

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN NELLSON
THREE BRIDGES MILL, PRESTON BISSETT
28 MAY 1632

In the name of God Amen, the 28th day of May anno DM 1632.

I John Nellson of the Three Bridges Mill in the parish of Preston Bissett and the county of Bucks, miller, being sick in body but well in minde and in perfect remembrance. Praise and thankes be to Almighty God. Doe here make my last will in manner and forme following. That is to say ffirst I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creator and maker trusting to be saved by the death and passion of Jesus Christ my onely saviour and redeemer and my body to be buried in the church yard of Twiford.

Item – I give and bequeath unto William Nellson my eldest sonne XXL (20 pounds)

Item – I give unto Thomas Nellson my second sonne 20 pounds

Item – I give unto John Nellson my third sonne 20 pounds

Item – I give unto Roger Nellson my fourth sonne 20 pounds

Item – I give unto James Nellson my fist sonne 20 pounds

Item – I give unto my daughter Anne Nellson 20 pounds

Item – I give unto my daughter Mary Nellson the lease of my mill and all my moveabel goodes and chattles paying out of them Twenty poundes unto my sonne ffrancis Nellson at such time as my on friend shall think fidt.

I also make my said daughter Mary my whole executrix.

Item – My will and meaning is that soe long as any of my children shall remain with my executrix that thou soe many as doo remain as? now, the rest of their portions shall paid to my executrix towards their maintenance.

Item – My will and meaning is that my on friend shall receive

the portions of my children, at such time as they shall be placed? abroad, and the mone soe received to be presently paid unto them that shall hand the keeping of my said children.

Item - My will is that my children shall have their portions paid to them

At the age of twenty and not before unles it shall be fidt

All my on friend to be for their greater good and profit

My will is that if any of my children shall happen to die before the receipt of their portions then his or their potions shall be equally divided amongst the rest.

Lastly I make my beloved friends Thos Poole Esq, John Hilton, William Nellson my brother, and Thos Stopp ????(*unable to decipher writing*)

And doe utterly revoke all other wills before this time made.

In witness where of I have putt my hand and seale the day and year above written

In the presence of William Lambourne (his mark) Thomas Wells (his mark)

The mark of John Nellson