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ARNOLD, NICHOLAS

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Nicholas Arnolt the Testator herein named sign by making  
his mark, seal pronounce Publish and Declare the within  
writing to be his Last will & Testament and that at the time  
of Doing thereof he was of sound mind Memory and  
understanding as they verily believe who in the presence  
of each other subscribed their names Respectively as  
witnesses thereto at the Request and in the presence  
of the said Testator *Caran me Henry Christ register*

*William and John  
Dwells  
for our  
Nicholas Arnolt*

*proved March 10<sup>th</sup> 1781*

*A  
Will  
Nicholas Arnolt deceased*

*P.C.*



Translation of the Will  
Nicholas Arnold deceased

In the Name of the Holy Trinity, In the Name of God  
the Father, the Son & the Holy Ghost Amen; I now hereby, I  
Nicolas Arnold my Last Will & Testament, by <sup>Witnesses</sup> ~~Witnesses~~ personally  
present, as I here Lying sick, but Nevertheless by my good  
& full Understanding, how it shall be kept after my Decease  
& what Demands I have as yet, Such I shall Annex to my  
Last Will — My Children that are as yet alive, as  
two sons, Namely, Peter & John Nicolas And four Daughters  
As Namely, <sup>the first</sup> the second, Magdalena, the third Susanna, of which  
the two sons shall have each of them Two Shares of my Estate &  
the three Daughters shall each of them have one Share of my Estate  
but the other or fourth Daughter shall be no Heir to of my Estate  
because she has already Received her Legacy —

After my Decease, my Estate shall be sold by Public Vendue,  
because I Nicolas Arnold, at present, Lying Very sick by my  
brother Philip Arnold, & after humane Appearance, will  
end my Life in this Sickness, so is also this my Will, that my  
brother Philip Arnold, shall, Tend & Bury me in a Christian  
Like Manner, And for the Attendance & Burying, my brother  
Philip, shall first of all be paid out of my Estate, & the Remainder  
my five Children, as above Written, shall Divide the same among  
themselves Uprightly & Peaceably —

Also my brother Philip Arnold shall have <sup>first of all</sup> the best Bed as  
under & upper Bed, also Bolster & Pillow, all belonging to a Bed  
~~first of all~~ And keep the same for his own —

This is by me Nicolas Arnold this 8<sup>th</sup> January in the year of our  
Lord 1781. by me in presence of Witnesses, Established and sealed to my  
Last Will, that such after my Decease, shall be done & kept —

All such God Will grant the same for the sake of his Loving Son  
Jesus Christ, And Grant me a happy End Amen.

Being Sealed & at last Confest the same to  
be his Last Will in presence of us witnesses

Nicholas X Arnold   
mark

Benedic Heller Caspar Waten

& what Demands I have as yet, such I shall Annex to my

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Administration Bond  
Jure Estate  
Nicholas Arnold deceased

Know all Men By these Presents, that We Philip Arnold of Greenwisch  
Townships in the County of Berks Blacksmith Brother of  
Nicholas Arnold Blacksmith Deceased Frederick Jentzsch & Henry  
Gosler both of the town of Reading in the said County  
are held and firmly bound unto Henry Christ — Register for the  
Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration in and for the County of Berks  
in the sum of three hundred — Pounds lawful Money of Pennsylvania  
to be paid to the said Henry Christ — Register his certain Attorney Ex-  
ecutors Administrators or assigns To which Payment well and truly to be made  
We do bind Our selves our Heirs Executors Administrators and every of them jointly  
and severally for and in the whole firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals  
Dated the      Day of      in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven  
hundred and eighty one ) Whereas the above named Nicholas Arnold — did on  
the eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven  
hundred and eighty one rightly and duly make his — Last Will and  
Testament in Writing under his Hand and Seal and did publish the same be-  
fore Witnesses whose Names are thereto subscribed and nominated no  
Executor thereof

and the said Testator is since deceased (as is alleged) Which said Last will and Testa-  
ment was since — duly proved in the Registers Office at Reading in the  
County of Berks aforesaid And Whereas Administration (with the Will annexed) is gran-  
ted unto the said Philip Arnold with a Copy of the Will &c.

