

In obedience to an order of the Honorable Court of Exchequer bearing date 1813 we the undersigned have appeared in court under the estate of Joseph Peters decd. with the assistance of William Atkinson who did shortly afterwards and find the amount to be as above stated Given under our hands this 15th day of March 1820

J. J. Griffin
John Clayton

At a Court held for the County of Ex. Ampster on the day of December 1820 this inventory and appraisement of the estate of Joseph Peters decd. was this day returned examined and allowed by the Counts and Orders to be in force also

Wm. J. J. Griffin
John Clayton

Robt. Nicholson

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In the name of God Amen I Robert Nicholson of the County of Ex. Ampster and State of Virginia and parish of Saint Lukes being sick but of perfect sound sense and memory thanks be to God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Wist I leave to my loving wife during her natural life or widowhood the plantation whereon I now live together with a sufficiency of the crops of all kind and upoke or have from her use for ever year about four head of horses namely the two carriage horses the young bay mare and small sorrel horse called Jack also one yoke of oxen and ten head of cattle her choice fifty head of Hogs and twenty head of Sheep also one or two and wheat and one horse clock and several other items granted to me my carriage and harness also two stails and all the household and other things at this plantation also the plantation wench of every kind sufficient for her use also all the house hold and kitchen furniture I also leave to my loving wife until my children become of age or marry two negroes namely John Isaac Moses George Beck and Orie. My will is that my children shall be handied clothed and schooled until they become of age or marry from the profits arising from the above mentioned leased property my will and desire is that as my children namely Robert Nicholson James B. Nicholson Sally B. Nicholson George C. Nicholson and Albert Nicholson become of age or marry that the above mentioned leased two negroes be divided and each of my above mentioned children take their proportionable part to them and their heirs forever

Item 2

I give and bequeath to my loving wife all the property that she now possesses with whom I married her to her and her heirs forever

Item 3

My will and desire is that all my personal estate not heretofore leased or given away except negroes shall be sold on a credit of twelve months and the money arising from the sale shall be equally divided between my children namely Mary Ann Gray Robert Nicholson James B. Nicholson Sally B. Nicholson George C. Nicholson and Albert Nicholson to them and their heirs forever

Item 4

My will and desire is that the money that is due to my estate be applied to the purpose of paying my just debts and if there should not be enough to pay my debts my executors shall be at liberty to sell one or two of my negroes namely Jack and Peppay

Item 5

My will and desire is that all my negroes not previously leased or given away in my will be divided and each of my children namely Robert Nicholson James B. Nicholson Sally B. Nicholson George C. Nicholson and Albert Nicholson take their proportionable part to them and their heirs forever