beseeching his most gracious Acceptance of it through
all sufficient Merrits & Mediation of my most Compas
:sionate Redeemer Jesus Christ & I give my Body to
ye Earth from whence it was taken in full assurance
of it's Resurrection from thence at the last Day
As to my Buriall I desire it may be decent without
Pomp or State at the discretion of my Dear Wife &
my Son John Nicholson whom I appoint my Execrs
not Doubting but they will mannage it with all
requisite Prudence & as to my Worldly ~~Estate~~ affairs
I will & order that all my lawfull Debts be paid by
them my Executors

As to my Lands & Personall Estate I give & bequeath
as followeth Viz.

Item I give & bequeath ~~unto~~ to my Son James Nicholson one
Hundred Acres of Land formerly surveyed by Southy
Whittington lying & being by a Swamp called the
Woll Pitts he paying what Charge shall accrue
thereupon

Item I give & bequeath to my dear & well beloved Wife the
Plantation whereon I now live during her Natural
life & afterwards to return to my Son Mathias
Nicholson & if he dies without Issue to go to the Next
heir at Law

Item I give & bequeath to my Sons John & Joseph Nicholson
one Tract of Land called Popular Ridge to be equally
divided by themselves with free Convent, but if either
should dye without Heirs or Issue the Survivour to
take the whole

Item I leave my Son Mathias Nicholson to the Care of
my dear & well beloved Wife till he attains to ye
Age of Eighteen. if she dies before then Mathias
either to live upon ye said Plantation or Chuse
a Gaurdian at his Choyce & the said Mathias not
to be compelled to goe off the said Plantation

Item

Item I leave Joseph Nicholson to my Dear & well beloved
Wife till he attain to the Age of Eighteen, ~~[illegible]~~
& then to be free

Item I leave my Daughter Sarah Nicholson to the Care of
my Dear & well beloved Wife till she attains to ye
Age of Sixteen yrs to be free but if my Wife Elizabeth
should dye in the Interim then the said Sarah Nichol:
:son to be at her liberty to Chuse her Gaurdian

Item I give & bequeath to my Son Mathias Nicholson the
Hand Mill Stones with all its appurtinants thereunto
belonging never to be removed off the Plantation

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Nicholson
a Bay mare with a Starr in her forehead & her increase

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary one Large
Bay Mare

In Wittness whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand &
Seal the thirteenth Day of November in the Year of
our Lord 1726

Charles Nicholson (Seal)
his Mark

Witnesses
Edm. Hough
John Beauvans
Joseph I Houlston
his Mark

On the Back of the aforegoing Will
was thus Written Viz.
August ye 16th 1727 then came Edmond
Hough & John Beauvans Subscribing
Evidences to the within Will who
made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Allmighty God
that they see the within named Charles Nicholson the
Testator Sign & Seal the within Instrument as his last
Will & Testament & that they Heard him publish & declare
the same so to be & that at the Time of his so doing he was
of sound disposing Mind & Memory to the best of their
Knowledge sworn before me the Day & Year above written

David Wilson Depty Comrs
of Somst County

also on the Back of the aforeg:
Will was thus Written

August