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such that if <sup>the</sup> above bounden <sup>Philip</sup>  
Arnold Administrator (with the Will annexed) of all and singular the Goods and Chattels Rights  
and Credits which were of the above named Nicholas Arnold deceased make or cause  
to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights and  
Credits which were of the said Deceased within the said County &c which have or shall  
come to the Hands Possession or Knowledge of the said Philip Arnold — or into  
the Hands Possession or Knowledge of any other Person or Persons for him and  
the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registers Office at Reading  
in the County of Berks aforesaid before the Tenth Day of April — next And  
the same Goods Chattels Rights and Credits which were of the said Deceased at the Time of  
his Death or which at any Time heretofore have come or hereafter shall come  
to the Hands Possession or Knowledge of the said Philip Arnold — or into the  
Hands Possession or Knowledge of any other Person or Persons for him



do well and truly Administer according to Law. AND further do make or cause to be made a true and just Account Calculation or Reckoning of the said Administration at or before the Tenth — Day of March — in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty two — And all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator Account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Orphans Court of the County of Berks shall deliver and pay to such Person or Persons as the said Court by its Decree or Sentence shall limit and appoint AND if it shall hereafter appear that any other Last Will and Testament of a later Date than the Will and Testament herein before recited, was made by the said Deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Office making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if Philip Arnold — Being thereunto required do deliver up the said Letters of Administration (with the Will annexed) Aprobation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Office Then this Obligation to be void and of none Effect or else to be and remain in full Force and Virtue &

Sealed and Delivered  
in the Presence of Us

Jacob Grand  
Clerk

Philip Arnold

Frederick Singer

James G. G. G.

A  
Inventory  
In Estate of  
Nicholas Arnold deced.

Exhibited April 6<sup>th</sup> 1781

*Inventory of the Money Goods and Chattels Rights  
and Credits of Nicholas Arnold of Greenwich Township  
for the County of Berks Deceased as Appraised by us the  
Subscribers the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of March Anno Domini 1771  
As follows* ————— *L. S. D.*

To a large Bible . . . . .	2. 8. 0
To 7 Different Books . . . . .	7. 6
To a prayer Books . . . . .	4. 0
To a Coat . . . . .	1. 10
To a Jacket . . . . .	10. 0
To a pair Leather Breeches . . . . .	10. 0
To a pair Linnen Trowsers . . . . .	7. 6
To 4 Shirts . . . . .	7. 6
To 3 pair Trowsers . . . . .	4. 0
To 2 pair Stockings . . . . .	3. 0
To a hat and Jacket . . . . .	3. 6
To a pair Trowsers and one Sheet . . . . .	1. 0 3
To 2 Baggas . . . . .	4. 0
To some shingled flax . . . . .	4. 0
To some Wool . . . . .	1. 0
To 2 Jackets & 1 pair Trowsers . . . . .	1. 0
Carried over	£ 7 8 3

	Brought Over	
To a suit of Curtains and one Sheet		£ 7 3 3
To a Sheet		1 2 2
To 2 Table Cloths		2 6
To 4 pieces of Linsey		3 0
To 1 Bagg		4 2
To a pewter Can and 2 Cups		6
To 13 pewter Spoons		7 6
To 13 Do Do		3 0
To 7 Pewter Plates		3 0
To a pewter Basin		1 2 2
To a Do Dish		5 2
To 2 Do Basins		4 2
To a Tin Sift		4 2
To 4 Brass Ladles		6
To 4 Earthen Dishes		3 0
To 3 Trenchers		7 6
To Earthenware		9
To 2 Glass Bottles		1 2
To Tea ware and Pepper Box		6 2
To an Iron Tea Kettle		2 6
To an Iron Pot		7 6
To Do Do		1 4
To a Broken Bowl		8 6
To a Spoon Mould and Ladle		10 2
To 3 Hairers and one fork		7 6
To a flax Hatchel		4 2
To a Box Iron		
Carried Over		£ 12 14 7

