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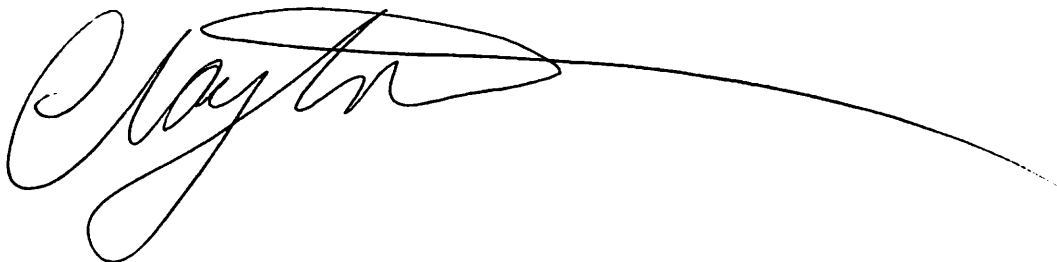
I downloaded this will of Nathaniel Rhodes by the internet from the Great Britain Public Record Office. GB retains the copyrights to all of these old documents but allows one to make copies to share with relatives, etc.

This is obviously the will of our Nathaniel Rhodes, son of the Nathaniel Rhodes, who left the 1742 will (which was only available by direct order from the Lichfield Record Office). He mentions the mill at Rindleford which was mentioned in his father's 1742 will.

It is odd that he uses the phrase "or my reputed son George" and later uses the phrase "or my reputed daughter ?????? (hard to read)". He must have been getting a bit eccentric. I cannot decipher the daughter's name but it looks like it might be Laurietta. It is most like his daughter Henrietta who never married and left a will in 1818. There is not mention of a son John. This is probably because John was in South Carolina and was independently wealthy. It was not unusual for living children to not be mentioned in wills, especially if they were well to do and were not going to receive anything in the will. Apparently his wife was not living at the time of the will.

I tried to locate a will of George Rhodes. None could be found in the Public Record Office online and the people at Lichfield could not find one either. I did download a will of a George Rhodes (cost about \$7.50) from a place outside Shropshire and it was not our George. He must have died intestate. Surely a record of the settlement of his estate can be found somewhere. I will look into that in the future. Such records are not indexed and will require some searching (with fees) from those over there who would do it for me.

These old wills do not tell us much, if anything, that we did not already know. They are interesting to have nonetheless. I will probably mention at the reunion that I found the will but will not go into details since that may only confuse rather than enlighten.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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To have the same last bequeathed and assigned for our subject
 and the same to be divided and the whole with our
 quantity of land, fields or more of thirty pounds
 of lawfull money of Great Brittain which I give
 and bequeath unto my said wife Christian and her
 assigns in full of the whole of the said lands and
 houses to be paid to her half yearly for and during
 the term of her natural life it also be and be
 bequeath unto my said wife Christian the sum of one
 hundred pounds to be paid to her within twelve
 months next after my decease and I give unto my
 said son John Richardson all the residue and
 remainder of my said real and personal estates
 whosoever and whomever for whomever with the Estates therein
 comprised and also my said personal estates of
 what nature or kind soever I do give and bequeath
 unto my said wife Christian and my son John
 Richardson and appoint my said wife Christian
 last will and Testament and lastly I do hereby make
 and make void all former and other wills by me
 made by which whosoever I have heretofore set my
 hand and seal this twentieth day of April in the year
 of our said one thousand seven hundred and eighty and
 John Richardson do signed sealed published and
 delivered by the above named John Richardson the Testator
 and for his last will and Testament the same
 being contained and written on four sheets of paper
 to each of which he hath put his hand and seal in
 the presence of us who in this the said Testator
 ought have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto
 John Greely Tho Day Edw Tucker

This Will

was proved at London the seventeenth
 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred and ninety before the Right honorable
 Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master
 of the High Court of Chancery of the prerogative Court of
 Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Christian
 Richardson Widow the Relict and John Richardson
 the son of the deceased and Executors named in the
 said Will to whom administration was granted
 of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of
 the said deceased having been first sworn by Commission
 duly to administer of

