in manner and form following (Viz.) First I do give and bequeath unto my two daughters Anne Garnons and Lettice Bond all my wearing cloaths and linen and my two cabbinetts and all that is in them to be equally divided between them Also I do give unto all my brothers and their wives or Widdows and all my grandchildren that shall be living at my decease and to every of them a ring of ten shillings apiece And the like ring of ten shillings to my brother Veel [Thomas Veel, married Elizabeth Smith] if he shall be liveing at my decease Also I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Garnons and Lettice Bond and to their husbands William Garnon and Edmond Bond and to my Daughter Nourse and to each of them a ring of ten shillings a piece [?] Also I do give and bequeath to my brother Charles Smith and to my two daughters Anne Garnons and Lettice Bond ten pounds a piece to by them mourning And my watch that was my husbands I give to my grandson John Nourse Also I give and bequeath to the poore of the parish of Weston under Penward the sum of forty pounds to be disposed of in such manner as my son John Nourse and his heires shall think most for the good of the poore there Also I do give to each of my two servants who shall serve me at ye time of my decease one quarter's wages apiece over and above all ye wages that shall be due to them at my decease Also I give and bequeath to my old servant Alice Hill the sum of ten pounds of good money And all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Cattles Chattells and personal estate whatsoever I give devise and bequeath to my said son John Nourse and do hereby make appoint and ordain him to be sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking annulling and making void by these presents all and every will and wills by me before made And ratifying and confirming this only to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written ./.

Signed sealed published and declared by the  
Testatrix to be her last will and Testament  
in the presents of us whose names are subscribed ./.

Anne Nourse

John Merrick ./.

In the name of God Amen the fifteenth day of February In the  
 eight years of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God  
 Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland Defender of the Faith & Honour  
 the said Anne Dourse of Lower Weston in the County of Herefordshire  
 being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind & memory (Praise be given  
 to Almighty God) Do make publish and declare this my last will & testament  
 in manner following (that is to say) first and principally I recommend my soul into  
 the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the merits & mediation  
 of Jesus Christ my only Saviour & Redeemer to have full pardon & forgiveness  
 of all my sins and to be eternally saved And my body I commit to the earth  
 to be buried in Christian Buriall at y<sup>e</sup> discretion of my executor hereafter  
 named And as for such worldly estate wherewith it shall please God to bless  
 me I give devise and dispose thereof in manner and forme following (vizt)  
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 Lettie Bond all my wearing clothes and Linnen and my two Cabbincts &  
 all that is in them to be equally divided betwixen them Also I do give unto  
 all my brothers and their wives or widows and all my grand children that  
 shall be living at my decease and to every of them arising of ten shillings  
 apiece And the like ring of ten shillings to my Brother Dav. If he shall be  
 living at my decease Also I give and bequeath to my Daughters Anne &  
 Harmon & Lettie Bond and to their husbands William Harmon & Edmund &  
 Bond & to my Daughter Dourse & to each of them a ring of ten shillings apiece  
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 two daughters Anne Harmon and Lettie Bond ten pounds apiece to buy  
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 the good of the poore there Also I do give to each of my two servants  
 who shall serve me at y<sup>e</sup> time of my decease one quarter wages apiece  
 over and above all y<sup>e</sup> wages that shall be due to them at my decease  
 Also I give and bequeath to my old servant Thro & Will the sum of Com-  
 pounds of good Money And all the rest residue and remainder of my  
 Goods Cattle Cattel & personall estate whatsoever I give devise & bequeath  
 to my said son John Dourse and do hereby make appointh and ordain him  
 to be sole executor of this my last will and testament fully & utterly  
 annulling and making void by these presents all and every will & wills by  
 me before made And ratifying and confirming this only to be my last  
 will and testament In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and  
 seals the day and year first above written: //

Signed sealed published and declared  
 by the testatrix to be her last will and  
 testament in the presence of us whose  
 names are subscribed,  
 John Merrick  
 Jonathan Merrick

Anne Dourse