Am't. brought forward £ 42 14 8

To Shoveling Tools	10 00
To 8 Stamps and pair Compasses	8 00
To 5 Six Eye Wedges	3 00
To 3 Hammers and a Drill	10 00
To one Chisel and one Auger	7 16
To a Shovel and Knife	3 00
To pair Wood Cards at hoe and Iron Square	4 00
To a Mazer and Stone	7 00
To a Rasp and File	5 00
To a Chest and Box	5 00
To a Chest Lock and Hinges	8 00
To 4 Old Axes	7 16
To 4 Pickles	4 00
To a Swab Hook and Shovel	3 00
To Iron Wedges a grubbing hoe and 1 Mining	12 00
To 8 pieces of Iron	8 00
To a Basket of Old Iron	8 00
To a pair of Shaxes and also Chains	7 16
To a pair of Axes	5 00
To 10 Old Horseshoes	1 16
To a Sythe and a Cutting Knife	1 16
To a pair of Flans	1 16
To a Lamp and a Box	2 16
To 2 Buckets	3 00
To a Basket and a small Chest	3 00
To a Chest	18 00
To a span and Grater	4 00
To a Tigg and an Apron	3 00
To a piece of Barr Iron	1 00

Carried over £ 21 14 8

Went Bought over	£ 26. 4. 2
To a Looking glass	" 1. 6
To an old key	" 3
To a bed	3
To a Bedstead and Curtain Rods	6
To a Table and 2 Spinning Wheels	9
To 2 Chairs	" 8
To a pair Shoes	" 1. 6
To a Basket and Doe trough Paper	" 8
To a Sack	" 12
To a Tub	" 3
To 2 Sheep	" 12
To a Cow	3

~~Total~~ ~~£ 39. 8. 9~~

To a Chopping Knife hayfork & Dunghook	3
To 2 Shovel	29 11. 9.
To a Mill	7. 6.
To a Con. Dattors	2. 17. 6.
To 6 hard Dattors	2. 5. 0.

Mrs Guindulnitras  
 Prorsig Spinnors  
 £ 35 - 9 - 3

Berke for

The 3<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1783 before me the  
 Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of  
 Middlesex & George ~~Spinnors~~ and upon  
 their oath and Affirmation Did Declare and  
 say that he have Appreciated the Goods within assigned  
 according to the Best of their understanding  
 Witness My hand the Day and year first written

Samuel Ely  
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A Petition 1786  
Nichol Arnold for Gua.<sup>n</sup>  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1786

Present

Henry Christ }  
Daniel Levan } Esq.<sup>s</sup> Justices  
John Otto - }

Petition Read & Michael  
Krauss chosen & the Court  
approved the S.<sup>d</sup> choice

(10)

order Issued

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To the worshipfull the Justices of the Orphans Court held at Reading  
in and for the County of Berks the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Feby - 1786

The Petition of Nicholas Arnott a Minor above the  
age of fourteen years one of the children of Nicholas  
Arnott Late of Greenwich Township in Berks  
County Smith Deceased —

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners said father lately died  
seized and possessed of a considerable Personal — Estate he there  
fore praying the Court would be pleased to admit him to  
make choice of a Guardian to take care of his person and  
Estate according to Law

and your Petitioners will Pray  
Nicholas <sup>his</sup> Arnott  
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A Petition 1782

Philip Arnold for  
Guardian

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1782

Present

Henry Christ  
Jacob Hoemaker } Esq<sup>rs</sup>  
& Daniel Levan } Justices

Petition Road & Doobalt  
Winck of Macedanny  
appointed Guardian  
for the within Minor

order granted  
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To the Worshipful the Justices at an Orphans Court held at  
Reading in and for the County of Berks the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1782

The Petition of Philip Arnold Sole Executor of  
the Last Will and Testament of Nicholas -  
Arnold late of of Greenwich Townships in  
Berks County Smith Deceased.

Acquently Sheweth

That the said Nicholas Arnold lately Died having first  
in his time rightly & Truly made his last will & Testament  
and no guardian appointed therein for his children and that  
the said Deceased Died possessed of a Considerable Personal Estate  
and issued seven children one of whom Jesamiah is yet under  
the age of fourteen years he therefore praying your worshipps  
to appoint some proper person as Guardian to take care  
of that Person and Estate of the said minor according to  
Law and your Petitioner will Pray  
Philip Arnold

A Petition 1782  
Peter Knobel for  
a Guardian of

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1782

Present

Peter Spycher  
Jannet Guldin  
Johann Guldin

Esq.

Petition read and  
Frederick Guldin  
of Esq. chosen & the  
Court approve the  
said choice

order granted

To the Honourable the Justices at an  
Orphans Court held at Reading in & for the County  
of Berks the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1782.

The Petition of Peter Arnold  
Son of Nicholas Arnold Late of Exeter Township  
in Berks County Blacksmith Deceased.

Sheweth.

