

# Langham in Rutland

18<sup>th</sup> Century Wills & Administration

Langham Village History Group

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John Almond - 1st October 1764

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In the name of God, Amen. I John Almond of Langham, in the county of Rutland yeoman, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in Manner and Form following: that is to say,

Imprimis, I Will that all my Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named: Item. I do give and demise unto my Son William Almond, all that Cottage, Tenement situate in the parish of Langham, in which he now dwelleth. Item. I do give and demise unto my Daughter Ann Almond the dwelling House that I live and reside in at present, being in the Parish of Langham aforesaid. Item, I give and bequeath unto my four younger Children viz James, Henry, Mary and Elizabeth, each and every one of them, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be paid unto them by my Executors. Lastly, I do give unto my Son William, and my daughter Ann Almond jointly, all the rest of my Goods and Chattles, and personl (sic) Estate whatsoever, whom I do hereby constitute and ordain my Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament: In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this first Day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty Four.

John Almond

Signed, Sealed Published and Declared by the within named Testator John Almond, to be his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us who subscribed our Names in the Presence of the said Te(stator...)

# Moore

James Edgson

Thomas Cole

On the 30th May 1765 William Almond one of the Extors namd in the above Written Will was then at the Petition of ? Smith his Proctor sworn faithfully to fulfil the same a Power being reserved for the other Executrix when she may Petition for the same

Before us N Brown

In the name of God Amen I Elizabeth Ball of Langham in the County of Rutland Widdow being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory I praise god for it doe ordaine and make this my last will and Testament in mannor and forme following; first I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God: who gave it hoping through ye meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to receive full and free pardon of all my Sins and to inherit everlasting Life in the world to Come: Comitting my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter Named and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me in this life: I give and dispose of as followeth:

- Imprimis I give and bequeath to my kinsman Thomas Hoxton one shilling pound and to his sister Mary one shilling
- Item I give to my only Daughter Elizabeth the Summ of sixteen pounds to be wholly and altogether at her own disposal.
- Item I give unto my grandchild Mary Cooke the sum; of fforty pounds to be paid her when she is arriv'd to the age of one and Twenty years and also four pair of sheets and the bed in the best Chamber with all the furniture thereunto belonging and halfe a dozen of napkins & a Table Cloath to have them at the decease of her mother; it is also my will; that my Executor (hereafter named) shall produce and give such a double bond; as shall be approved off by Anthony Cheseldine and to be by him kept for the trew and faithfull payment of the several summes and Legacies above mentioned;
- Item The Rest of my goods etc. I give unto William Cooke my son in law whom I also make and ordain my only and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby Revokeing and totally Disclaiming all others Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale this five and Twentith day of June Anno Dom: 1712

Elizabeth Ball her Mark

Sign'd Seal'd and declar'd by the said Elizabeth Ball as her last Will & Testament in the presence of us: viz:-

Antone Cheseldin  
Samp Ellicott  
Sarah Stimson

mem<sup>d</sup>: the word that's interlin'd, was done before the Signing & Sealing hereof

Witness: Samp: Ellicott

1712 Aug<sup>t</sup> 6<sup>to</sup> Juratus fuit Gulielmus Cook de Langham in com: Rutld Grner  
et unicus Executor Elizabetha Ball de eodem Vida Defunc: in hujodi Tes<sup>o</sup> noiat:  
Coram me S. Saunders Surrog:

In the name of God Amen I Mathew Beavor of Langham in the County / of Rutland Gent being of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory do make and Ordaine This My last / Will and Testament in Manner & forme following Imprs I give unto my Sonn George Beavor / the summe of fifty Pounds

- Item I give and bequeath unto My Two Sonns Mathew and Thomas / Beavor fforty five Pounds a peice each
- Item I give Unto My Two Daughters Ann and Mary / Beavor Thirty pounds a peice each which said Legacyes shall be paid Unto my said Children / att their severall and Respective Ages of One and Twenty Years by My Executrix hereafter Named / if they so long live but if it shod happen that any of my said Children shod Dye before they Attain / to the severall and Respective Age and Ages of One and Twenty Years Then such Legacy or Legacyes / of him or her soe Dyeing to be Equally Divided amongst the Survivor and Survivors of them Share or / shair alike And Whereas I have Two Notes the one from under the hand of John Edgson of / Langham aforesd yeoman and the other from Under the hand of Joh ffoux of Witsondine in the said / County of Rutland yeoman Amounting together to the summe of Fifteen pounds which said summe of / Fifteen pounds I give to My Two sonnes Mathew and Thomas Beavor over and above what I have / before given them to put Each of them out to an apprentice the same Equally to be Devided
- Item I give and bequeath Unto My Loveing Wife Alice all That Messuage Tenement or Dwelling house / with the Yard Garden Toft Stables Barnes & all other outhouses Unto the same belonging or apperteyning / situate standing and being in Langham aforsd and Now in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Mathew Beavor for and During the Terme of her Naturall Life and from and after her Decease
- I give Devise and bequeath the same Unto My Daughter Sarah Beavor and to her heirs & Assignes / for Ever but My further Mind and Meaning is that if My said Daughter Sarah shold happen to Dye before / she attaines to the Age of One and Twenty yeares then the said Messuage Tenement Dwelling house & / other the premises before Mentioned to be sold and the Moneys ariseinge by such Sale to be Equally / Divided Amongst My said sonns and Daughters that shall be then Liveing shair and shair alike
- Item I give and bequeath Unto my said Wife ffour of my best Cows and also all other my household / Goods of What sort or Nature so ever they be for and During the terme of her Naturall Life and after / her Decease
- I give the same Unto My said Two Daughters Ann and Mary Beavor they Equally / Dividing the same but in Case the s d Ann and Mary shod happen to be dead before the sd household Goods / be Divided then I give the same Unto My sonns and Daughters that shall be then Liveing Equally / Dividing the same but in case any of my Money out att Interest shod be in Badd hands and shod come / to Miscarry in paymt My Will and Mind is that my Children shall Not Charge My Executrix with / Payment of the same but shall be borne Proportionably amongst them Alike
- Item all the Rest and / Residue of my Real and Personall Estate I give and bequeath Unto my said Wife Alice Whom I Make full and sole Executrix of this my last Will she paying my Debts and Discharging My funerall / Expenses In witness whereof the sd Mathew Beavor hath to his last Will and Testament sett his / hand and Seale this Twenty Eighth Day of December Annog Dm 1723

Signed sealed Published and Declard - Mathew Beaver

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21 Aprilis 1724o

Jurat fuit Alica Beavor

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FS [The names of the witnesses and remainder of the probate have been missed off the photograph but do appear on the will]

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Blaby of Langham in the County of Rutland yeoman being weak of body but of Sound and perfect memory praised be God for the Same doo make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hopeing through his mercy and the merits of my onely Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon of all my Sins and my body I committ to the earth to be decently interred att the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named and as touching my temporall Estate I give and dispose thereof as followeth

Imp<sup>rimis</sup> I give and bequeath unto William Adcocke Sarah Adcocke and Mary the Wife of William Smith Son and Daughters of my Sister Mary Adcocke the Sum of Two shillings and Sixpence apiece

unto Samuel Blaby Son of my Brother William Blaby the like Summ of Two Shillings and Sixpence apiece

unto Mary Nickalls Daughter of my Sister Sarah Nickalls the like Sum of two shillings and Sixpence

and unto Thomas Porter Elizabeth the wife of Adam Walker and Hannah the wife of William Edgeson the like Summ of two shillings and Sixpence apiece

Item I give and bequeath unto Samuel Adcocke of Okeham in the said County of Rutland yeoman and to Samuel Adcocke of Barlythorp in the County aforesaid Grazier and to their Executors and Administrators and the Executors and Administrators of the Survivor of them the Summ of fifty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain which I have out att interest upon bond togeather with all the increase and proceed thereof that now is or hereafter shall be due upon Speciall trust and confidence and to the intent and purpose that the same shall be disposed off and paid by my said Trustees their Executors and Administrators to and for the use of Ann my loveing Wife for her life as she shall have occasion for the same and as my said Trustees their Executors and Administrators shall see convenient And after her decease the Remainder there of to be paid, if any Such remainder shall be, by my Said Trustees their Executors and Administrators to and for the use of my said Kinsman Samuel Blaby, at his age of One and twenty years But if the Said Samuel Blaby shall attaine to the said age and my Said Wife be then living then my will and desire is and I doo hereby order and appoint that my Said Trustees their Executors and Administrators shall pay unto my said Kinsman Samuel Blaby soe much of the said ffifty pounds as they shall think convenient but in case my said Kinsman Samuel shall dye before the age aforesaid then my will and desire further is that such remainder thereof if any shall be, after my said wifes decease and the charges of the said trust deducted, shall be paid and divided to and amongst my relations herein before mentioned at the discrecion of my said Trustees their Executors and Administrators

Item I give unto my said Wife Ann all my household goods and implements of household and personall Estate whatsoever unbequeathed and undisposed off she paying all my debts legacys and funerall Expences and the charges touching the executeing of this my last will & testament:

And I doe hereby make and ordain Ann my Said Wife Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby revokeing all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this Three and Twentyeth day of May in the Third year of the Reigne of our Souveraign Lord George by the grace of God King of Great Britain etc Annog

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Thomas Blaby of Langham - 1717 - Continued

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... in the presence of the said Testator

...lby  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Heath  
Samuel Hearth

In the Name of God Amen I Anthony Cheselden of Langham in the County of / Rutland Gent Being in perfect Health & of sound Mind, Memory, and understanding / Praised be God Do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner & form following / That is to say First I commit my Soul into ye Hands of God who gave it, & my Body to [brar-] / to be Buried in a Decent Manner in ye Chancel of ye Church of Langham aforesaid & as / near my Wife Jane & my Father & Mother as may be: And as for my worldly Estate which it / hath pleased God to Bless me with I dispose thereof as followeth.

Imprimis I give & bequeth / to my Son John Cheselden ye Summ of five shillings

Item to my Son Robert Cheselden ye sum / of Fourty Pounds to be paid to him Ten Pounds a year if he survives ye four years & the / old Waggon & two pair of Gears.

Item to my Son Richard Cheselden ye Summ of Fifty / Pounds in lieu of ye Money I Borrowed of him.

Item to my Daughter Jane Cheselden / the Free Hold House yt Mr Sharrad lives in & one Hundred Pounds besides to be paid / at three payments Six and Thirty Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence each payment / for three years and ye yellow Bed & Beding & a dozen of Cane Chairs & ye Chest of draw / -ers and the Linnen one Table & looking Glass and some part of ye other Goods

Item I give my Son Anthony Cheselden the Free Hold House and Land that is in the / Occupation of John Smith with all the Appatenances thereunto belongeth: and likewise / I desire that my Son Anthony may have Tenant right of the House Close and thorpe / -mear nook, and the House that I live in and four score Acres of Land which belong / to it.

Item I give to my Kinsmans Richard Cheselden one shilling and Francis / Cheselden one shilling.

Item I make my son Anthony Cheselden whom I make / my full and Sole Executor of all my Goods, Cattels, Credits, personal Estate what / -soever Then I do constitute and Appoint my sole Executor of this my last Will / and Testament revoking all other Wills by me made In Witness whereof I the / said Anthony Cheselden the Testator to this my last Will and Testament have put / my Hand and Seal the Twenty second of January 1735 / /

Anthony Cheselden

Signed, Sealed, published and declar'd by the Testator / In the presence of us /

John Castledine /

Gregory Lewin /

Elizabeth Ward her mark. /

In the name of God Amen I Anthony Cheselden of Langham in the / County of Rutland gent Do make my last will & testamt, in manner & forme / following:

I give & bequeath unto my Brother the Revd Mr John Cheselden / one pound one Shilling.

Also I give to my Brother Robert Cheselden the like / Summe of one pound one Shilling.

Also I give to my Brother Richard Cheselden / Seventy pounds in full of the principall Summe of fifty pounds left him by my / father Anthony Cheselden his will and of all interest due for the same /

Also I give to my Sister Jane Garland One hundred pounds in full of all / money due & oweing to her by my said fathers will: and also one shilling / more to her.

I give to my Cozen Richard Cheselden of London one shilling /

All which legacies & Summes I will shall be paid out of my personal Estate / But if my personall Estate shall fall short in paying those Legacies & charges / my Landes & tenements with the payment of so much thereof as my personall / Estate shall be wanting. But my will & mind is that if my personall / Estate shall over pay my debts legacies & funeralls then

I give the / use & occupation of the Surplus and residue thereof to my wife for her / life, after her decease I give the same to my issue, for want of / such issue I give the same to ye use & behoofe of such person and / persons as my said wife shall direct & appoint.

Also I give to my said / wife All my messuages Cottages Closes Lands & tenements & heredita= / =ments whatsoever in the County of Rutland unto my dear & Loving / wife Elizabeth for her life, after her decease I give the same Lands / and tenements to the heirs of my body, and for want of such issue I give / the same Lands & tenements unto such person & persons & by her / their heirs as my said wife Elizabeth shall by any writing limit / direct and appoint being legally attested I do hereby constitute & / appoint my said Dear and loveing wife Elizabeth full & sole Executrix / of this my Will and I do revoke all former wills In Witness whereof I the / said Anthony Cheseloden the testator to this my last will & testamt have put / my hand & Seale ye Seventh day of April 1741

Anth: Cheselden

Signed sealed published & declared by the testator / for & as his last will & testamt, in the presence of us / who all of us in his presence have hereunto / put our names as Witnesses

Eliza Cheselden }  
John Trentham } of Melton Mowbray  
Richd Cheselden }

Elizabeth Cheselden - 29th October 1757

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In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Cheselden of Langham in the County of Rutland widow being weak in Body But of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) ffirst of all I give my Soul to God that gave it me And my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred att the discretion of my Executor herein after named And as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows,

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my ffriend Edward Chadd of Langham aforesaid Grazier the Sum of Two pounds and Two shillings As and for a Compensation of his care and trouble in the Trust power and Executorship by me given to him in and by this my last Will and Testament with full power and Authority for him the said Edward Chadd not only to pay himself his said Legacy of Two pounds and Two shillings so given to him by me as aforesaid out of my personal Estate But Also all such Costs charges and Expenses whatsoever which he shall sustain or be putt unto for or by reason of the Execution of this my last Will and Testament or for or by reason of any other matter relating there unto

And Also all the rest residue and remainder of my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattells rights Credits and personal Estate of what kind or nature soever, I give and bequeath unto my said ffriend Edward Chadd his Executors and Administrators In Trust Nevethless And to the intent and purpose that he the said Edward Chadd his Executors and Administrators Shall as soon as maybe after my decease sell and dispose of the same personal Estate and premises for the best price he can get for the same (?) And with the Monies Arising thereby and therefrom I doe hereby order and direct him the said Edward Chadd first to pay all such Rent As will be due from me att the time of my decease unto the Right Honourable the Earl of Gainsborough, and then after Such payment of Rent I direct him further to pay and discharge four severall Bond Debts ?? and honestly owing from me unto Samuel Adcock of Barleythorpe in the parish of Oakham in the Said County of Rutland Grazier, The said Edward Chadd, my servant Phillip Woodcock, and my servant Mary ffrancis, Together with only (? a decent?) funeral expenses, And the residue of my Said personal Estate (if any there be) to pay and Apply the same in a due (??) of Administration

