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This document is the registered probate copy of the nuncupative will of Elizabeth Nicolai, dated 21 July 1723. (Catalogue reference: PROB 11/593 quire 195)

Elizabeth was married and therefore, required consent from her husband to leave a will. The document lacks many of the standard phrases of a last will and testament. This may reflect the fact that a nuncupative will was often made by a person who was extremely ill or even dying. Elizabeth would have signed the original will herself. The names of three witnesses are given.

Please note:

- The document is written in a cursive hand. The date clause is italic.

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three hundred pounds given to me by Marriage Settlement
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8. Nicolai Witnessed in presence of Jo[h]n de Baffon Elizabeth Norcliffe
9. Christian Schutz.