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**Will of Nicholas Hudson 1645** (NRO, ANW 1645 folio 251, Microfilm MF/RO 328)

## Summary

Testator: Nicholas Hudson, Swannington, Norfolk, Husbandman  
Executor: wife Katherine Hudson  
Date: 8 April 1645, proved 23 December 1645  
Witnesses: Thos. Stoughton Peter Bill  
Will:  
- personal effects to wife Katherine  
- property in Swannington to wife Katherine for her lifetime thereafter, property in Swannington to eldest son John Hudson provided he pays  
- £10 to son John Hudson the younger within 2 years  
- £5 to son George Hudson within 3 years  
- £10 to son Nicholas Hudson within 4 years  
- £10 to son Thomas Hudson within 5 years  
- £5 to daughter Katherine the wife of Robt. Case within 6 years  
- £5 to daughter Bridget the wife of Richard Poynter within 7 years

## Text (modern spelling)

1. In the name of God Amen the eighth day of April in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith the one and twentieth and in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty and five I Nicholas Hudson of Swannington in the county of Norfolk husbandman being of perfect remembrance and good memory thanks be given unto God do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following
2. First and before all things I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God steadfastly believing through the death and passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to gain redemption and forgiveness of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven and my body to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named
3. Item I give and bequeath unto Katherine my beloved wife all my goods and chattels with seen[?] all my household stuff and implements of what kind seen
4. And I do also give unto the said Katherine my wife all my messuages lands and tenements meadows and pastures with seen[?] both freehold and copyhold lying and being in Swannington aforesaid or elsewhere to have and to hold to her the said Katherine for the term of her natural life and my mind and will is that she the said Katherine shall keep and maintain all the house upon the premises with all the gates pales and fences thereunto belonging on good and sufficient repairing and she the said Katherine shall have and take in upon the said premises sufficient and necessary [...?] stuff and timber for the doing keeping and maintaining of the same
5. Item I give and bequeath after the decease of the said Katherine my wife all the said messuages lands and tenements and meadows and pastures [...] both freehold and copyhold unto John Hudson my eldest son and his heirs to have and to hold to him and his heirs
6. upon condition following that is to say that he the said John Hudson his heirs or assigns shall pay or cause to be paid unto John Hudson the younger my son his executors heirs or assigns the sum of ten pounds of lawful English money within two years after the decease of Katherine my said wife

7. And also shall pay or cause to be paid unto George Hudson my son his executors heirs or assigns the sum of five pounds of like money within three years next after the decease of the said Katherine my wife
8. And also shall pay or cause to be paid unto Nicholas Hudson my son his executors heirs or assigns the sum of ten pounds of like money within four years next after the decease of the said Katherine my wife
9. And also shall pay or cause to be paid unto Thomas Hudson my son his executors heirs or assigns the sum of ten pounds of like money within five years next after the decease of the said Katherine my wife
10. And also shall pay or cause to be paid unto Katherine the wife of Robt. Case my daughter her executors heirs or assigns the sum of five pounds of like money within six years next after the decease of the said Katherine my wife
11. And last of all that he the said John Hudson the elder his heirs or assigns pay or cause to be paid unto Bridget the wife of Richard Poynter my daughter her executors heirs or assigns the sum of five pounds of like money within seven years next after the decease of the said Katherine my wife
12. All the said several payments shall be made at or within the south porch of the parish church of Swannington aforesaid
13. and my mind and will is that if the said John Hudson the elder my son his heirs or assigns shall fail in any of the said several payments in manner or form before mentioned and expressed to be made unto the said several sons that is to say unto John Hudson the younger George Hudson Nicholas Hudson Thomas Hudson Katherine the wife of Robt. Case and Bridget the wife of Richard Poynter their or either of their executors heirs or assigns then I say my mind and will is that he or she or they or any of them who are not so paid and satisfied as aforesaid the several sums given unto them him or her as aforesaid shall enter into and shall gain [?] hold and enjoy and possess [.....] lands and tenements meadows and pastures immediately after such default of payment is made aforesaid and the same shall use occupy and enjoy until he she or they be fully satisfied the said ...[?] all sums before expressed together with all the costs charges and expenses disbursed and expended about the same
14. And further my mind and will is that is any of the said persons before mentioned to whom I have given any legacy in this my last will and testament or any claiming by from and under him her them or any of them shall hinder molest or make such disturbance so as this my last will and testament cannot be performed in such manner and form as aforesaid according to my true intent meaning then he or she or they shall gain no benefit by this my last will and testament
15. And lastly for the performance of this my last will and testament I make constitute and ordain Katherine my said wife sole executrix of this my last will and testament
16. In witness whereof I the said Nicholas Hudson have hereunto set my hand and seal written in two sheets of paper the day and year above written  
Nicholas Hudson his mark

Sealed subscribed and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence and testimony of us Thos. Stoughton Peter Bill his mark

Probatum fuit... 23 December 1645...