And Lastly I doe hereby Appoint my Said ffriend Edward Chadd full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, Revoking all former and other wills by me Att any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Cheselden the Testatrix Have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and ffifty seven

Eliz Cheselden

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Elizabeth Cheselden the Testatrix to be her Last Will and Testament In the presence of us who have att her request And in her presence And In the presence of Each other set our hands as Witnesses to the Execution of this her said Will

Stephen Crannwell

Edward Stokes

Edwd Stokes Jnr

On the 16th Day of March 1758 Edward Chad the Sole Executor named in the within Will was then at the Petition of Smith his Proctor Sworne faithfully to Execute the same and so forth before me Geo: Jefferys Sur:

## Robert Cheselden - 13th October 1747

NRO Peterborough will

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Cheselden / of Langham in the County of Rutland Yeoman / Do Make and Appoint this my last will / And Testament in Manner Following / (That is to say)

first I Give and Bequeath / My clock to Thomas Flavell the son of John / Flavell and after his Decease to John and / Ann Flavell and their Children for Ever and / after the Death of his Aunt Elizabeth / Cheselden to be Kept in Good repair

Secondly I give and Bequeath five Pounds to Penelope / Southam the Daughter of Thomas and Mary / Southam of Tychmase in Northamptonshire / to be Paid att My Wifes Discretion and /

Thirdly I Give and Bequeath to My Beloved / Wife Elizabeth Cheselden all My Goods / and Chattels Whatsoever whom I appoint / My Sole Executor of this my last will and / Testament In Witnes whereof I the said / Robert Cheselden Do Set my Hand and Seal / The thirteenth Day of October one Thousand / Seven Hundred and forty Seven

Signed Sealed Published and Declared )  
by the said Robert Cheselden the Testator) Robt Chesilden  
to be his last Will and Testament in )  
the Presence of Us )  
John Everard  
Robert Kilby  
G. Everard

[I think this will was proved in 1752]

John Cole - 18th August 1754

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In the name of God, Amen, I John Cole of Langham in the County of Rutland Grazier being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain these presents to be my last Will and Testament: First and principally and first I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body I commend to the earth, to be interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as touching such of worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows.

First I order all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses to be paid and satisfied. And after payment thereof I give to my Nephew John Castledine my Jerman Serge Coat, best black Waist Coat and best buckskin Breeches Also I give to my Nephew Edward Southam my best Cloth Coat black Shagg Breeches and red Everlasting Waist Coat Also I give to my servant Benjamin Chester my grey Coat black Alapene (?) Waistcoat and old loose great Coat Also all and singular my Household goods Stock Hay Cows Sheep Hogs Flower (?) Wagons Carts and Implements in Husbandry Bills Bonds Notes Ready Money moneys at Interest and all other my personal Estate of what nature or kind soever which I shall dye possessed of be interested in or intitaled unto at the time of my decease I give and bequeath unto my Brother Thomas Cole of Stretton in the County of Rutland Grazier Mr William Sisson the Elder of Barrow and Josiah Cramp of Barlythorpe Grazier their Executors & Administrators upon this special Trust and confidence that they the said Thomas Cole William Sisson and Josiah Cramp and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor do permit and suffer my dear and loving Wife Elizabeth Cole to hold and enjoy the same for and during the Term of her natural life And from and after her decease I give and bequeath all my said personal Estate unto my two Daughters Elizabeth Cole and Anne Cole and other such Child or Children if a Daughter or Daughters as my said wife shall be ensient [sic: likely to be enceinte = pregnant in French] at the time of my decease to be Equally divided between them share and share alike provided & my will and mind is and I do hereby direct my Trustees (in case my said Wife shall marry again) to pay or cause to be paid unto such of my said children as shall be living at the time of such Intermarriage the Sum of one hundred pounds apiece if three be then living and if no more than two of my Children be then living the Sum of two hundred pounds apiece and Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Brother Thomas Cole William Sisson and Josiah Cramp Executors and Trustees of this my Last Will and Testament ordering these presents only to stand and remain as and for my Last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four.

Jno Cole

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Cole as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses at his request and in his presence.

Ann Holmes

Wm Smith

Henry Scotney

The within named Thomas Cole was duly sworn to execute this Will (The within named William Sisson having died in the Testators Life time & the withinnamed Josiah Cramp having renounced the Executorship) this 9th day of March 1771

Before me

Fra: Wotton Surrogate

Stephen Cranwell - 14th February 1787

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Stephen Cranwell of Langham in the county of Rutland yeoman and first I will that all my just Debts and Funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied by my Executor hereinafter named Also I give and bequeath to the following persons the following sums of money that is to say to Sarah Broughton wife of William Broughton of Wing in the said county of Rutland woolcomber the sum of Sixty pounds - To (space left here) Healey Son of George Healey of Warrington in the county of Lincoln the sum of Twenty pounds in case he shall be living at the time of my decease but if dead then the said sum of Twenty pounds to the said Sarah Broughton - To Ann Wosdale of Cotesmoor in the said county of Rutland Ten pounds - To John Bland of Gedington in the county of Northampton weaver Twenty pounds - To Thomas Sharp of Thorpe by Water in the said county of Rutland labourer Ten pounds - To Francis Gibbons Son of Francis Gibbons of Liddington in the said county of Rutland mason Five pounds - To Mary Marvin Elisabeth Rigeley and Ruth Peake Daughters of said Francis Gibbons Five pounds each - To John Hubbard Son of Richard Hubbard of Langham aforesaid butcher Five pounds - To Elisabeth Sharman my Servant Maid Five pounds in case she shall be living with me at the time of my decease - To Mary Ellis wife of Lib - - - (sic) Ellis of Bisbrooke in the county of Rutland Five pounds (the following inserted) To William Harvey son of William Harvey of Peasbrook (??)within the county of Rutland Five pounds - all which said Legacys I will and direct shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named within Twelve Months next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto Elisabeth Ellis Jane Ellis and Mary Ellis Daughters of the said Lib # ## # (sic) Ellis the following sum of money that is to say unto Elisabeth Ten pounds and unto the said Jane Ellis and Mary Ellis Five pounds each the same to be paid unto them by my Executor hereinafter named as they shall respectively attain the age of Twenty one years together with legal interest from the same - All the rest and residue of my Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever situate I give and bequeath unto John Frere of Oakham in the said county of Rutland Gentleman his Executors Administrators or Assigns whom I do hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made or published and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I the said Stephen Cranwell the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set and put my Hand and Seal this Fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven

The mark of Stephen Cranwell

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Stephen Cranwell the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in our Presence who in his Presence and at his request have hereunder subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of each other the interlineations being first made

James Smith  
Saml Gibbons

On the 17 April 1795 John Frere the sole Executor named in the within Will was then sworn well and faithfully to fulfil the same and that the within named Dec'ed at the time of his death was not possessed of a Personal Estate to the amount of Three Hundred pounds Before me Rd Atlay Surrogate

## Elizabeth Dalby - 18th December 1706

Northampton Record Office : X 028

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In ye Name of god Amen I Elizabeth Dalby of Langham in ye County of Rutland Widdow being sick and weake of body but in sound and perfect Mind and memory praised be god for ye same and knowing ye uncertenty of this Life heare on earth and being desirus to settle things in order Doe Make this my Last Will and testament in Maner and forme following yt is to say first and principlly I Comitt my Soule to Almighty God My Creatour Assuredly beleving yt through ye greivous death and Merits of My blessed Saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ I shall receive full pardon And free remisson of all My Sinns and Inherit Everlasting Life And my body I commit to ye Earth from whence it wass taken to be buried in such Decent and Christin manor as to my Executors hereafter named shall be thought meet and Covenant And as touching such Worldy estate as ye Lord in Mercy hath lent me

I doe dispose theirof as hearin after by this my will is expressed Imprimis I give and bequeath to frances Dalby eldest son of John Dalby my husband late Deceased ye some of one shilling to be paid to him within six Monthes After My deceasse by my Executor hereafter named

Item I give unto John Dalby sonn of John Dalby ye some of one shilling to be paid at ye same time Afoursaid

Item I give unto Mary Hornsby widow daughter of John Dalby Afour saide ye some of one shilling  
I give unto Saray Hearth daughter of John Dalby Afoursaide ye some of one shilling

Item I give unto Ann Dalby Daughter of John Dalby Afoursaide ye some of one shilling

Item I give unto grace Coouck Widdow Daughter of John Dalby Afoursaid ye some of one shilling

Item I give unto Humphery Dalby sonn of John Dalby Afoursaide ye some of five pounds to be paid to him at twelve Months After My Decease and one bedsted which is in ys Chamber with ye bedding their tew belonging and two paire of sheets and one paire of pillowbeares and one putor dish ye Largest I have and one Linning Wheele and Liberty in ye Chamber to come and to goo and Lodg in ye bed at Aney time soo longe as he shall keepe him selfe A single man

Item all ye rest of my goods and Estate with Chattell and what soever I shall Leave or[?]and at my decease my debts and Legaceys and funerall expences discharged I give and bequeath to my sonn Edward Dalby Whome I doo heare ordaine and Apoint solle Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and doo publish ye same and doo declare this present will to be my Last Will and testament in Wittnesse hear of I have hear unto set my hand and seall ye eighteen day of December in ye seventh yeare of ys Raigne of William by ye grace of God of England Scotland france and Ireland Kinge Defender of ye faith in ye year of our Lord God 1695

Elizabeth Dalby her Mark

Publish and declared by ye within named Testator Elizabeth Dalby to be her Last Will and Testament and by her signed and sealed in our presence and by us attested and inscribed in her presence

James Fracy his mark

[the following signatures are not entirely on the photograph]

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21o die mensu Augi 1706 Juratus fuit Edwardus

Dalby de Langham filius et Executor Eliza Dalby

de eodem Vida defunct: in huiodi: Testto noiat

Coram me

S. Saunders Surrog: FS[*note that the will is dated 1695 but probate was granted 1706*]



Edward Dalby - 15th February 1780

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In the Name of God Amen I Edward Dalby of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier, being in perfect Health of Body and of perfect Sound Mind Memory and Understanding, and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me And my Body I Commit to the earth to be decently interr'd at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter Named And for my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of as follows.

In the first place I give and bequeath to Eleanor my beloved Wife all and Singular my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattells Personal Estate of what kind Nature or quality soever (my Debts and Funeral Expenses being first paid and Discharged) during the term of her natural Life and after her Decease I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eleanor Clarke the wife of Richard Clarke the sum of one shilling Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Dalby the Sum of Ten pounds of lawful Money of England to be paid to her at the full End and Term of six Months next after the decease of me and my Wife And it is my Will and desire that my said Daughter Ann shall have an Habitation in my Dwelling House so long as she remains Single (if it be her Mind) Item: I give and bequeath to my son Edward Dalby all and Singular my Houshold Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattells and personal Estate of what kind Nature or quality whatsoever after all my Debts and other Legacies are Paid as Above and fully discharged. And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Wife Eleanor Dalby full and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said Edward Dalby the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the fifteenth of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty

Edward Dalby

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Edward Dalby the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the Witnesses under written who at his request and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other set our names as Witnesses

To the due Executions of this his said Will

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

June ye 5 1780. Eleanor Dalby the Executrix hath sworn she will perform the Contents of this Will as far as the Law requires and that her Husband Edward Dalby did not die possessed of a Hundred Pounds

Sworn before me J Lowth Surrogate

Francis Edgson - 22nd December 1702

Northampton Record Office : X103

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In the Name of God Amen I ffrancis Edgson of Langham in the County of Rutl yeoman being sick and weake of body but of sound and perfect Memory thanks be to God do ordaine and make this my Last Will And Testament in Manner And forme following: ffirst I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator fully trusting and assuredly believing in and through the merrits and mediation of Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Redeemer to have full pardon and Remission of all my Sins, And my body to be buried in the Churchyarde of Langham

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson ffrancis Edgson son of William Edgson Six pounds to be paid to him when hee Comes to the Age of one and Twenty yeares,

Item I give and bequeath unto my other foure grand Children the Children of William Edgson deceased That is to say to William Edgson John Edgson Jonathan Edgson and Sarah Edgson fforty shillings a peece to be paid to them when they Come to their Seaverall Ages of one and Twenty yeares

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Sarah Bullivant five pounds to be paid to her when shee Comes to the Age of one and Twenty yeares

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son in Law John Dale one shilling

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild ffrancis Dale five pounds to be paid to him when he Comes to the Age of one and Twenty yeares

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild John Dale forty shillings to be paid to him when he Comes to the Age of one and Twenty yeares

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild Elizabeth Dale My bedsted in the Chamber,

Item all the Rest of my goods Cattles and Chattles the Lease of my house and ground Whatsoever moveable and unmoveable unbequeathed and not given I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Dale whome I make full and sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament, she paying all my debts Legacies and funerall Expences in bringing my body decently to the ground, And I do hereby Revoake and make voyde all wills by me formerly made And this to be onely taken for my Last will and Testament, In witness whereof I have here unto sett my hand and Seale the Two and Twentith day of December Anno Dom 1702

ffrancis Edgson

Published Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Tobias ffrancis

An Hubbard her marke

Elizabeth ffrancis

3io Martij 1702/3 Jurata fuit maria Dale Executrix Fr: Edgson defunct: in hujodim Testto noiat coram me S: Saunders. Surrog

## Kenelm Faulks - 20th November 1793

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In the Name of God Amen, I Kenelm Faulks of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier being weak in Body But of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding as also Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executrix and Executors hereinafter Named and as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my son Kenelm Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds of Lawful English Money I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wife of William Berridge the Sum of one Shilling. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Wife of Mr Thomas Webster the Sum of one Shilling. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Merrill Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Faulks the Sum of two Pounds Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Jackson the Sum of ten Pounds Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds. And it is my Will and desire that my Executrix and my Executors do sufficiently in a proper handsome manner Maintain my Daughter Ann Faulks or otherwise allow her three Shillings a Week for and during her own Life for so long as she remains single but if she thinks proper to Marry then my Executors shall not be obliged to allow her any Thing And I do appoint my Son in law Mr Thomas Webster of Ashwell in the county aforesaid in Trust for my said daughter Ann Faulks to see that my Executors perform their Parts to her agreeable to this my said Will all the aforesaid Legacies to be paid at the full and Term of one year after my Decease. Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife all my Houshold Goods that are Moveable in my Dwelling House in Langham aforesaid for her own use and disposal. Item I also give and bequeath unto my Executrix and Executors all that my Freehold Estate Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging and situate lying and being in the Parish of Braunston in the county of Rutland aforesaid to be at and for their own use and disposal.

