

John King of Nately Scures, husbandman, 1694

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In the name of God Amen I John King of the parish of Nately Scures in the county of Southampton husbandman, being infirm of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) and **first** I give and bequeath my precious and immortal soul into the hands of Almighty God from whom I received the same, and my body to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. **And as** for that part of worldly goods as it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows. **And first** my will is that all my just debts and funeral charged be paid and discharged. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my brother Richard King the sum of ten pounds. **And to** his three children Anne King, Richard King and Jane King five pounds apiece or to each to be paid at the end of one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas King the sum of thirty pounds to be paid likewise at the end of one year next after my decease. **Item** I give and bequeath to the three children of my brother in law William Hall the sum of one and thirty pounds, that is to say to my godson John Hall son of the said William Hall twelve pounds, and to the other two children William Hall and Bridgett Hall the sum of nineteen pounds to be equally divided between them and to be paid at the end of one year next after my decease. **Item** I give to my brother in law William Dyer twenty pounds and to his daughter Mary Dyer ten pounds to be paid likewise at the end of one year next after my decease. **Item** I give to my said brother in law William Hall all my household goods, utensils of husbandry, wearing apparel, both linen and woollen whatsoever. **All the** rest and residue of my estate whatsoever not herein and hereby before disposed of I give and bequeath unto my said brother Richard King whom I nominate and appoint to be executor of this my last will and testament. **And my** further will and meaning is that in case it shall happen that any of the debts now due and owing unto me by bond or other security whatsoever shall prove desperate or that my said executor shall be put unto any costs of charges for the recovery of the same by any suite at law or in equity, that then the several persons herein before named unto whom I have given any legacy or legacies shall abate and allow for the same out of their respective legacies according to the proportion of their legacies. **And if** it shall happen that any of the aforesaid legatees shall happen to die before the end of one year next after my decease or his, her or their legacy shall become due and payable, that then and in such case my will is that the legacy or legacies of such legatee or legatees so dying as aforesaid shall go unto and be equally divided amongst the survivors or survivor of the said legatee or legatees. **And lastly** I do desire my loving kinsmen and friends William King of Bramshill in the said county of Southampton gent., and John Nash of Mattingley in the said county husbandman to be overseers of this my will. **And I** do hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I, the said John King, have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith etc. AD 1694.

John King his mark.

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Signed, sealed, published and declared as the last will and testament of the said John King in the presence of us Thomas Evered, James Tyler, William Baker.

Probate granted 17 October 1694 to Richard King, brother.