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Document 34: Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Juristrictions: nuncupative will of Elizabeth Nicolai, dated 21 July 1723

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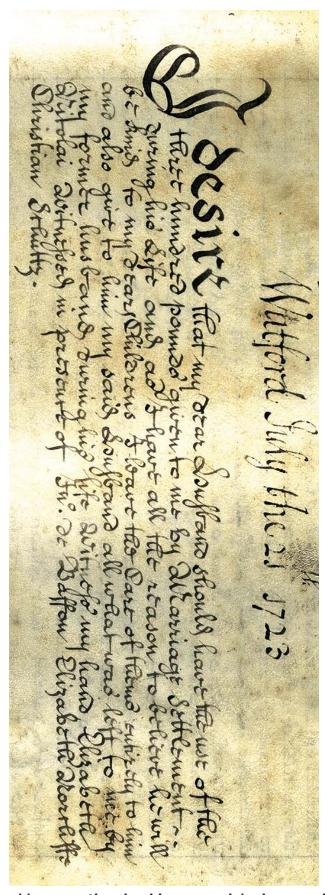
This document is the registered probate copy of the nuncupative will of Elizabeth Nicolai, dated 21 July 1723. (Catalogue reference: PROB 11/593 guire 195)

Elizabeth was married and therefore, required consent from her husband to leave a will. The document lacks many of the standard phrases of a last will and testament. This may reflect the fact that a nuncupative will was often made by a person who was extremely ill or even dying. Elizabeth would have signed the original will herself. The names of three witnesses are given.

Please note:

• The document is written in a cursive hand. The date clause is italic.

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transcript

- 1. Watford July the 21th 1723
- 2. I desire that my dear Husband should have the use of the
- 3. three hundred pounds given to me by Marriage Settlement
- 4. during his Life and as I have all the reason to believe he will
- 5. be kind to my dear Childrens I leave the Pare of thems entirely to him
- 6. and also give to him my said Husband all what was left to me by
- 7. my former husband during his life Witness my hand Elizabeth
- 8. Nicolai Witnessed in presence of Jo[h]n de Baffon Elizabeth Norcliffe
- 9. Christian Schutz.