And also all and Singular the rest residue and remainder of my capital Goods Effects Cattle Chattells Rights Credits and Personal Estates of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and Discharged) I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife and to my loving Brother John Faulks and to my Son John Faulks for their own use and disposal share and share alike (except the Houshold Goods aforesaid) And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said Wife Jane Faulks and my Brother John Faulks and my son John Faulks full and sole Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Kenelm Faulks the Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three

Kenelm Faulks

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Kenelm Faulks the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the witnesses underwritten who have at his request and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other set our names as Witnesses to the due Execution of this his said Will

Daniel Cole

John Cole

William Holmes snr

On the second day of April 1796 Jane Faulks and John Faulks snr and John Faulks jnr the Executrix & Executors named in the above written will were then at the petition of their proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same and so forth and that the deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of personal Estate to the amount of £300-0-0 before me Richd Williams Surrogate £290-15-0 the sole Executor named in the within written Will was then sworn well and faithfully to perform the same

William Forman - 2nd July 1719 died on 25th July and buried on 27th July 1719

I William Forman of Brook in the County of Rutland Grazier ( ) / being of imperfect health but of perfect and sound mind and memory / praised be Almighty God and well knowing the certainty of death and / the uncertainty of this life do make and order in this my last Will and / Testament first and principally I recommend my Soul unto the hands of / Almighty God hoping for a happy resurrection in and through the / merits of Mediation of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and ( ) / my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion / of my Executrix hereinafter named And as for such temporal Estate / which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof / as followeth

Imprimis I will that my Debts and Funeral charges be paid / and discharged as follows by my Executrix hereinafter named.

Item Whereas the / late right Honourable Baptist Earl of Gainsborough in and by one / Indenture of Lease dated the seventh day of January in the year of our (which was) / Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and six for the consideration / therein mentioned ..... demise lease sell and to farm let unto me my / Executors Administrators and Assigns All that Messuage Cottage or / Tenement with the appurtenances in Brook aforesaid wherein I now / inhabit and all those Closes or grounds inclosed of meadow or pasture / ground with the appurtances in Brooke aforesaid to the said Messuage / belonging usually called by the name or names of Cunnings Closes the / land close the Long Close Two little Closes below the town the four acre / Close and the Eight acre Close and two acres of arable land lying in a // certain place called Merrimans Plott (Except as in the said Indenture / of Lease is excepted)To hold unto me my Executors Administrators and / Assigns from the feast of St Michael the Archangel then last past for / and during the full .....and term of ninety nine years from thence next / ensuing ( if Susanna Forman my Wife William Forman Son of Samuel / Forman of Waltham in the County of Leicester Yeoman and John Forman / son of John Forman late of Waltham aforesaid Yeoman deceased either / or any of them should so long live at and under certain yearly rents ..... / provisos and agreements therein ..... mentioned and expressed Now / in pursuance of retain Articles of Agreements made on the Marriage / between me and my said Wife dated the seventh day of July which / was in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and five / and in performance and discharge of several covenants and agreements / therein on my part covenanted and agreed to be performed I give and / bequeath all and singular the said Leasehold premises with the / appurtenances in Brook aforesaid unto my said wife Susanna Forman / for and during the residue of the said term of ninety nine years therein / yet to remain if she shall so long live (Except as is therein Excepted ) and / provided that she doth and shall well and truly pay and perform all and / singular the rents reservations covenants and agreements therein / ..... and expressed to be paid done and performed on the part of me / my Executors Administrators and Assigns and that she doth not or shall not / at any time and during so long or time as she shall hold and enjoy the same / plow dig up or reuse it into tillage or reuse or procure to be plowed dug / up or reuse into tillage the same premises or any part thereof (except / the two acres of arable land in Merrimens Plott) and if she shall / happen to die before the end of the said term and the said William / Forman and John Forman or either of them shall her survive.

Then I give / and bequeath all my said Leasehold premises in Brook aforesaid with / the appurtenances unto the said William Forman(my Kinsman who / now lives with me) from and immediately after her death and to his / Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the then residue of / the said term of ninety nine years if the said William Forman and / John Forman shall so long live under and subject to the Exceptions / reservations rents and agreements therein particularly mentioned.

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Item I give and bequeath unto John Sharpe of Wing in the County of / Rutland ..... and Robert Hawley of Oakham in the said County ..... / All my stock of Cattle beast and sheep which now are or shall be feeding / or grazing at my death in or upon a close in Waltham aforesaid / which I hold of his Grace the Duke of Rutland called S .....and / also our wagon and our cart which I have in my yard or homestead at / Brooke aforesaid In Trust nevertheless and to the intent that they or the / Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor / shall and may as soon as conveniently they can or may after my death / sell and dispose of the same and that the money arising by the sale thereof / shall be paid unto my Kinsman Thomas Forman and the said Samuel / Forman Sons of my Brother John Forman deceased equally to be / divided between them And it is my mind and will that in case my ( ) / Kinsman Thomas Forman shall pay unto the said Samuel Forman so / much money as the said John Sharpe and Robert Hawley shall / value and ..... or half part of the said Cattle and goods to be worth / then that he the said Thomas Forman shall have all the said Cattle and // goods aforementioned at his own disposal And also I give my right and / Tenantright in and to the said Close unto the said Thomas Forman hoping / his Grace will be pleased to accept of him for a Tenant to the same

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Item I / give and devise unto the said John Sharpe and Robert Hawley and to / their heirs and Assigns for ever All that Messuage or Tenement with the / appurtenances situate and being in Langham in the said County of Rutland / now or late in the occupation of William Sharpe and also all that Close or / grounds inclosed of Meadow or pasture with the appurtenances lying and / being in Langham aforesaid containing by estimation eight acres or / thereabouts be the same more or less and now or late in the tenure or / occupation of Widow Nailor which said Messuage Close and premises / in Langham aforesaid I lately purchased of William Burstall and / Isadia his wife In Trust nevertheless and to the intent and purpose that / the said premises in Langham aforesaid shall as soon as conveniently / can or may after my death be sold by them the said John Sharpe and / Robert Hawley or the Survivor of them or their heirs and Assigns of such / Survivor to the best purchaser or purchasers that can or may be had / or got for the same and that the money arising by the sale thereof shall and / may be given paid and applied in discharge of the several Legacys and / in such manner and form as hereinafter is particularly mentioned and / expressed (that is to say) I give and bequeath unto the said John Sharpe and / Robert Hawley and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators / of such Survivor the sum of fifty pounds in trust nevertheless and for the / use of John Forman Henry Forman Sarah Forman Elizabeth Forman and / Samuel Forman the Sons and Daughters of my aforesaid Kinsman Samuel / Forman equally to be divided between them to be paid at their several and / respective ages of one and twenty years And it is my mind and will that the / said sum of fifty pounds shall in the mean time be put forth at interest / by the said John Sharpe and Robert Hawley (whom I do hereby make / and appoint Trustees and Overseers of this my last Will and / Testament hoping and earnestly desiring they will see the same / performed) or the Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators / of such Survivor and that the interest and profit thereof shall from / time to time be paid and applied to and for the use and uses of the said / John Forman Henry Forman Sarah Forman Elizabeth Forman and / Samuel Forman equally to be divided between them.

Item I give and / bequeath unto my Kinswoman Sarah Kemp the wife of William Kemp / of Brook aforesaid Yeoman and to the said William Kemp and to / their Children five pounds apiece to be paid by my said Trustees to the / said William Kemp whose acquittance shall be their sufficient discharge / for the same.

Item I give unto Alice the daughter of my brother Henry / Forman deceased five pounds.

- Item I give unto Gabriel Caunt Elizabeth / Caunt and Alice Caunt my sister Bridgets Children One Guinea apiece.
- Item I give unto John Forman another Son of my brother John Forman / deceased the sum of ten pounds.
- Item I give unto Thomas Carrington of / Oakham aforesaid Miller forty shillings.
- Item I give unto Edward Philips of / Greetham in the said County of Rutland yeoman forty shillings.
- Item I give / unto the said Thomas Forman and to my said Kinsman Samuel Forman ten / pounds apiece to pay and discharge the rent that shall be due to the Duke / of Rutland for the aforesaid close called ?S..... in Waltham aforesaid / at the time of my death.
- Item Page 4 I give unto my loving wife Susanna / Forman the sum of Thirty pounds and due intreat of her at the time of her // death to give the sum of ten pounds unto Mary Forman who lived with me / one of the daughters of my said Kinsman Samuel Forman.
- Item I give unto / the said Mary Forman Thirty pounds.
- Item I give unto Francis Raullins / my Godson one of the sons of Henry Raullins of Brook aforesaid Gent five / pounds and do declare that Mr Raullins receipt shall be a good discharge / for the same.
- Item I give unto my said Trustees two guineas apiece All / and every which said sum and sums of money herein before particularly / given and bequeathed as aforesaid my desire and will is shall be paid / and applyed by my said Trustees to or to the use of the several persons / herein before particularly named in manner above mentioned with and / out of the money which shall be made and arise by the sale of the / premises in Langham aforesaid within three months after sale thereof / and that the rents and profits of the said premises shall until a / convenient purchase can be had and mett with be paid and applyed / from time to time \*and for the use of the Legators aforesaid in proportion \*to / to their several legacys And if it shall happen that he said premises / in Langham shall be sold for more money than will satisfy and / discharge the several Legacys herein before mentioned to be paid by / my said Trustees with the money which shall be made and arise by sale / thereof I give and bequeath all such surplus money (my said Trustees / having first deducted and retained all such charges and expenses as / they sustain or So put into the execution of their Trust which I do / hereby order and allow them) unto my said Kinsman Samuel Forman.
- Item I give and bequeath unto my said Trustees the sum of Thirty / pounds to be paid them by my Executrix herein after named within one / year after my death In Trust nevertheless and to the intent and purpose / that they or Survivors of them or the Executors or Administrators of / such Survivors shall and may put forth and dispose of the same at interest / or otherwise as they shall think requisite and necessary for the use and / benefit of Christian Forman another daughter of my said Kinsman / Samuel Forman.
- Item It is my mind and will that if any of the Sons / or daughters of my said Kinsman Samuel Forman shall die before his / her or their Legacy or Legacys be paid or payable Then I give the Legacy / or Legacys of him her or them so dying to the Survivors of them equally to be / divided amongst them or to the only Survivor of them.
- Item I give and / bequeath unto the said John Sharpe and Robert Hawley and the Survivors / of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor the further / sum of fifty pounds to be paid by my Executrix herein after named / within one year after my death In Trust nevertheless and to the intent / and purpose that the same shall be by them put forth at interest and / that the interest and profit thereof shall from time to time be paid and / applyed to and for the use and benefit of my said loving wife

Susannah / Forman for and during her natural life and from and after her decease / that my said Trustees or the Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators / of such survivor shall pay and dispose of the said principal sum of fifty / pounds to and amongst my own relations in such manner and form as / my said wife shall by any good or goods writing or writings executed / in her lifetime or by her last Will and Testament in writing such / goods writing or will to be executed in the presence of two or more / credible Witnesses direct or appoint And for want of such direction and / appointment to and amongst the Children of my said Kinsman Samuel / Forman as shall be then living equally to be divided amongst them

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Item

I give unto my sister Coates late the wife of my Brother John Forman / deceased my silver Cup and my silver Pottinger.

Item

I give unto the said / Thomas Forman son of my said Brother John Forman my Silver Tumbler.

Item

I give unto William Hubbard of Brook aforesaid five shillings.

Item

I give unto my said loving Wife Susannah Forman all and singular / the household goods and household stuff and plate and linnen pewter brass / and other goods whatever which she had brought with her at the / time of our marriage or which we have or either of us hath bought / since our intermarriage freely to be at her own disposal (Except the / red bed and green bed and bedding to them or either of them belonging / and my Cloak and Copper which beds Cloak and Copper and all other / my household goods and household stuff which I had before our / Intermarriage I give unto my said Wife for and during her life and / after her decease I give and bequeath such household goods and / household stuff as I had before our Intermarriage and also the red / bed and green bed and bedding unto the said Mary / Forman and Christian Forman equally to be divided between them / (Except the Cloak and Copper which I give unto the said William / Forman who lives with me.

Item

I give and bequeath unto the said / William Forman my Kinsman who lives with me All my stock of horses / Beasts Cows Calves sheep Ewes and lambs and all other my Cattle / Whatsoever now ?depasturing and feeding or which shall be at the time of / my death be ?depasturing and feeding in all or any of the Closes and / Lands which I hold and occupy in Brook aforesaid ( Except my four / milsht cows now ?depasturing in my home Close in Brook aforesaid / and twenty of my best Ewes and the horse which is called my Wifes / which I give unto my said wife Susannah Forman ) and also except two / yearling heifers which I give unto the said Mary Forman) and also / except twenty ?theves ten of which I give unto the said John Forman Son / of my said Brother John Forman deceased and the other ten ?theves I / give unto the said John Forman son of my said Kinsman Samuel Forman / which said Cattle are part of my Stock in Brook aforesaid And it is my / Mind and Will that all and every the sum and sums of money that / from henceforth forth from time to time to the time of my death shall be made / and arise out of my Stock and Cattle in Brook aforesaid ( Except before / excepted) shall go unto and be paid unto the said William Forman / who lives with me by Executrix hereinafter named he the said / William Forman paying unto the Right Honourable Baptist Earl of / Gainsborough all such rent as shall be due to the said Earl at the time of / my death for the Closes and Lands and rent of his Lordship in Brook / aforesaid upon ..... rent only (but not for my said Leasehold / premises) And I give and bequeath all my right and tenant right to / the said Closes and Lands in Brook aforesaid which I rent of his / Lordship ( Except the said Leasehold premises) unto my said / Kinsman William Forman hoping his Lordship will be pleased to / accept of him for a Tenant to the same.

- Item I give and bequeath unto / the said John Sharpe and Robert Hawley and the Survivor of them and / the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor all my Wool now / remaining and being in and about my dwelling house in Brook / aforesaid To the intent that they or the Survivor of them or the Executor / or Administrators of such Survivor shall and may as soon as / conveniently they can after my death sell and dispose of the same to / the best advantage and that out of the money that shall be made and / arise by sale thereof they shall pay unto the said Samuel Forman the / father the sum of Twenty pounds and that they shall pay the residue / of the said money which shall arise by the sale of my said Wool unto / my said wife Susannah Forman provided always and I do will and / ordain that if any of my aforesaid Legatees shall make ?roumour or / ?prosecute or cause to be made roumoured or prosecute any ?Anon suit / trouble or demand of or for any of my goods chattels or estate otherwise / than according to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will and / Testament that then every or any of them so doing shall absolutely lose / and be debarred of and from all such Legacies or other benefits as they / or any of them could or might have had thereby And I do declare that / all and every the Legacy and Legacys so given or bequeathed to him / her them or any of them aforementioned who shall make roumour or / prosecute or cause or procure to \*made roumoured or prosecuted any \* (be) / action suit trouble or demand otherwise then as aforesaid shall be / absolutely paid as if the same had not been to him her or them given or / made And I do give unto them or such of them so doing only one shilling / apiece
- Item my Express will is that my said Trustees or either of them / their or either of their Heirs Executors or Administrators shall not be / lyable to make good any loss that may happen in managing the said / several sums of money before given to them in trust as aforesaid at / interest unless it be his or their own wilfull default nor shall the one of / them be answerable for the miscarriages of the other of them nor shall / they be answerable for any more moneys or things then they shall / respectively actually ..... But they and such of them their and such / of their Heirs Executors and Administrators out of the money and / things hereby given and the interest and profits thereof\* shall and may \*(or of any part thereof) / from time to time reimburse him and themselves all such money costs / and expenses as they either or any of them shall or may pay bare / sustain or be putt unto for or by reason of this my Will or any matter / trust or thing hereby mentioned or contained or relating thereunto or to / any part thereof.
- Item all the rest and residue of my personal estate / bills bonds mortgages ready money estate goods and chattels / whatever not herein before disposed of (my debts and Legacys being / paid and my funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath unto / my said loving wife Susannah Forman whom I do make sole Executrix / of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby resolve and make / void all former Wills by me heretofore made.

