

## 8 ADMINISTRATION.

if leaving a widow, to her, or to the father, or to the widow and father, jointly or separately as above mentioned.

To brothers  
and sisters,  
preferable to  
uncles or  
aunts

Brothers and sisters, whether of the whole or half blood, are to be preferred before uncles and aunts, because the former have the immediate blood of the parent. 2 Vern. 125. A rule which extends to other instances, and being observed, will point out generally who are to be considered as next of kin: For this purpose I shall mention another case, and then apply both. In a dispute between the grand-father or grand-mother, and an uncle or aunt, held, that the grand-father or grand-mother are nearer of kin, than the uncle or aunt. 1 Salk. 38, 351.—Prec. Chanc. 527.—12 Mod. 623.—1st. P. Will. 51.—L. Raym, 684.

Brothers and sisters are to be preferred before uncles and aunts as nearer of kin, because the relation in the former instance is thus traced; from the intestate to his or her father or mother, from the father or mother to the brothers and sisters.—In the latter instance the relation is thus traced; from the intestate to his or her father or mother, from his or her father or mother to his or her grand-father or grand-mother, and then to said grand-father or grand-mother's child,