Nathaniel
 Rhodes

This is the last Will and Testament
 of me Nathaniel Rhodes of Abridgforth in the County
 of York Gentleman made this thirtieth day of April
 in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and

eighty nine first I desire that all my Just Debts and
 funeral Expences may be paid and satisfied with
 all convenient speed after my decease from the said
 and Beignworth into my son or reputed son George
 Rhodes of Beignworth in the County of Dorset all my
 household furnitures mill lands Tenements and
 Inclosures of what nature or kind soever and
 whatsoever situate which he holds by lease under
 Thomas Wolburton Esquire so that he may have
 Administrators and assigns for and during all the
 respective terms Estates and Interest I have therein
 subject invertebals to the rents reserves and the
 covenants contained in the respective leases by which
 he holds the same that he also give and Beignworth
 into him the said George Rhodes all the Millwork
 dead Customs Implements and Utensils belonging or
 in any wise appertinent to the said Beignworth
 and Beignworth into the said George Rhodes the
 sum of five hundred pounds of lawful money of
 Great Brittain to be paid to him within
 six months next after my decease from the said
 Beignworth unto the said George Rhodes one moiety
 or some half part of the principal sum of eighty nine
 pounds and three shillings and also a moiety of the
 interest thereof due to me by the Bond of Benjamin
 Mansour of Manchester in the County of Somerset
 bearing date the first day of April one or
 thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and all the
 rest and residue of my estate in Trade household
 Goods Plate Silver China and all other my personal
 Estate of what nature or kind soever or whatsoever
 situate subject to the payment of my Debts and on
 funeral Expences I give and Beignworth unto my son
 or reputed daughter Beignworth Rhodes of
 Cannock in Beignworth aforesaid and I appoint
 her sole executrix of this my Will In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and
 published and declared this to be my last Will and
 Testament the day and year first above written Nat
 Rhodes signed sealed published and declared by
 the said Testator as his last Will and Testament
 in the presence of us W^m Hallen W^m Coley & Lewis

The Will

was proved at London the twenty three
 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred and ninety before the Right Honourable
 Sir William Rogers Knight Doctor of Laws Master Justice
 or Commissioner of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury &
 lawfully constituted by the Oath of Beignworth Rhodes an
 Episcopus the sole executor named in the said Will to

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whom Administration was granted of all and singular the
goods Chattels and credits of the deceased having been first
suggested by Commission duly to Administrators

Joseph
Rowland

Joseph Rowland
of plain tone in the County of Essex being by Divine
permission of perfect mind and Memory do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following that is to say all my ready ex-
traneous specialties or securities for money plate China
Linen woollen and wearing Apparel together with my
Monochord furniture except what is already promised
which appears in a memorandum in writing I have
made thereof wherein is mentioned what part and to
whom those goods are promised and given and after ex-
pense of my just debts and funeral expenses I give
and bequeath as followeth And whereas I am indebted to
an Annuity or yearly sum of sixteen pounds one shilling
and three pence about long Annuitants more standing in
the joint names of me the said Joseph Rowland and
my late wife Sarah Rowland which said annuity I
desire may be paid as soon as convenient after my
decease and the annuity that ariseth from the sale
thereof after payment of my debts as aforesaid I desire may
be distributed and given as benevolently directed herein is
to give to my Aunt Sarah Arville of Burlington in the
County of York the sum of five pounds also my two
Executors hereafter named the sum of five pounds to
each of them for their trouble of the Trust accord-
at the same time requesting them to make the best
advantage of necessary said estate for the benefit
of my sister Sarah Robinson and her young family
lastly all the rest residue and Remainder of my personal
estate of what nature or kind soever or whatsoever
I give bequeath and devise to my sister Patience
Arbourn Wife of Eyncliffe Arbourn and to my sister
Sarah Barbara Wife of John Jackson and to my sister
Mary Rowland Spinster equally to be divided and
share alike between them or the heirs of them And as
my goods Chattels and Effects is for no other use
intent or purpose than what is herein contained and
mentioned I hereby nominate and appoint William
Allen of the parish Ingham by the name of St George
in the County of Wilt and Samuel Argyle of the
parish of Stratfield in the County aforesaid Executors of
this my last will and Testament at the same time
directing that the one of them shall not be answerable
for any Embroilment mistake or neglect of the other of
them to which I have set my hand and seal this twentieth
first day of the month called June in the year of our