And I do hereby make / and declare this to be my last Will and Testament containing four / sheets of paper to every sheet sett my hands and seal this second day of / July in the year of our Lord Christ seventeen hundred and nineteen / William Forman Signed Sealed and published by the Testator to be his / last Will and Testament.....  
 / presence of us who subscribed our names as Witnesses in his presence / Henry Raulins And  
 ?Lady Mary Goodwin



Richard Fracy - 1710

Northampton Record Office : V264

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In the name of God amen the Ninth day of August September and according to the computation of the Church of England 1710: I Richard Fracy of Langham in the County of Rutland Husbandman being sicke and weake in Body but of Sound minde and perfect Rememebrance Praise therefore bee given to God for the Same doo make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testamt: in manner and forme following (That is to say) First and Principally I commend my Soul into the hands of God my maker hoping through the precious Merits of my Saviour and Redemer to receive Pardon of all my Sinnes and to inherit Everlasting Life after death and my Body I commit to the Earth to bee decently Interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and as touching All Such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow uppon mee I give and Bequeath as followeth:

Imprs: I give to my Nephew James Fracy Twenty Pound and also my Lease of the Living which I hold of the Right Hon:ble the Earle of Gainsbourough after my Wife's Decease

Item I give to Elizabeth Seachell tenne Pound and to her Daughter Mary tenne Pound,

Item I give to Thomas Arnoll five Pound and to his Son John Arnoll five Pound and the House and homestead which now I live in after my Wife's Decease

Item I give Anne Glenne Widdow five Pound

Item I give to Alice Flaxman Twenty shillings, to Ellen Smyth Twenty shillings, to Mary Dalby Twenty shillings, to Alice Gandy Tenne shillings, to her Sister Anne Gandy tenne shillings

Item I give to John Sharpe ten shillings and to William Sharpe ten shillings

Item I give to Thomas Fracy five pounds and to his Son Edward Fracy five pounds

Item I give to Five poore Widdows in Langham five Pound five shillings whereof to bee paid to Each of them every Yeare att the ffeast of the Nativity of our Blessed Saviour Vulgarly called His day and this to bee done att the Discretion of the Minister of the Parish and Church Wardens

All the Rest of my Reall and Temporall Estate whatsoever I give and Bequeath to my Loving Wife Grace Fracy full and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above written

Sealed, Signed, and Published - the marke of Richard Fracy

in presence of  
Francis Jephson  
William Bayly his marke

memorandum that these words which are interlined were interlind before the Sealing of the Will

Ffrancis Jephson 1710

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...cimo octave die Octobris Jurata fuit Gratia

...acy Vidua Relicta et Executrix unica bo=

...ru Richdi Fracy de Langham Defunctim

...ujodi Testto noiat: coram me S. Saunders Surrog:

Joseph Goodacre - 7th December 1790

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Goodacre of Langham in the county of Rutland, tailor, being weak in Body But of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding and also Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Sister my Executrix hereinafter named and as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows: in the first place I give and bequeath to my Brother John Goodacre the Sum of ten Pounds of Lawful English Money to be paid him by my Executrix six Months after my Decease and all the Goods in the Chamber over the House and half my Shirts. Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Ann Goodley all that my Copyhold Dwelling House Out houses and Garden with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being in Langham aforesaid for and during her own natural Life and which I have duly surrendered to the Use of this my Will (and now in my own occupation) and it is my Will and desire that my Sister keep the aforesaid House in a good repair as it was at my Decease and after the Decease of my aforesaid Sister I give and bequeath my aforesaid Copyhold Estate to my Nephew William Goodacre Son of my Brother John Goodacre and if he dies before he comes to the Age of twenty one Years then it shall descend to the next Eldest Child of my aforesaid Brother and if it dies before it comes to Age to the next Eldest and so on to the Youngest. I give and bequeath unto Francis Sims Son of William Sims of Teigh my Bristol Stone shirt buckle. I give and bequeath unto Ann Sims Daughter of William Sims aforesaid one Pair of Silver Shoe Buckles to be given them immediately after my Decease

And all and Singular the rest, residue and Remainder of my Goods Effects Wearing apparel Chattells Credits Rights Personal Estate of what kind nature of quality whatsoever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and discharged)

I give and bequeath unto my Sister Ann Goodley for her own use and disposal. And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said Sister Ann Goodley full and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in Witness whereof I the said Joseph Goodacre the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the seventh Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety

Joseph Goodacre

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Joseph Goodacre the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the witnesses underwritten who at his request and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other have set our names as Witnesses to the Due Execution of this his said Will

Wm Davis

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

On the eighteenth day of April 1791 Ann Goodley wife of Wm Goodley sole Executrix of Joseph Goodacre hath made oath before me that at the time of his death his personal estate amounted to no more than Twenty two pounds one shilling & that she is the sole executrix therein named

Richd Williams surrogate

John Hack - 30th March 1708

Northampton Record Office : X153

Transcribed by Freda Smithson - Langham Village History Group

In the Name of God Amen I John Hack of Langham in the County of Rutland Gent being weak of body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God for the same And calling to mind the uncertainty of this life doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following/that is to say

ffirst I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through his mercy And the merits of my onely Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon of All my Sins And my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred att the discrecton of my Executrixes hereinafter named And as touching such worldly estate as God of his mercy hath bestowed upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth

Imprs I give bequeath and devise All that my Lease of One Messuage or Tenemt: with all the Appurtenances Situate and being in Langham aforesaid wherein I now dwell And of severall closes of pasture ground lying and being in Langham aforesaid to the said Messuage or Tenemt: belonging together with their and every of their profits rights members and Appurtenances to the Severall uses intents and purposes and under the trusts which are mentouned and expressed in a certaine Indenture of Assignemt: bearing date on or about the Second day of March which was in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and One made between me the said John Hack of the first part Bartholomew Wimberley my Son in Law of the second part William Wimberley John Vincent and Thomas Smith Butcher my son in Law of the third part

Item I give bequeath and devise All that my Lease of Wiggintons Closes in Langham aforesaid called or known by the Name or names of the Howe close and Ouldeybanks with their profits rights members and Appurtenances to the severall uses intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned expresses and declared/that is to say/ To the use and behoofe of my loveing Wife Jane and my Daughter Ann Hack to have share and share alike of and in the rents issues and profits of the same for and during the term of their naturall lives And to the use of the Survivor of them And from and after their two deaths then to the use and behoofe of my Son in Law Thomas Smith of Ashwell in the said County of Rutland Butcher his Exrs Admrs & Assignes for and during All the rest and residue of the term therein mentioned which shall be then to come and unexpired And in case either of both of my said Leases shall happen to be renewed during the naturall life or lives of my said Wife & Daughter or either of them then my will and desire is And I do hereby order and Appoint that my said Leases or either of them shall be renewed att the costs and charges of my said two Sons Bartholomew Wimberley and Thomas Smith their Executors Admrs and Assignes/namely/my said Lease of the said Messuage or tenemt and Severall closes thereunto belonging shall be renewed at the costs and charges of my said Son in Law Bartholomew Wimberley his Executrs Admrs or Assignes And my said Lease of Wiggintons closes shall be renewed att the costs and charges of my said Son in Law Thomas Smith his Executors Admrs or Assignes

And after such renewing of my said Leases or either of them as aforesaid then my will and desire further is that the same with the rents and profits thereof shall be for the use of my said Wife and Daughter and of the Survivor of them as aforesaid/in case they Or either of them shall be then living/And afterwards to the use and under the trusts =nz aforementioned and expressed

Item I give bequeath and devise All my Lease of five Closes of pasture in Langham aforesaid called or known by the names of Mickloe and Cooperholme containeing by estimacion twenty five Acres/more or less/together with their rights profits members and Appurtenances unto my loveing Wife Jane for and during the term of her naturall life and from and after her decease unto my Daughter Ann Hack and her Assignes for the term of two yeares for

the intent that she the said Ann shall and may during the said term out of the rents issues and profits thereof raise the sum of Ten pounds for the use and benefit of my Grandson John Chisledine the same to be putt forth to interest for his use by my said Daughter Ann Hack And the same to be paid to him with the increase and proceeds thereof at his age of one and twenty years And from and immediately after the end of the said term of two years then I give bequeath and devise All that my said Lease of the said five Closes called Mickloe and Cooperholme with the profits and Appurts thereunto belonging unto my said son Thomas Smith his Exors Admrs and Assignes In case he or they shall and will at his or there own costs and charges renew the same within Six Moneths after my said wifes decease And also in case my said son Thomas Smith his Exors Admrs or Assignes shall and will permit and suffer my Daughter Ann and her Assignes to hold and enjoy the same and take the rents issues and profits thereof for the term of two years as aforesaid for the raising of the said sum of ten pounds for my said Grandson John Chiseldine but in case my said Son Thomas Smith his Execrs Admrs and Assignes shall not and will not renew my said Lease of Mickloe and Cooperholme as aforesaid and shall not and will not permit and suffer my said Daughter Ann or her assignes to hold and enjoy the same and take the rents issues and profits thereof for the raising of the said sum of ten pounds for my said Grand son John Chesildine as aforesaid then I give and devise the said lease of the said five Closes called Mickloo and Cooper holme with all the profits and Appurtns thereunto belonging together with all benefit and advantage of renewing the same unto my said Daughter Ann Hack and her Assignes subject nevertheless for the raising and paying of the said sum of ten pounds unto my Grandson John Chiseldine as aforesaid And I make liable and charge my said Lease called Mickloo and Cooperholme to and with the raising and paying of the said sum of ten pounds as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Grandson John Chesildine the sum of twenty pounds over and above the said ten pounds of lawfull money of Great Britaine to be paid to him by my Executrixes herinafter named at his age of One and twenty years

Item all the rest residue & remainder of my goods Chattlells Cattell and personall estate whatsoever unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Jane and loving Daughter Ann Hack equally to be divided between them they paying and discharging all my debts Legacy of twenty pounds and funerall expences whatsoever And Doo hereby make and ordaine my said wife and Daughter Ann Executrixes of this my last will and testament hereby revokeing all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament containing almost two sheetes of paper putting hand and Seal this Thirtyeth day of March in the Seventh year of the reign of our Soverigne Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of Great Brittain etc Annog Dul 1708

John Hack his mark

...sealed published and declared to be the last ...ill and testamt of the within named John Hack ... presence of us And signed by us in the presence ... the Testator

Elizabeth Wigginton

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John Harries - 9th March 1790 Admon

Northampton Record Office :

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Know all men by these presents that we Daniel Harries, cottager of the parish of Langham in the county of Rutland are held and firmly bound unto John Ld Bishop of Peterborough in the sum of sixty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Bishop or to his certain Attorney his Executors Administrators or Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made we oblige ourselves and every of us by himself the whole our and - of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals Dated the ninth day of March in the thirtieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland king Defender of the Faith and so forth And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if Daniel Harries administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattles and Credits of John Harries late of Langham aforesaid Deceased do makes or cause to be made a true and perfect (?) Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall cause to hands possession or knowledge of the said Daniel Harries or into the hands and possession of any person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of Peterborough at or before the - day of - next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all others the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Daniel Harries or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to the Law And do further make or cause to make a true and just Accompt of -- said Administration at or before the - day of - and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods Chattles and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator's Accompt the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to the true Intent and Meaning of a late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the second intituled Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates shall limit and appoint and if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Daniel Harries above bounden being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (At probaton of such Testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this Obligation to be Void or else to remain in full Force and Virtue

Signed by Daniel Harries

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Matthew Barton

Ninth March 1790 bond for Ad (?) (Administration?) of the effects of John Harris (sic) late of Langham on (?) £100

Signed Rd Williams

On the ninth day of March 1790 the within bounden Daniel Harries was then at the petition of his proctor sworn faithfully to administer the Goods Chattles and Credits of the within named John Harries according to law & that the said effects do not amount to the sum of £100 before me Richd Williams

John Holmes - 1st March 1706

Northampton Record Office : V209

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In the Name of God Amen I John Holmes of Langham in the County of Rutland Tallow Chandler being very much indisposed of health and weak of body: but of Good and perfect Sence and memory praised be God: do make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills and Testaments Whatsoever this first day of March in the Sixth year of the Reigne of our Soverigne Lady Queen Ann by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc: as followeth

Impris I bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God hoping for his mercy and my body to the Earth from whence it was Created but to be Decently buried -

Item I make my Wife Ann Holmes sole Executrix of all my Goods and Chattles to be at her disposing

Item And My Now dwelling House Shop Workhouse barnes and stables and all Appurtnances thereto belonging I give unto my Son Roger Holmes after my Decease and my said wife onely yielding and paying the Sum of Ten pounds of English money to be paid at his Entrance to the House to my Daughter ffaith Holmes: by him or his Assignes and the said ffaith Holmes to have her dwelling in the said house without any disturbance for Six Moneths after Our deceases (of me & my Said wife)

Item I give unto my Daughter ffaith Holmes all the Goods in the best Chamber one Trunk of Linnen one Trundlebed one warming pan one Chest one Hanging poop two Litle Boxes one Land Iron and brases five pewter Dishes Six plates one Tankard one Cheeseplate one Candlestick one Great Table and little Table Six Chaires Two Brass potts two Brass pans one Tub one pale Two Barrells: att our pleasure

Item I give unto my Son William Holmes one Shilling to be paid within twelve moneths after my decease

Item I give unto my Daughter Tomasin the wife of Walter Baccus one Shilling to be paid within Twelve Moneths after my Decease

In witness and for performance herof I have interchangeably sett my Hand and Seale this first day of March in the year of Our Lord God 1706

John Holmes

In the presents of  
Thomas Bankes  
Francees [E]dgson  
John Stokes

Octris 24o 1709 Jurate fuit Anna Holmsi  
Vida Relicta et Executrix John Holmes de  
Langham in Comit Rutlandis defunct: in  
hajodi Testto noiat  
Coram me  
Sam: Saunders Surrog:

[Landiron = a metal support in the hearth to stop burning logs rolling out.

