

**Will of William Nichols of Wix, shopkeeper, 1813/1821**

I William Nichols of Wix in the County of Essex Shopkeeper Do hereby revoke all former and other will and wills Codicil and Codicils and other Testamentary Dispositions whatsoever by me at any time or times – heretofore made and do make publish and declare this only to be and contain my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say

I give and bequeath unto my Son George Nichols the sum of one Shilling

I give and bequeath unto my Cousin John Nichols of East Bergholt in the County of Suffolk Victualler and to Mr Thomas Scrivener of Manningtree in the said County of Essex Shopkeeper (whom I hereby appoint Executors of this my Will) the Sum of five Pounds each

And subject to the payment of the aforesaid Legacies

I give and bequeath All and singular my Household Goods and Furniture of Household plate Linen and China, Stock in Trade ready money, Securities for Money, and all and every other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what Nature kind or Quality soever whereof or wherein for any person or persons In trust for me am is or are or shall or may at the time of my decease be possessed of interested in or intitled to, unto and to be divided between my two Daughters Elizabeth and Mary in equal Parts Shares and proportions

In witness whereof I have to this my last will and Testament contained in two sides of this sheet of paper subscribed and set my hand and Seal this twenty first day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirteen

William Nichols

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Nichols the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his Request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses

Wm S Chapman Att at Law Manningtree

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The 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821

John Nichols of the parish of East Bergholt in the County of Suffolk & Thos Scrivener of the parish of Manningtree Merchant the two Executors within named were sworn to the truth of this will & to the true performance thereof, & that to the best of their knowledge & belief the amount of the personal Estate of the deceased is under the sum of Three Hundred Pounds before me Thos Newman Surrogate.

William Nichols died Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1821 in the parish of Wix in the County of Essex. Thos Newman Surrogate.