That the said Nicholas Arnold being  
in his life well possessed of a considerable  
Personal Estate in the said County & being so  
thereof seized died ~~intestate~~ Leaving Issue  
Several Children of whom your Petitioner  
being one; He therefore praying your Honours  
would be pleased to ~~allow~~ permit him to make  
Choice of some proper Person as Guardian to take  
Care of his Body & Estate according to Law.

And your Petitioner will  
ever pray &c.

Peter Arnold  
Petitioner

A 1783

Administration Account

For Estate of

Nicholas Arnold Deceased.

Account of Philip Arnold, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Nicholas Arnold, Late of Greenwich Township in the County of Bucks, Blacksmith, Deceased. Vizt

<p>The said Accountant Charges himself with the Inventory of the several Estates of the said Deceased amounting to</p> <p>£ 583 4</p> <p>And with the Balance on said of the said Goods by Public Vendue</p>	<p>£ 309 3</p> <p>22 16 1</p> <hr/> <p>£ 583 4</p>	<p>1781.</p>	<p>The said Accountant Charges Allowance for the following Disbursements As per Receipts</p> <p>£ 15 9</p> <p>do. Paid for Letters Testamentary</p> <p>do. Jacob Harmony</p> <p>do. Casper Deeken</p> <p>do. John Bishop</p> <p>do. Casper Deeken</p> <p>do. Mathias Kipper</p> <p>do. George Krammer</p> <p>do. Robert &amp; Casper Deeken</p> <p>do. Jacob Krammer</p> <p>do. John Kriedrich Koller</p> <p>do. Harry Christy</p> <p>do. Sebastian Deeken</p> <p>do. Daniel Schoemaker</p> <p>do. Michael Baker</p> <p>do. Jeremiah Wills</p> <p>do. Sam. Ely</p> <p>do. Michael Greenleaf</p> <p>do. A Note Due from the Deceased</p> <p>£ 15 9</p> <p>7 10</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>2 12 6</p>
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Reading Mancini the 31. 1783.

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From Accepted

W. m.

W. m. m.

Also for attending the D. Decided in his absence  
Laying in Oct & Formal Exhonor

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Jan. 31.

Henry Christie for drawing this acc.

Henry Christy Proprietor for Examining

W. m. m. & W. m. m. for this acc. for Copy  
and Search for Inventory

265 A

Commission on Excessing

£ 28. 6. 4 a. 5. 7. 10. 2. 10. 0

D. m. paying £ 26. 5. 4 a. 2. 0. 1. 6. 0

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W. m. m. & W. m. m.

To the Honourable the Judges of the Orphans Court of  
the County of Berks.

We the Referees in the Order Named  
to which this Report is Annexed having carefully  
Inspected & Examined the Administration Account of  
Philip Arnold Executor of the Last Will & Testament of  
Nicholas Arnold decas. As well as the Vouchers papers or  
Papers containing an Account of the Sale of the said decedent's  
Effects, Do find the sum of Sixty four pounds fifteen  
Shillings & six pence due to the Heirs of the said decedent  
Exclusive of Commissions, With Interest on said sum from  
the thirty first day of January 1783. till Payment is made,  
Always deducting thereout such sum or sums of Money & Interest  
thereon from the time payment was made, as the said Executor  
or Administrator or their Successor or Successors can produce  
Lawfull Vouchers for do. Witness Our Hands the  
seventeenth Day of August Anno Domini 1798.

Paul Grosoup  
Thomas Lightfoot  
Jacob Harman



1798  
with vol. 4. P. 348.

Orphans Court Order  
for Settlement of  
J. Account of Henry  
Kobler Esq of Philip  
Arnold who was Esq of  
Richmond as Arnold dec.

Dec. 5. 1798.

present

J. Rush  
J. Duvall  
at. Duty }  
}

Report read & confirmed

At an Orphans Court held at Reading in and for  
the County of Berks the second day of  
May A.D. 1798. Before James Dummer  
and Nicholas Lutz Esquires Judges &

On Motions of Master John Bidale Esquire  
The Court appoint Paul Gracuph Thomas  
Sight and Jacob Warrans Auditors to settle  
the Account of Henry Kohler Executor of the last  
will and Testament of Philip Arnold dec. who was  
the Executor of Nicholas Arnold dec. That they  
make report at next Orphans Court.

By the Court  
James Lutz Esq