Poop = possibly Pooke, which is either a bag smaller than a sack, otherwise a long narrow bag usually of leather for carrying corn on pack saddles]

John Hornby - 30th July 1700

Northampton Record Office : T234

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In the Name of god amen I John Hornby of Langham in the County of \ Rutland Shepherd being Sick and weake in body but sound and perfect of mind \ and memmory I praise god for it Doe make and ordaine this my Last \ Will and Testament in Mannor and forme ffollowing, ffirst I give \ and bequeath my Soule into the hands of almighty god who gave it \ hopeing through the Mirritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redemer \ to receave full and free pardon of all my Sinns and to In herrit an \ everlasting life in the kingdome of heaven committing my Body to \ the Earth from whence it was Taken to be buried at the dicression \ of my Executor hereafter named and for that little estate \ which it hath pleased god to bestow uppon mee I dispose of as followeth \ \

I give and bequeath to my Sonne Robert Hornby ffive shillings to be paid to him \ when hee shall come to the age of one and Twenty years

Item I give to my Sonn \ Thomas Hornby ffive shillings to be paid to him when hee shall come to the \ age of one and Twenty yeares

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter \ Mary Hornby ffive Shillings to be paid to her when shee shall come to the \ age of one and Twenty yeares

Item all the Rests of my goods and Chattles \ Reddy money moveables and Unmoveables whatsoever my Debts and legacies \ being paid and funerall expences discharged I give to my Two loveing \ freind Thomas Sewell of Knawson [Knossington] and ffrancis Edgson of Langham \ whom I make full and Soule executoers of this my last Will and Testam \ for the best use and for the bringing up of my three Children and if it \ shall happen that any of my Three Children depart this life before they \ come to the age of one and Twenty yeares then it is my Will that the \ survivor of them shall have the deceased leagucies provided also that my \ Executors Receave no damage In whose Trust I hive left fo[sic] The care of \ my Children In Wittnes whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seal \ the Thirtieth day of July Annog: Dom 1700 \

John Hornby \ his mark \

published sealed and delivered

in the prezents of

Tobias ffrancis

John Sharpe

Ann Bloomfit her marke

[Junij 5th 1701 Jurati fuere Thomas Sewel et Franciscus Edgson Executores  
John Hornby de Langham Defunct in hoc Testatm nomiat](#)

[Coram me S. Saunders Surrog.](#)

John Hubbard - 9th August 1798

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I John Hubbard of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier being weak in Body But of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding as also Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my wife my Executrix hereinafter named and as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Thorpe the Wife of William Thorpe the Sum of five Pounds. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Hubbard the sum of ten Pounds and the Bed and Bedstead that is the Kitchen Chamber and all the Bedding that belongs to the said Bed and two pair of Sheets three Chairs and one Table which are in the room call'd the House and one small Brass Pan, one Pewter Dish and three Pewter Plates. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Hubbard the sum of ten Pounds and one Bed and Bedstead with Bedding compleat and two pair of Sheets three Chairs one Table that are in the room call'd the House one small Brass Pan one Pewter Dish and three Pewter Plates and it is my Will and desire that my Daughters Ann And Mary Hubbard may have Habitation and live with their Mother and Brothers so long as they remain Single if they desire it. All the aforesaid Legacies to be paid at the full End and Term of twelve Months after my Wife's decease by my Sons James and Edward Hubbard whom I appoint Joint Executors after my Wife's Decease of all my Good and effects except those before mentioned and bequeath'd All and all my singular Goods Effects Cattle Chattells Rights Credits and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever to me appertaining I give devise and bequeath unto my affectionate Wife Mary Hubbard for and during her own natural life and after her Decease I give and bequeath all the remainder unto my Sons James and Edward Hubbard as aforesaid. And lastly I do hereby nominate and Appoint my said Wife Mary Hubbard full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any Time heretofore made in Witness whereof I the said John Hubbard the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the ninth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

John Hubbard his mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator John Hubbard as and for his last Will and Testament in the Sight and Presence of us who at his request and in the Sight and Presence of him and of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses to attest his execution thereof

John Smith

Robert Stevens

William Holmes

On the tenth day of Jany 1803 Mary Hubbard the sole Executrix named in the above written Will was then at the petition of her proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same and that the Deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of personal estate to the amount of £300 before me Richd Williams Surrogate



## Richard Hubbard - 6th March 1788

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Hubbard in the county of Rutland grazier and Dealer in Horses, altho' laboring at present under some indispositions of body, yet being of Sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding, thro' the mercy of God, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

First, I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God; and my Body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. I give and bequeath unto my father William Hubbard the sum of one hundred pounds sterling Also I give and bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Chapman the sum of a hundred pounds sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling: and my Will further is, that, the Legacies and Bequests of one hundred pounds each be paid within twelve kalendar months after my decease to the several persons as above directed. Also I give and bequeath to my Niece Elizabeth Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my Niece Juliana Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Hubbard the sum of one hundred pounds sterling. Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew David Hubbard the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, and my Will further is, these Legacies and Bequests of one hundred pounds each be paid to them at their respective ages of twenty one years.

Also I give and bequeath to my Servant Ann Neale the sum of fifty pounds sterling, to be paid within twelve kalendar months after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my Brother William Hubbard all that my Copyhold Messuage or Tenement, with all and ev'ry the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate standing and being in Langham aforesaid to him, his heirs or assigns for ever. Also all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind whatsoever I die possessed of I give and bequeath to my Brother William Hubbard, whom I nominate, constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other and former Wills by me at any Time made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this sixth Day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight.

Richard Hubbard

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator Richard Hubbard as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have subscribed our Names as Witnesses at his request in his Presence and in the Presence of each other.

Chas Hubbard  
Humphrey Chambers  
Chas Scotney

On the 18th day of June 1788 the within named William Hubbard was then at the Petition of Smith jnr his Proctor sworn well and faithfully to prosecute (?) this within written Will of the said Richard Hubbard according to Law etc and that the (??) of the deceased did not Amount to more than £1500

Before me N Brown

James Jackson - 16th January 1796

Northampton Record Office :

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This is the last Will and Testament of me James Jackson of Langham in the county of Rutland, gentleman which I do hereby make publish and dictate in manner and form following, that is to say I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Mary the Wife of Benjamin Bradwell of Richmond in the county of York, Broker, the sum of Two Hundred and Seven Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain I also give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Jackson of Langham aforesaid Spinster the Sum of Three Hundred and Seven Pounds of like lawful Money of Great Britain I also give and bequeath unto James Jackson John Jackson two of the Children of my Kinsman James Jackson of Oakham in the said County of Rutland Victualler the Sum of Five Pounds apiece of like lawful Money of Great Britain and I do direct the said several Legacies of Two Hundred and Seven Pounds and Three Hundred and Seven Pounds Five Pounds and Five Pounds to be paid and payable to the respective Legatees thereof by my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named at the end of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease And I do hereby also give and bequeath unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Langham aforesaid and their Successors for the time being the Sum of Five Pounds of like lawful Money as aforesaid and direct the same to be paid to them by my said Executors and Executrix at the end of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease and to be by such Churchwardens and Overseers for the time being placed out at interest and the Interest thereof to be from time to time laid out in Bread and distributed annually on the Feast Day of Saint Thomas the Apostle unto and amongst the most necessitous Poor of the Parish of Langham aforesaid at the discretion of such Churchwardens and Overseers I also give and bequeath unto William Smith of Langham aforesaid Grazier and Charles Hubbard of the same place Butcher the Sum of Five Pounds a piece of lawful money of Great Britain as a small recompense for their Trouble in executing the Trusts hereby reposed in them And as to for and concerning all and every my Freehold and Copyhold Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever situate standing lying and being (and which said Copyhold Estates I have duly surrendered to the use of this my last Will) I do hereby give and devise the same and every part thereof unto my Dear Wife Dorothy Jackson To hold to her my said Wife Dorothy Jackson her Heirs and Assigns absolutely for ever And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my person Estate and Effects consisting of Plate China Linen Furniture Household Goods Implements of Household Sum and Sums of Money Securities for Money Debts Rents and Arrears of Rent due to me Cattle Stock Goods Chattells Effects and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever Subject Nevertheless to and charged with the payment of my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and the said several Legacies by me hereinbefore given and bequeathed I do hereby give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto her my said Dear Wife Dorothy Jackson absolutely for ever And Lastly I do hereby revoke and make void All other Will and Wills by me at any Time heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament and therefore nominate constitute and appoint my said Dear Wife Dorothy Jackson and the said William Smith and Charles Hubbard the joint Executrix and Executors in Witness whereof I the said James Jackson the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Two Sheets of Paper to each Sheet thereof set my Hand and at the Top of the first Sheet and to the last Sheet thereof my Hand and Seal the Sixteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

James Jackson

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said James Jackson the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his request in his Presence and in the Presence of him and of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses to attest the Execution thereof

Jno Briggs

Richard Woods servant to the said James Jackson

Mary Tayler servant to the said James Jackson

This is a codicil of the last Will and Testament of me James Jackson of Langham in the County of Rutland Gentleman (bearing even date herewith) and which I direct to be taken and considered as and for part thereof Whereas I have in and by my said Will given and bequeathed unto my Grand daughter Mary the Wife of Benjamin Bradwell of Richmond in the County of York Broker the Sum of Two Hundred and Seven Pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain and also unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Jackson of Langham aforesaid Spinster the Sum of Three Hundred and Seven Pounds of like lawful Money of Great Britain and directed the same to be paid to them at the end of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease Now I do hereby direct and it is my Will and Mind that in case either of them the said Mary Bradwell and Elizabeth Jackson shall happen to depart this Life before the said Respective Legacies shall become payable That then the Legacy so by me intended and before bequeathed to such of them the said Mary Bradwell and Elizabeth Jackson as shall die before the same shall become payable as aforesaid shall go and be paid to the Survivor of them her Executors or Administrators And I do hereby confirm my said Will in every particular herein mentioned In Witness whereof I the said James Jackson have to this Codicil to my last Will in Witness whereof I the said James Jackson the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Two Sheets of Paper to each Sheet thereof set my Hand and at the Top of the first Sheet and to the last Sheet thereof my Hand and Seal the Sixteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

James Jackson

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said James Jackson the Testator as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his request in his Presence and in the Sight and Presence of him and of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses to attest the Execution thereof the word 'and Seven' between the ninth and tenth lines hereof being first interlined

Jno Briggs  
Richard Woods  
Mary Tayler

On the twelfth day of March 1796

Dorothy Jackson  
Wm Smith  
Charles Hubbard

The Executrix and Executors named in the above written Will were then at the petition of their proctor sworn faithfully to fulfill the same and so forth and that the deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of personal estate to the amount of six hundred pounds £561-15-0 before me Richard Williams Surrogate

Robert Kilby - 2nd May 1785

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Robert Kilby of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier being Sound in Body Mind Memory and Understanding and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following ( that is to say) First of all I give my soul to Almighty (sic) God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as for my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows I give unto my Cousin Henry Woolley of Northampton, School Master the Sum of One Hundred Pounds if he be living or else to his Sons and Daughters to be Equally Divided Amongst them Share and Share alike I also give unto Mr Evan Jones of Oakham in the County of Rutland my Silver Tankard I also give unto his Daughter Sharlotte (sic) Jones the Sum of Ten Pounds I also give unto my Servant Francis Cox the Sum of Five Pounds and the Watch he now wears marked JC on the outside case and my best Suit of Clothes I have at that time (Excepting my Mourning Clothes) that is one of every sort and my Silver Buckles if he lives along with me until I die or leave of (sic) business I also give unto my unto my (sic) servant Mary Claypole the Sum of Fifteen Pounds I also give unto my Godson Joseph Flavel my Watch I now Wear I also give unto the Poor of Langham that receives no Collection from the Parish the Sum of Five Pounds to be paid to them any time within the year after my decease at the discretion of my Executor I also give and Bequeath all and Singular my Household Goods other Goods Credits Stock Cattle Chattells and Personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and Discharged and for proving this my said Will to Charles Hubbard the Elder of Langham in the county of Rutland Butcher his Executors Administrators or Assigns whom I Nominate and apoint (sic) full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills by me at any Time made in witness I the said Robert Kilby the testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal this second Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eight five

Robert Kilby

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who subscribe our names as witnesses thereunto at his request and in his Presence

William Holmes

William Bagley

On the tenth day of October 1790 was Charles Hubbard the elder on the petition of Smith his proctor duly sworn to execute the within written will according to law and so forth and that the personal estate of the said testator Robert Kilby did not at the time of his decease Amount to Five Hundred pounds before us N Brown

(On the front of the will it states 'proved 20th Oct 1790 sub £600')

Thomas Palmer - 20th March 1700

Northampton Record Office : T227

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In the name of God amen. I Thomas Palmer of Langham in the County of Rutland yeoman being sick in body but sound of mind and memory I praise god

Item I doo ordain and make this my last will and Testament in manor and forme following that is to say first I give and bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty god who gave it hoping through the Merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and Redeemer to Receive full and free pardon of all my sins and to inherit ever lasting life in the Kingdom of heaven committing my body to the earth from whence it was taken to bee buried att the discretion of my Executer hereafter named & for that little estate which it hath pleased god to bestow upon me I dispose as ffolloweth

I give and bequeath to my Sonne Thomas Palmer the Bedstead wherein I lye with the feather bed and boulster the Curtains and Curtain Rods belonging & Table in the parlor and the Chaire that stands by it and my Chaire that standeth in the Chimney a pair of Running hooks a fire shovel and a toasting iron a pair of Toungs a little brass pott and three puter Dishes two of the best and one of the worser sort and I give him five shillings in money also and it is my will that the household goods shall stand in the house until he have (...ation) for to take them away and to have his libberty to come to the house at any convenient time without Mollestation

Item I give to my Cousen Mary the daughter of my Brother John Hornby ffive shillings

Item I give my Cousen Al... Hornby five shillings to be laid out for her for such things as she stands most need of towards

all the rest of my goods Cattle & Chattles moveable and unmoveable what so ever unbequeathed my debt and legacies being faithfully paid and funeral expenses discharged I give and bequeath my loving son Stephen Palmer whom I make full and soule executor of this my last will and Testament Revoking all former Wills by mee made In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the nine and twentieth day of March Annog Dom 1700

Signed with a mark

Witnesses

Ffrancis Edgson

Thomas Woods

Margott Hornby (her mark)

Proved May 1700 by Stephen Palmer

Thomas Peake - 30th June 1709

Died 3rd January 1709/10 - buried 6th January 1709/10 aged 63yrs

In the name of God Amen

This Thirtieth Day of June in the year of Our / Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine I  
Thomas Peake of Brooke in the county of Rutland grazier being / weake of body but of sound and  
perfect mind and memory / praised be God for it I do make and with my own hand / write this  
my last Will and Testament in manner and form / following

first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty / God who gave it hoping to receive full  
and free pardon of / all my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my most / blessed  
Saviour and Redeemer And my body to be buried / in a plain and decent manner  
according to the Church of / England without any sermon but as privately as possible /  
may be at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named

Item my will is that all my Debts be paid out of my personal (just) / Estate and my Houses  
and Lands in Tugby and East Norton in / the County of Leicester desiring my Executors  
hereafter / named to sell the same Houses and Lands to help to do it / ?And whom I do  
hereby ?..... to do it for the uses above said / And what shall remain after the payment  
of my debts / either in Goods or Money I give one Third part thereof / Jane my beloved  
wife And the other two parts / remaining unto my three youngest Children viz James  
Peake (give and bequeath) / Matthew Peake and Susan Margaret Peake equally to  
be / divided between them Thus evoking all other wills by me / formerly made by me  
and order this to be my Last Will and / Testament

And I do constitute and appoint Jane / my beloved wife and William Peake my son to be the /  
Executors hereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto / sett my hand and seal this day and year  
above written /

Thomas Peake signed sealed published and ordered in the / presence of John Hobart,  
Thomas Claypole and Thomas Woodward.

