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**Will of John Hudson 1775** (PCC, PRO 11/1004 Image 125)

## Summary

Testator: John Hudson, St. Saviour, Southwark, Surrey, Gentleman  
Executors: friends Joseph Gibbs of Rotherhithe, Humphry Hayward of Snobs Fields, and Mary Hart of Castle Court, widow  
Date: 23 December 1774, proved 22 January 1775  
Will: - property in Lyng, Norfolk and rest of personal estate to be sold  
- money to be put at interest to support sons James and George until 21, and to finance any apprenticeship for either  
- money to be shared equally when they reach 21  
- 5 guineas to each Executor

## Text (modern spelling)

1. I John Hudson of Castle Court in the parish of Saint Saviour in the County of Surry a Gentleman (although somewhat indisposed in Body but of perfect memory and understanding and considering the Uncertainty of this Life do make and publish my last Will and Testament in manner following
2. First I do hereby order and direct that my Executors and Executrix hereafter named or the Survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease make sale and dispose of all and every my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever be the same Freehold or Copyhold or of any other nature or tenure situate lying and being in Lyng or elsewhere in the County of Norfolk with their and every of their appurtenances
3. And also all my Goods Chattels and Household Furniture of what kind or nature soever the same may be or consist of for the best price or prices that can or may be had or gotten for the same And the monies arising by such Sale or Sales together with the Rents and Profits of my said Real Estate until sold and also all my Ready Cash and Cash arising from such Real or other Securities as I may be in possession of or entitled to at my decease after payment of all my just debts Legacies hereby given Funeral Expenses Probate of this my Will and other Charges incident to the Execution thereof
4. I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto and to be equally divided between my Children James and George Hudson at and when they shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years And my will and mind is and I do hereby devise that my Executors and Executrix hereafter named put out and place the same at Interest as soon after my decease and Sale of my said Real and Personal Estates as conveniently may be in some or one of the Public Stocks or Funds or other Government Security for the benefit of my said Children during their respective minorities and pay and apply the Interest and Produce of their said several Shares as the same shall from time to time become due for and towards the maintenance Education and bringing up of my said Children respectively
5. Also my will and mind is that in case my said Sons or either of them shall choose to be put Apprentice to any Trade or Business whatever it shall be lawful for my Executors and Executrix hereafter named to lay out or expend any sum of money not exceeding thirty pounds apiece out of their said several Shares in putting them or either of them out apprentice as aforesaid
6. Also my Will and mind further is that in case either of my said sons shall happen to depart this life before they severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years Then I give

and bequeath the part or Share of the Principal and Interest monies of him so dying unto the Survivor of them to be continued in the Funds at Interest by my Executors and Executrix hereafter named for the benefit of and until such Survivor shall attain (if he should not have then attained) his age of twenty one years

7. Also my Will and mind further is that in case both my said sons shall happen to depart this life before they severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years Then I give and bequeath so much of their respective Shares as shall then be so placed out as aforesaid together with such Interest as shall be then due or in Arrear for the same unto and to be equally divided amongst and between my Executors and Executrix hereafter named Share and Share alike
8. And Lastly I make nominate and appoint my very good Friends Joseph Gibbs of Rotherhith in the said Count of Surry Druggist Humphry Hayward of Snows(?) Field in the same County Bookseller and Mary Hart of Castle Court aforesaid Widow Executors and Executrix of this my Will
9. To whom I give and bequeath the Sum of five Guineas apiece for their care and trouble in the due Execution of the several trusts hereby by me in them reposed
10. In Witness whereof I the said John Hudson the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two Sheets of paper to the first Sheet of which I have set my hand and to this second and last sheet thereof my hand and seal this twenty third day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four

John Hudson

Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said John Hudson the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed or names as Witnesses hereunto

Jn Besiger (?) Wm Bucknell Wm Sanderson

This Will was proved at London the twenty seventh day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy five before the Worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Sir George Kay Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper of Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Joseph Gibbs Humphry Hayward and Mary Hart Widow the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer