

**Will of John Hudson 1704** (NRO, ANW 1704 p. 440, Microfilm 319)

## Summary

Testator: John Hudson, Lyng, Norfolk, Yeoman  
Executor: wife Sarah Hudson  
Date: 1 January 1703, proved 9 December 1704  
Witnesses: William Gay clerk, Edmund Risen, Susan Balls  
Will: - property in Lyng and Costessey to wife until son John 21  
- when son John 21, property in Costessey to him  
- when wife dies, property in Lyng  
- if son John dies without issue, property to kinsman John Hudson of Sparham, son of Nicholas, he to pay £50 to his 3 brother and 2 sisters Robert Hudson, Ann Carter, Edmund Hudson, Nicholas Hudson and Elizabeth Hudson in installments of £10 per year

## Text

In the name of God Amen

1. the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and three I John Hudson of Lyng in ye County of Norfolk yeoman being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament
2. Imprimus I give and bequeath unto Sarah Hudson my loving wife all my messuages lands and tenements situated lying and being in Lyng and Costessey to have and enjoy until my son John Hudson arrive at ye age of twenty one years and then I devise and bequeath ye said messuages lands and tenements situate and lying in Costessey unto ye said John Hudson my son to him and his heirs for ever and after the decease of Sarah my wife I do also give and bequeath unto the said John Hudson my son to him and his heirs for ever all those my messuages lands and tenements situate and lying in Lyng
3. and I do enjoin my said wife to keep and maintain all ye said messuages lands and tenements in sufficient repair
4. But if ye said John my son shall depart this natural life without issue of his body I then devise all ye aforementioned premises to John Hudson of Sparham my kinsman ye son of Nicholas Hudson to him and his heirs for ever upon condition of payment of ye several legacies hereafter mentioned after the decease of my said wife and son
5. Namely ye said John Hudson my kinsman shall out of the aforementioned premises pay to his three brothers and two sisters...[?] Robert Hudson Ann Carter Edmund Hudson Nicholas Hudson Elizabeth Hudson ye sum of fifty pounds to be equally divided among them paying to every one of them ten pounds a year according as they ... [?] in age ye first payment to be made to Robert Hudson and shall [?] yearly successively to them
6. An lastly I do hereby make ye said Sarah Hudson my wife sole executrix hereof for decent burial of my body and probate of this my last will and testament
7. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set and put my hand and seal ye day and year above written

John Hudson

Signed sealed and declared to be ye last will and testament of ye said John Hudson ye testator in ye presence of us William Gay clerk Edmund Risen [?] his mark Susan Balls [?] his [sic] mark.

Probatum fuit... 9 December 1704... Sara Hudson