In the Name of God Amen / I Ann Penson of Langham in the County of Rutland widow / being of sound and Disposing Mind and Memory for which / praised be Almighty God do make publish and declare this to / be and contain my Last Will and Testament in manner and / form following that is to say ffirst of all I resign my Soul / to God that gave it and desire that my Body may be interred / in the parish Church of Loddington in the County of Leicester / in a decent and private manner as near the remains of / my late husband as conveniently may be and that as Little / Expence as possible may be Laid out upon my ffuneral I will / and desire that all my Just debts and ffuneral Expences be / fully paid and satisfied

I give and bequeath unto my God / Daughter Elizabeth Sherrard Daughter of William Sharrard / Esquire of Langham aforesaid the full sum of Twenty-one / pounds to be paid her at the full age of Twenty one years in / case She shall Live to attain to that Age and not Else

I give and bequeath to my Neice Ann Sharp wife of Thomas Sharp / Esquire of Langham aforesaid the sum of thirty pounds to be / paid her by my Executrix herein after named with in twelve / Months next after my decease

I give and bequeath to my / Nephew John Penny the sum of fifty pounds to be paid him / by my Executrix herein after named within twelve Months / next after my decease and as to all the Rest Residue and / Remainder of my Estate whether Real or personal of whatsoever / nature or kind Quality or sort the same may Consist of or / be or wheresoever the same may lie

I give devise and bequeath / the same and every part and parcell thereof unto my Neice / Mary Penny her Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns / and I do hereby Name and appoint my said Neice Mary penny / to be Sole Executrix of this my last will hereby revoking all former / wills and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament

Dated / this Seventh day of May 1766 - Anne Penson Signed Sealed / published and declared by the said Anne Penson as and for her / Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her / presence and in the presence of each other have at her request / set and Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereunto

A. Morris

Henrietta Morris

Chas. Morris

This will was proved at London the thirteenth day of / March in the year of our Lord One thousand and Seven hundred and / Seventy before the Worshipfull George Harris Doctor of laws and / Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull George Hay Also Doctor of / Laws Masterkeeper or Concistary of the prerogative Court of / Canterbury lawfully Constituted by the Oath of Mary Penny / Spinster the Sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom Admon / was granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattles and Credits / of the said deceased She having been first sworn duly to administer.

William Penson buried Loddington 1742

In the name of God Amen I William Penson of / Loddington in the County of Leicester Clerk being thoroughly / sensible of the Uncertainty of this Life, & the Certainty of / Death, & being att the same time of perfect Mind, sense / & Memory do Make, Ordain, Constitute, & Appoint this my / last Will, & testament in Manner & Forme following / (that is to say) First & principally I resign my Soul into / the Hands of Almighty God, stedfastly hoping through the / Meritts & Intercession or Jesus Christ my most blessed Saviour / & Redeemer to obtain a full pardon for all my Sins And my / Body I give to the Earth to be decently tho very privately / interred att the Discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named / And as to those wordly Goods & personal Estate it has pleased / God to bless me with, I give & dispose thereof as followeth / /

Item I give devise & bequeath unto Anne Penson my Dear / & beloved Wife the Sume of Four hundred & forty pounds / of lawfull Money of Great Britain which sd sume of / Four hundred & Forty pounds is now lent out upon a / Mortgage unto Thomas Smart of Freeman's Copy in the / late disafforested Forest or Chace of Leicester in the County / of Leicester yeoman / /

Item I give devise & bequeath unto Anne Penson my dear / & beloved Wife All Notes, Bills, or any other Securitys for / Moneys which shall be due unto Mee att the time of my / Decease & all the Interest arising or which shall become due / from such Notes, Bills, or other Securityes / /

Lastly All the rest of my Personal Estate of what Nature / kind or Quality soever it be I give devise and bequeath unto / my said & dearly Beloved wife Anne Penson Whom I ordain / constitute & appoint Sole Executrix of this my last Will & / Testament In Wittness whereof I the said William Penson / the Testator have hereunto sett my Hand & Seale this Eighth / day of August in the year of our Lord 1739 / Wm Penson / /

Witnessed by  
Edwd Morris  
Geor Palmer



Alice Pilkington - 20th February 1760

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Alice Pilkington of Langham in the county of Rutland widow being of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding but Considering the uncertainty of this life do make and ordain these presents my last Will and Testament

First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to the Earth to be Interred at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as touching such worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows First I order all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid and satisfied Also All my Copyhold Lands lying and being within the Manor of Oakham with Barlythorpe (other Westminster fee) and which I have surrendered to the Use of this my Will I give and devise unto my Daughter Mary the Wife of Richard Hubbard of Langham aforesaid Butcher her heirs and assigns for ever Also all those my freehold Messuages or Tenements with the yard Buildings and Appurtenances to the same belonging situate standing and being in Oakham in the said county of Rutland I give and devise unto my said Son in Law (the said Richard Hubbard his heirs and assigns for ever) Also my Silver Cup I give to my Grandson Thomas Hubbard but nevertheless to permit and suffer my said Daughter to make use of the same during her natural life All the rest and residue of my Estate of what nature or kind whatsoever I give and Bequeath unto my said Daughter Mary Hubbard and do make ordain constitute and appoint my said Son in Law Richard Hubbard sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made ordering these presents only to stand and remain as and for my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the twenty fifth Day of February in the year of Lord (sic) one thousand seven hundred and sixty

Alice Pilkington her mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto at her request and in her Presence

Thos Smith

Joseph Marriott

Henry Scotney

March the 26th 1761 the within mentioned Executor was sworn before me. Charles Trimnell

Thomas Pocklinton - 5th December 1714

Northampton Record Office : X254

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In the name of God Amen I Thomas Pocklinton of Langham In the County of Rutland Taylor being aged [68] Considering the uncertainty of life being desierous to setel my wordly affairs and leave peace behind me after my decease do make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner and form ffollowing that is to say ffirst I Commend my Soule into the hand of my Creator hopeing through his mercy and the merits of my only Saviour Jesus Christ to have a Joyfull resurrection to Life Eternal and my body I Commit to the earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor hearin afternamed and such worldly estate as God has bestowed on mee I Give and dispose as ffolloweth;

Imprimus I Give and bequeath and devize all those my two Closes of pasture Ground situate Lieing being within the ffields and bounds of Pickwell in the County of Leicester in a Certaine place their called the North brook ffield Containing by Estimation ten acre be the same more or less now in the occupation or tenure of Michall Stacy together with and singular the benefits Commodities or apurtinaces and advantage belonging or in anywise appetaining whatsoever to the aforesaid Closs or Closing belonging to the use and behoof of my kinswoman Elizabeth Peck of Knoston in the aforesaid County of Lices: widdow and to her heirs and assigns for ever upon Condition nevertheless that the said Elizabeth Peck her heirs and assigns do and shall well and truly Satisfie and pay or cause to be paid the sev[rest of word lost in binding] Legacies Sum and Sums of money hearin after nominated and perticularly Expressd Given and bequeathed to the person and persons Respectively hearin also after nominated and Appointed viz:

I Give and bequeath unto my Kinsman John Husey one shilling:

Item I Give and bequeath unto Henry Husey Ann now Cole Husey and William Hussey three of the Children of my Late Sister Elizabeth Hussey the Sum of Twenty pounds apeece to be paid to them Six months after my death

I Give unto my kinswoman Mary the Wife of Robert Cumbry Tallow Chandler the Sum of ffourteen pounds

Item I Give unto Ann the Wife of William Sharrat Gent the Sum of five pounds:

And to my loving friend Thomas Adcok of Sumerby [Hi?]llsite the Sum of twelve pounds;

and to Elizabeth the wife of John Geeson Junir of Greatham the Sum of five pounds

also to John Gibbing of Bronston five pounds;

and to the ffive Children of my Kinsman Henry Hussey aforesaid by his ffirst wife the Sum of Twenty Shillings apiece

and to Mary the wife of Thomas Cox of Langham twenty Shillings:

and to Elizabeth Heard of Oakham widdow two Shilling and six pence

And to my Cozen ffrancis Beeby of Oakham Twenty Shillings;

all which Sums to be paid six months after my decease as aforesaid

Item the poorest Widdows and other poor of Langham Twenty Shillings to be distributed by the proper officers then being of the said Parrish at thire discretion;

- Item I Give and bequeath unto William Peney of Oakham John Gibbins and Abraham Bull of Bronston And Thomas Bull of Upingham and to the Survivors and Survivor the Sum ffifteen pounds to be paid to them at the time aforementioned for the use and Benifitt of the Congregation of Baptized beleviess Common Meeting at Broston Oakham Empingham and to be distributed by them to the said poore at their discretion
- Item I give unto Thomas Bull of Upingham ffoure pounds  
and to William Peney of Oakham ffive pounds to be paid unto them as aforesaid;  
and to Kathiren Williamson widow and to Mary the wife of William Abbot two shillings six pence a peeice to be paid at the time aforesaid;  
ffurthermore my will is that my aforesaid Kinswoman Elizabeth Peck her heirs or assignes do pay or Caus to be paid unto my Executor ffifteen pounds immediately after my decease upon demand to defray ffunerall Charg;  
also my will is that if any person or persons to whom any of these Leagasies should happen to Die before their said sum or sums be due that then their said Legasies be paid their ffamalie or survivors or to whom they shall assign it at the time before mentioned
- Item all my Goods or moneys and personall estate whatsoever unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my Loveing Kinsman William Husey aforementioned for his use he paying all my depts and ffunerall Expences over and above what the before ordered ffifteen pounds Shall do and I do hearby Constitute make and ordaine the said William hus[torn] fful and Sole Executor of this my last will and testament;  
and lastly I desire my Loveing friends John Gibbins and Thomas Bull in all things wherein the can to advise assist and help my Executor and to see that in all things my will be performed I hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I hereunto put my hand and Seale this ffifteenth day of December Anno: Domini 1714

Thomas Poklinton his mark

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the Last will and Testament of the above named Thomas Pocklinton in the presence of us

Umphrery Hubberd his mark

Abraham Bull

Thomas Dickman

10me die Januarij 1715/6 Juratus fuit Gulielmas Hussey Executor  
Thomas Pocklinton nuper de Langham Supradict defunct in huisdi  
Testamto nominot  
Coram me  
Sam: Saunders Surrog:

Thomas Read - 23rd November 1768

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Read of Langham in the county of Rutland Being sick in Body But of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory Praise be therefore given to Almighty God Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thro (sic) the merits death and passion of my Saviour (sic) Jesus Christ to obtain full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and Inherit Ever Lasting Life and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the Decretion (sic) of my Executor and Executrix Hereafter named and Touching all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to Bestow upon me with I do Give and Bequeath thereof as follows First I will that my debts and funeral Charges shall be paid and Discharged I do hereby nominate and apoint (sic) my son Richd Read and Elinor Read my Well beloved Wife my Executor and Executrix Item I give to my son Thomas Read the Sum of ten pounds of Good and Lawfull (sic) money Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Stacey the Sum of Five Pounds Item I give to my daughter Mary Terrewest (?) the Sum of five pounds Item I give to my daughter Ann Read the Sum of forty pounds all the above sums to be paid at the death of my beloved wife in good and Lawfull Money of Great Brittain (sic) by my Executor Richd Read or his Executors and Administrators or Assigns and I do hereby Revoke Disanull and make void all former Wills and Testaments present by me Heretofore made in Wittness hereof I the said Thomas Read to this my last Will and Testament have set my Hand and Seal this twenty third Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight

Thomas Read his mark

Wittness

Robt Kilby

Richd Hubbard

Charles Hubbard

Whereas I Thomas Read of the county of Rutland grazier have made Published and Declared my last Will and Testament in writing Dated the twenty third Day of November which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight Now I the said Thomas Read do by this Present Codicil to my said last Will and Testament annexed confirm and ratifye my said last Will and Testament and every Clause Bequest and Devize therein contained And Whereas since the making of my said Will my Brother Richard Read of Exton in the said county of Rutland Yeoman is Dead without leaving any Issue of his Body Lawfully begotten whereby his Real Estates Decend (sic) to me as Heir at Law Now I give and Devise All that Messuage or Tenement and Homestead thereunto adjoining and belonging situate standing lying and being in Langham aforesaid and Premises with the appurtenances and every part thereof unto my Son Richard Read his Heirs and Assigns for ever and my Will and Meaning is that this Codicil shall be adjudged and taken to be part and parcel of my last Will and Testament and a full Declaration of the same In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three

Thomas Read his mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Read as a codicil to his last Will and Testament and Do declare the same to be as part and parcel thereof in the presence of us the witnesses underwritten who have at is request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto And the erasure

Edwd Stoke junr witness Ann Read Will Sharrad John Gandy

Richard Read the executor hath sworn that he will perform ye Contents of ye Will of his Father Thomas Read of Langham lately deceas'd as far as ye law will require him sworn before me this sixteen day of November 1774 John Lowth surrogate the sole Executor named in the within written Will was then sworn well and faithfully to perform the same

Bartholomew Ruddell - 12th August 1714

Northampton Record Office : X252

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In the name of god Amen ye twelveth day of August in ye yeare of our Lord god 1714

I Bartholomew Ruddill of Langham in ye County of Rutland Chapman being ye[blot]sick and weak In body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto god therefore Calling unto mind ye mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last will and testament: that is to say principally: and first of all I give and recommend my Soul Into ye hands of god that gave it: and for my body I recommend it to ye Earth, to be buried in Christian Like, and decent manner at ye discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at ye generall Resurrection I shall receive ye Same again by ye mighty power of god and as touching such worldly Estate where with It hath pleased god to bless me in this Life I give demise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form

I Give and bequeath to my well beloved Cozen William Baker ye Elder all my household goods and movables bills and bonds that are Bartholomew Ruddill only

likewise I sett my dearly beloved wife one shilling and my Son beniamin Hudson one shilling & Will Hudson one Shilling and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and Disannull all and every other former testaments willis and Legacies Requests and Executors, by me in any ways before this time named Willed and bequeathed ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and testament In wittness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale ye day and year above written

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said

B Bartholomew Rudill [his mark]

Last will and testament in ye presence of us the Subcribers, viz

Edward fracy his mark

Henry Hawgood

Toby White

Tertio die mensis Septembris 1715. Juratus fuit Gulielmus Baker sen de Langham in comit Rutlandia nepos ex sorore et unicus Executor Bartholomei Ruddell nuper de eodem de[damaged]m huisodi Testamento noiat et quod bona non extendunt ad Summam Viginti Libraram - coram me  
Sa: Saunders Surrog:

## Thomas Sewell - 18th July 1713

Northampton Record Office : W003

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In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Sewel of Langham in the Counti of Rutland Dyer being well in health and of a sound and disposeing mind and memory praised be God for it do make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say Impis I Commit and commend my sole into the mercy and Protection of Almighty God hopeing through the meritorious death and passion of our Blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ to have pardon and forgiveness of mee all my sins and my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be decently interred therein att the discretion of my Exors hear after named Item as for such worldly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon mee I give and dispose thereof as followeth

- Item I give and bequeath to Thomas James and Cornelius the sons of James Sewill thirty pounds apiece my Exctr to pay them Intrest for the same untill they attain there severall ages of one and twenty years and if any of them dye before his and there share so dyeing to go to the survivor or survivors of them
- Item I give to Mary ye Daughter of James Sewell the sum of ten pounds at her age of one and twenty years my Exctr paying Intrest for the same till she attain her aforesaid age
- Item I give unto my sister Elizabeth Eddis the sum of ten pounds to be paid within twelve months after my decease
- Item I give unto Mary the Daughter of Vallentine and Mary Hardell the sum of twenty pounds to be paid within twelfe months after my decease
- Item I give unto Cornelius Ogden the sum of two pounds to be paid within twelfe months after my decease
- Item I give unto Thomas Ogden the sum of ten pound to be paid within twelfe months after my decease
- Item I give unto Sammuell Ogden the son of Thomas Ogden ten pound to be paid within twelfe months after my decease
- Item I give to the poor of Langham the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my Excrs within twelfe months after my decease to be put out by ye Overseers of the said town of Langham att five pr cent for ye use of ye said poor
- Item whereas I am obliged to pay Sarah Burnby eight pence A week for her life I do hereby make that eight pence two shillingas a week and do charg my Exrs to pay ye same

Lastly all other my Goods Chattels whatsoever after my just debts Legacys & funerall Expences are paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto William Sharrad of Knoston and do make him whole and sole Extr of this my last will and Testament In wittness whereof I have here unto put my hand and seal this thirteenth eighteenth day of July Anno Domii 1713

Thomas Sewell

Signed sealed published & declared by the Testator to be his Last Will & testament in the Presence of us and attested by us in the presence of the said Testator

[P?] Sherard  
Mary hardell  
Elizabeth Taylor

[In margin] Mr Sewills will 1713.

Thomas Sewell buried 16 Nov 1713 at Langham

Elizabeth Sewell w/o Thomas buried 23/Oct/1690 at Langham

Mr Thomas Sewell and Mrs Jane Auberry, widow, married at Langham 2/Aug/1692

29/Mar/1683 Elizabeth Sewell married John Eedis at Empingham

Luke Sharpe- 18th July 1702

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In the name of God Amen, I Luke Sharpe of Langham not knowing how longe I have to live, and desireing that all my Children may live together in peace and love, and in the feare of God, Doo make this my last will and testament as followeth;

first I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Allmighty God my heavenly father and to Jesus Christe my redeemer and to the holy Goste my Sangtifier and preserver, and my body to be Decently buried in the Church of Langham

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Sharpe & Sary Sharpe one hundred pounds a peice, and to my Daughter Mary Sharpe but foure Score and ten pounds because my Brother John Choyse is to give her ten pounds or more, to be paid unto them within too yeares after my decease, or asmuch sooner as my Executor shall see convenient, and that he shall either keepe them, or pay them lawfull interest till their potions be paide severally, at his Choyse;

Alsoe I give & bequeath to my Daughter Hannah Sharpe one hundred pounds to be paid unto her at the age of too and twenty years

And lastly I give and bequeath unto my sonne Luke Sharpe all my freehold land, and all my feefarme and all my Cattell & Chatell with all my howsehold goods moveable and unmoveable, and all other things unbequeathed and not given Whom I make my full and sole Executor of this my last will and testament he paying all my Debts leagacies and funeral expenses the which if he refuse to Doo, Then my will is that he shall have none of my free Land called by the name of Salterford Closings nor none of my Cattell nor goods but they shall be equally divided between my foure daughters in wisse whereof I have heare unto sett my hand & Seale The eighteenth Day of July 1702

Luke Sharpe

Also my will is that my Executor shall keepe Hannah or pay her interest till she come to Age notwithstanding whatsoever is expressed in my will above, now my will is that if my Daughter Elizabeth Sharpe be married to Mr Kempe of Oakham shee shall have but one shilling for her potion

allsoo my will is that if my Daughter Mary Sharpe be married unto Thomas Bodell of Markefeeld or to any other man without ye Consent and likeing of my Executor she shall have but one shilling for her potion.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Sara Greene

Elizabeth Sharpe

Sara Sharpe

Richard Sharp - 19th February 1757

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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Sharp of Langham in the county of Rutland Weaver being some what infirm in Body But of Sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding, praise be to Almighty God for the same Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say First and principally I resign my soul into the hands of God my Creator hoping thro' the meritts (sic) of Christ my Redeemer to be made partaker of Eternall (sic) happiness & my Body I commit (sic) to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Extrix (sic) hereinafter named and as to my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as follows Imprimis I give devise and bequeath all my messuages Cottages Closes Lands tenements & hereditaments with their appurtenances situate standing lying and being in Branston in the said County of Rutland unto my loving wife Elizabeth during her naturall (sic) life and from & immediately after her decease to my Grandson Richard Sharp his heirs & assigns for ever subject nevertheless to the payment of forty shillings a year unto my Daughter Sarah Williamson for and during her naturall (sic) life by half yearly payments and equall (sic) portions at two usuall (sic) days of payment in the year viz The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Saint Michael the Arch Angel the first payment to be made and begin on such of the said days as shall first happen next after my said wife's decease. But if it shall happen that my said Grandson shall dye before he attains his age of twenty one years without issue then and in such case I give and devise the said messuages Cottages Closes Lands tenements & hereditaments & premises with their appurts unto my said Daughter Sarah Williamson for & during the term of her naturall (sic) life and from & immediately after her decease to the heirs of her body for ever And for default of such I give to my Daughter Ann Ellicott for and during the term of her naturall life and from and immediately after her decease to the heirs of her body for ever And for default of such I give to my Sister in law Sarah Thorp widow and the issue of her body Equally to be divided Share and Share alike And for default of such issue to the right heirs of my said Wife for ever Also I give and bequeath all my message Cottage or tenement with the appurts Situate Standing and being in Langham aforesaid in the tenure of William Sherrard Gent unto my said Wife for and during the term of her naturall life and from and immediately after her decease unto my said Grandson Richard Sharp his heirs and assign s for ever Also I give devise and bequeath all that my other message cottage tenement homestead lands & premises with the appurts in Langham aforesaid in the tenure of Richard Hornbuckle unto my said wife for and during the term of her naturall life and from immediately after her decease unto my Grandson Richard Sharp & his heirs for ever subject nevertheless to the payment of the sum of 40 shillings a year unto my said daughter Ann Ellicott for and during the term of her naturall life in equal portions by half yearly payments and equall portions at two usuall days of payment in the year viz The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Saint Michael the Arch Angel the first payment to be made on such of the said days as shall first happen next after the decease of my said wife. But if it shall happen that my said Grandson shall dye before he attains his age of twenty one years without issue of his body then and in such case I give devise and bequeath the cottage or tenement lands and premises in the tenure of the said Richard Hornbuckle unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Ellicott daughter of the said Ann Ellicott and heirs of her body subject nevertheless to the payment of the futher sum of 40 shillings a year unto the said Ann Ellicott for and during the term of her naturall life by half yearly payments and equall portions at the days and times aforesaid the first payment to be made and begin on such of the said days as shall first happen next after the said Elizabeth Ellicott or the heirs of her body shall be in possession of the said premises by virtue of this my will And if it shall happen that the said Elizabeth Ellicott shall dye without issue of her body then I give and devise the said last mentioned cottage or tenement lands and premises in the tenure of the said Richard Hornbuckle unto my said daughter Ann Ellicott and the heirs of her body for ever And for default of such I give to my sister in law Sarah Thorpe widow and the issue of her body equally to be divided share and share alike and for default of such issue to the right heirs of my said wife for ever Also I give the use of my silver Tankard to my Grandson



Richard Sharp during his life and after his decease I give the same unto his heirs of his body but if he should happen to dye without issue of his body then I give my said tankard unto my Grandson William Sharp Williamson Also I give and bequeath unto my said Grandson Richard Sharp one Bed Bedstead and Green Hangings with Blanketts Quilt pillows and Bolster thereunto belonging six pair of Sheets five pair of pillow Drawers Three Table Cloths and Six napkins Clock and Screen. And I do hereby nominate appoint and devise my Good Friends Thomas Read Charles Woods and James Jackson all of Langham aforesaid to be guardians and trustees for my said Grandson until he shall attain his age of twenty one years And do also further will and devise that my said daughter Sarah Williamson may have the maintaining educating and bringing up of my said Grandson until it be thought convenient by the named trustees to place him out to some trade or business And that the said Sarah Williamson shall have the rents issues and profitts (sic) arising from his fortune for such (h)is maintenance education and bringing up as aforesaid and what more the said trustees shall think convenient Also My will and mind is that no part of the lands by this my devised will shall be plowed digged up or converted into Tillage or any Timber growing thereon shall be cut down or felled untill my said Grandson shall attain his age of twenty one years And lastly all the rest of my Goods Chattles Cattle Creditts ready money & personall (sic) Estate whatsoever not herein before by me given and bequeathed after payment of my debts and funeral (sic) expenses I give and bequeath unto my said wife whom I make full and sole Extrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I the said Richard Sharp the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this sheet of paper and the other hereunto annexed put my Hand and Seal to each sheet this nineteenth Day of February 1757

Richard Sharp

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who subscribed our names in his Presence and at his request as Witnesses

Richard Wood

Mary Mobery

John Smith junior

Memorandum The name above were struck out and the name Thomas Read interlined before the ?? hereof

June 20th 1758 Elisabeth Sharp the within named Executrix was sworn faithfully to execute this will before me Charles Trimnell surrogate

Richard Sharpe - 5th December 1784

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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Sharpe of Langham in the county in the county of Rutland grazier being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding as also Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Wife my Executrix herein after named and as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows In the first place I give and bequeath unto Sarah my dearly beloved Wife whom I likewise constitute make and ordain the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament all and singular my lands messuages and tenements household goodes stock cattle chattels and effects rights credits and personal estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my debts and funeral expenses being first paid and discharged and for proving this my said Will and for bringing up my children) by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed so long as she remains my widow but if she marry again or die before my children is (sic) properly educated and brought up then my will is that two fifths of every thing that is belonging to my estate both real and personal shall be given to my eldest son William Sharpe and the other three fifths to be equally divided amongst my other three children namely Richard Sharpe Rachel Sharpe and that which my Wife is now pregnant of but if the child that is unborn should happen to die then it is my will that my wife shall have that child's fifth part for her own use and disposal but if my wife should marry again then she shall deliver up all my estate real and personal unto my too (sic) friends Mr William Hubbard of Langham and Mr John Chester brother to my Wife whom I appoint in trust to have the care and management of all my estate real and personal to bring up my children in meat drink cloathing (sic) and educating of them till the youngest attain the age of twenty one years then for my estate real and personal to be divided amongst my children as above mentioned (that is ) to my eldest son William two fifths and to my other children the other three fifths to be equally divided amongst them excepting the child unborn should happen to die then my wife to have that child's fifth part and the other two fifths to be equally divided between the two younger children And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said loving Wife Sarah Sharpe full and sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in Witness whereof I the said Richard Sharpe the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the fifth Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

Richard Sharpe

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Richard Sharpe the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the Witnesses underwritten who have at his request and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other set our names as Witnesses to the due execution of this his said Will

Wm Sharpe Williamson

Eliz Ellicott

Wm Holmes

Sarah Sharpe the Executrix hath sworn she will perform the contents of the Will of her late husband Rich Sharpe as far as the law require and that he did not die possessed of personal ity (?) to the value of three hundred pounds

Sworn before me I (?) Louth surrogate Feb the 6th 1786  
(but the initial on the outside of the paper is W Louth)

## Thomas Sharpe Gentleman - 6th December 1783

The National Archives - Prerogative Court of Canterbury - Reference PROB 11/1111/99

Transcribed and annotated by [Sue Swinchatt September 2009]

This is the last Will and testament of me Thomas Sharpe of Langham in the County of Rutland Esquire. First I desire to be buried in a Private and Decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows in the first place I desire and will that all and every and my just debts and ffuneral expences be first paid and discharged / also I Give and Bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Ann Sharpe all and singular my Household Goods Plate and Linen whatsoever standing and being in my now Dwelling House in Langham aforesaid to be delivered to her immediately after my decease by my said Executors. / Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife Ann Sharpe our Gelding or Mare and four Milked Cows to be freely chosen by her out of my stock and to be delivered to her immediately after my decease by my Ex'tors / also I Give and Bequeath unto my said wife Ann Sharpe the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid to her within twelve months next after my decease by my said Executors / also I give and devise all that moiety or full half part or share (the whole in two equal parts or shares to be divided) of all that Close of Pasture or Ground inclosed Hereditaments and premises lying and being within the Manor or Lordship of Ashwell in the said county of Rutland and called or known by the name of the Land Close and now in the tenure or occupation of my nephew Mr William Robinson his assignor or assigns unto my said wife Ann Sharpe for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease then / I give and devise the said moiety or full half part or share (the whole in two equal parts or shares to be divided) of the said close of pasture or ground inclosed heredit and premises with the appurts unto my nephew Thomas Sharpe his heirs and assigns for ever, / also I give and bequeath unto my niece Elizabeth Sharpe the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid her within twelve months next after my decease by my said Executors / also I give and bequeath unto my other niece Mary Sharpe the like sum of two hundred pounds to be paid to her when and as soon as she attains her age of twenty one years by my said Executors but my mind and will is that incase my said niece Mary Sharpe shall dye before she attains her said age of twenty and one years then and in such case I do order and direct that her said legacy of two hundred pounds shall be paid to her two sisters the said Elizabeth Sharpe and Susannah Barfoot the wife of Thomas Barfoot of Ayston in the said county of Rutland, Grazier and the survivor of them in equal shares and proportions / also I give devise and bequeath all and singular my fee farm messuage or tenement land and hereditaments whatsoever with their appurts situate standing and being in Langham aforesaid or within the Manor or Lordship thereof part of which on my marriage with my now wife Ann Sharpe were settled and assured on her for and during the term of her natural life in consequence of which the same will be expectant(?) on her death unto my nephew Samuel Sharpe his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of my said Nephew Samuel Sharpe for ever under and subject to the proviso or condition hereinafter mentioned (that is to say provided always nevertheless and my mind and will is that incase my said Nephew Samuel Sharpe shall happen to dye and depart this life without heirs lawfully begotten of his Body before he attains his said age of twenty one years whereby my aforesaid Messuage or Tenement Closes Lands Heredit and premises expectant as aforesaid) will then descend to his brother Thomas Sharpe as Heir at Law of my said Nephew Samuel Sharpe then and in such case I do hereby subject and charge my three several Closes called or known by the names of the two Middle Closes and the Upper Close with the just and true payment of the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds and I then give and bequeath the said sum of four hundred and fifty pounds to my said three nieces, Elizabeth Sharpe, Susannah Barfoot, and Mary Sharp to be paid to them and the survivors or survivor of them and the Executor and Administrators of such survivor share and share alike within twelve months next after the decease of my said Nephew Samuel Sharpe if it should so happen in manner as aforesaid and not otherwise any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding / also I give and bequeath unto my two ffriends James Tiptaft of Braunston in the said county of Rutland, Esquire and William Sharrad of Langham aforesaid Esquire the sum of twenty pounds apiece to be paid to each

of them within twelve months next after my decease for their care and trouble in the Execution of this my said Will and the Trusts hereinafter by me reposed in them also all and singular the Rest Residue and Remainder of my goods stock Cattle Chattels Rights and Credits and Personal Estate of what kind or nature or quality soever my debts Legacies and funeral Expenses being first paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto my said two friends James Tiptaft and William Sharrad their executors and administrators in Trust nevertheless and to the intent and purpose that they the said James Tiptaft and William Sharrad and the survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell and dispose by public sale of all and singular the said Rest Residue and Remainder of my goods stock cattles chattels personal estate and premises for the best price and prices that they my said two friends and Trustees or either of them can obtain for the same and with the monies arising by such sale as aforesaid to put and place out at interest upon good and sufficient security or securities and with the interest thereof yearly do and shall pay and dispose of the same unto my nephew the said Thomas Sharpe for and towards his maintenance and education until he shall attain his age of twenty and one years and when and as soon as he shall attain his said age of twenty one years then upon this further trust and confidence that they my said Trustees and the survivors of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivor do and shall then pay and dispose of such principal sum and sums of money so arising from and by the sale of my said residence as aforesaid unto my said nephew Thomas Sharpe for his own use and benefit but my mind and will further is that incase my said nephew Thomas Sharpe shall die before he attain his said age of twenty one years then and in such case upon this further trust and confidence that the said James Tiptaft and William Sharrad and the survivor of them and their Executors and Administrators of such survivor do and shall then pay and dispose of such said principal sum and sums of money last mentioned and the interest thereof as shall be then due and owing for the same respectively to and amongst my said Nephew Samuel Sharpe and my said three Nieces Elizabeth Sharpe Susannah Barfoot and Mary Sharpe share and share alike hereby allowing unto my said Trustees all their reasonable charges and expences in the Execution of this my Will and in the management and care of the said Trusts hereinbefore by me reposed in them / and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said two friends James Tiptaft and William Sharrad full and joint Executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness thereof the said Thomas Sharpe the ..... and Testator have to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine (Thomas Sharpe's signature here)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Sharpe the .....and Testator to be his last Will and Testament written on three sheets of paper to each of the said sheets set his hand and to the last of them affixed his seal in the presence of us the Witnesses under written who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other set our hands as Witnesses to the due Execution thereof Jno Turner & Tho Lewin Clk to Mr Stokes Junr & Tho Bantan

This Will was proved in London the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of James Tiptaft the surviving Executor 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 by the commission duly to administer.

William Sharrad - 7th June 1783

Public Record Office : PROB 11/1105

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This is the Last Will and Testament of me William Sharrad the Elder of Langham in the County of Rutland Esquire first I desire to be buried in a private and decent manner at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as for my wordly Estate which hath please God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my Son-in-law William Robinson of Ashwell in the said County of Rutland Grazier and Elizabeth his Wife my Daughter the Sum of ffive Pounds apiece to be paid to them and each of them as my Executor hereinafter named to buy them Mourning

Also I give and bequeath unto my three Grand Daughters Ann Robinson Elizabeth Robinson and Frances Susannah Robinson the Sum of fforty Pounds apiece to be paid to them and to each of them when and as soon as they Severally and respectively attain their several and respective age & ages of twenty one years without payment of any interest in the meantime for the same and my mind and Will is that in case all either or any of my said three Grand Daughters shall happen to die before she or they attain their said respective age and ages of twenty one years and without issue of their respective Bodies lawfully to be begotten then and in such case I do direct that the Legacy or Legacies of her or them so dying shall not go to or be paid to her or their Representatives or Representative but I do hereby declare the same in such case to be and Esteemed a Lapsed Legacy or Legacies and such for the benefit of my said Executor

And also I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son William Robinson the Younger the only Son of the said William Robinson the Sum of fforty Pounds to be paid him when he attains his age of twenty one years without payment of any Interest in the meantime for the same But my Will is that in case my said Grand Son William Robinson the Younger shall happen to die before he attains his said age of twenty one years without issue of his Body lawfully to be begotten then and in such case I do hereby declare that the said Legacy of fforty Pounds so given by me to my said Grand Son William Robinson the Younger shall in no wise be paid to his legal Representatives by my said Executor But I do hereby declare the same in such case to be and Esteemed a Lapsed Legacy to all intents and purposes whatsoever

and also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Sharrad the Sum of ffour hundred Pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid her within two years next after my decease by my said Executor And I do hereby Subject and Charge all and every my Closes Lands and Hereditaments lying and being within the Manor or Lordship of Kirby Bellars in the County of Leicester which I purchased to me and my Heirs of and from the late Sir Charles Sedley Baronet deceased with the Just and true payment of the said Legacy of ffour hundred Pounds by me given to my said Daughter Frances Sharrad in manner as aforesaid and in the mean time of payment no Interest thereof shall be paid for the same by my said Executor

And also I give and devise all and every my Messuages Closes Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever situate lying and being within the Manor Town and Lordship of Scalford in the said County of Leicester with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my Youngest Son George Sharrad his Heirs and Assigns for ever to have and to hold the said Messuages Closes Lands Tenements Hereditament and Promises with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my said Son George Sharrad his Heirs and Assigns for ever

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son George Sharrad the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid him when and as soon as he attains the Age of twenty one years without payment of any Interest for the same in the mean time And I do hereby Subject and charge all and every my said Closes Lands and Hereditaments lying Kirby Bellars aforesaid with the win payment thereof And my mind and Will further is that in case my said Son George Sharrad shall happen to die before he attains his said Age of twenty one years without issue of his

Body lawfully begotten then and in such case I do give and devise the said Messuages Closes Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Scalford aforesaid and unto my Eldest Son William Sharrad his Heirs and Assigns And for and concerning the said Legacy of two hundred Pounds so given by me to my said Son George Sharrad as aforesaid

I do direct the same to be paid to my said Daughter ffrances Sharrad her Executors or Administrators

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son George Sharrad all that my Bed Bedding ffurniture and other Goods situate and being in the blue Chamber in my now Dwelling House in Langham aforesaid to be delivered to him as soon as conveniently may be after my decease by my said Executor

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son George Sharrad and my said Daughter ffrances Sharrad one half of my plate and Linen whatsoever to be equally divided between them share and share alike as soon as conveniently my be after my decease by my said Executor

And Lastly all the rest and Residue of my Real and Personal Estate whatsoever not herein before by me Specifically given and bequeathed my debts Legacies and ffuneral charges being first paid I give and bequeath the same unto my said Eldest Son William Sharrad his Heirs Executors and Admons whom I do hereby nominate constitute and apppoint full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said William Sharrad the testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two The mark of William Sharrad. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said William Sharrad the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament written on two sheets of paper to the first of which he hath set his hand and to the last hath fixed his Seal in the Presence of us the Witnesses underwritten who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other set our hands to this His Execution of this his said Will

Edwd Stokes

Robt Kilby

Thos Brewster Sunt Clerk to Mrs Stokes

This Will was proved at London the Seventh day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and eighty three before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of William Sharrad the Son of the deceased and Sole Executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of the said deceased he having been first Sworn by Commission duly to Adminster

Ann Sherwin - 16th December 1781

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Ann Sherwin of Langham in the county of Rutland widow being weak in Body But of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding as also Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following( that is to say) First of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Daughter my Executrix hereinafter named and as for my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows In the first place I give and bequeath unto my Son William Sherwin of Langham aforesaid Blacksmith the Sum of One Pound one Shilling of Lawful Money of England Item I give and bequeath unto John Gandy of Langham aforesaid Weaver the Sum of one Pound one Shilling I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Gandy the Wife of John Gandy aforesaid the sum of one Pound one Shilling Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Suter the Wife of Samuel Suter of Manton in the county aforesaid Cordwainer the sum of one Shilling And also all and singular the rest residue and remainder of my my Goods Effects Rights Credits and Personal Estate of what kind nature of quality whatsoever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first Paid and Discharged, all the aforesaid Legacies to be paid within six Months after my Decease by my said Daughter and Executrix hereinafter named) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Young the Wife of Leonard Young of Exton in the county aforesaid for her own Use and Disposal And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Daughter Ann Young full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Ann Sherwin the Mother and Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one

Ann Sherwin her mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Ann Sherwin the Mother and Testatrix to be her last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the witnesses underwritten who at her request in her Presence and in the Presence of each other set our names as Witnesses to the due execution of this her said Will

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

June 2nd 1785 Ann Young of the parish of Exton in the county of Rutland Executrix to the will of Ann Sherwin late of Langham widow her late mother deceas'd hath sworn she will perform the contents of this Will as far as ye Law will require & that her mother did not die possessed of twenty pounds Sworn before me J Lowth surrogate

John Smith - 9th March 1702

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In the Name of God Amen I John Smith of Langham in the County of Rutl Ironmonger being Sick and weak of / body but of Sound and perfect memory thanks be to God do ordaine and make this my Last will and Testament / in manner And forme ffollowing ffirst I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my / Creatour fully trusting and assuredly beleiving in and through the Merritts and mediation of Jesus Christ my / oney Saviour and Redeemer to have full pardon and Remission of all my Sins And my body to be buried in / the Church of Langham Item I give and bequeath my free Land at Hose in Leicestershire & the biggest Close / to my Eldest son Richard Smith and the other Close at Hose aforesaid and then I give and bequeath / unto my yeongest Son Henry Smith Item my will and pleasure And to them and their heires for ever / Item my will and pleasure is that my Son Richard Smith shall pay out of my Coppie hold house in / Langham unto my Son Henry Smith Thirty pounds when he the said Henry Smith Comes to the Age of one / and Twenty yeares Item all the Rest of my goods Cattles and Chattles whatsoever Moveable and unmoveable / unbequeathed and not given I give and bequeath unto my ffather Richard Smith and to my brother / Thomas Smith Minister whome I make Joynt Executors of this my Last Will and Testament / they paying all my Debts And bringing up of my two Children to whose Care and Custaty I Leave / them And paying all my ffunerall Expences in bring my body decently to the ground In witnesse / whereof I have here unto sett my hand Seale the Ninth Day of March Anno Dom 1702

John Smith

Published Sealed and / Delivered in the presence of

Tobias ffrancis

Will White

Mary Woods her marke

12 die Martij 1705

Probat est hoc testum vigore Juranti Thome Smith

... Exor in hoc testo nomiut Et Comissa fuit ...

conor ..... de bono adud strand xr Richaij Smithe

alter Exer indod nominate defunte

Curat Salvo jure Coram

Tho: Woolsey



John Smith - 27th February 1780

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I John Smith of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier being in perfect Hearth (sic) of Body and of Perfect Sound Mind Memory and Understanding and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter name and as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows In the first place I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Goode the Wife of John Goode of Oakham in the county aforesaid Baker the Sum of one Shilling Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Snodin the Wife of George Snodin of Whissendine in the county aforesaid Carpenter the Sum of forty Pounds of lawful Money of England Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jackson the Wife of James Jackson of Langham aforesaid the Sum of one Shilling Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Fowler the Wife of Thomas Fowler of Whissendine aforesaid the Sum of one Shilling Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Smith the Sum of one hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of England Item I give and bequeath to my Son William Smith All that my Copyhold (estate) Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances thereto belonging Situate and being in the Parish of Langham aforesaid with all the Furniture in the aforesaid Dwelling House. I also give and bequeath to my son John Smith the Sum of forty Pounds of England to be paid out of the aforesaid Estate And it is my will and desire that my Son John Smith and my daughter Ann Smith shall have an Habitation in my aforesaid Dwelling House so long as they remain Single. Item I give and bequeath to my two Sons William Smith and John Smith All that my Freehold Estate Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging Situate and being in the Parish of Whissendine in the county of Rutland aforesaid to be by them freely possessed and enjoyed equally Share and Share alike. And it is my will and desire that all the aforesaid Legacies or Bequests shall be paid within twelve months next after my Decease. And also all and Singular the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Effects Rights Credits and personal Estates of what kind nature or quality whatsoever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and discharged) I give and bequeath unto my said two Sons William Smith and John Smith Share and Share alike. And lastly I do hereby nominate and Appoint my said two Sons William Smith and John Smith full and joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in witness thereof I the said John Smith the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the twenty seventh Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty

John Smith

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said John Smith the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us the witnessed underwritten who at his request and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other have set our names as Witnesses to the due execution of this his said Will

Robt Kilby

Charles Hubbard

William Holmes

March ye 15 1784 William Smith Executor to the Will of his late Father John Smith deceased hath sworn that he will perform ye contents as far as the Law require & that the said John Smith his Father did not die possessed of nine hundred pounds Sworn before me Lowth surrogate

(On the outside of the page the sum is declared to be £1000 not £900)

## William Smith - 6th February 1774 Admon

Northampton Record Office :

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Know all men by these presents that we John Smith, grazier, and Charles Hubbard butcher, both of Langham in ye county of Rutland are held and firmly bound unto John Ld Bishop of Peterborough in the sum of five hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Bishop or to his certain Attorney his Executors Administrators or Assigns To which payment well and truly to be made we oblige ourselves and each and every of us by himself for the whole our and every part thereof of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals Dated the twenty sixth day of February in the fourteen year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland king Defender of the Faith and so forth And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if John Smith administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattles and Credits of William Smith of Langham aforesaid but that Deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect (?) Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said John Smith or into the hands and possession of any person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of ye Court of Peterborough at or before the last day of December next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all others the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased at the time of his death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said John Smith or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to the Law And do further make or cause to make a true and just Accompt of the said Administration at or before the last day of July and all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods Chattles and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator's Accompt the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to the true Intent and Meaning of a late Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the second intituled Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates shall limit and appoint and if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said John Smith above bounden being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (At probation of such Testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this Obligation to be Void or else to remain in full Force and Virtue

Signed by

John Smith

Charles Hubbard

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Edwd Stokes & Wm Burton

February the twenty sixth 1774 John Smith hath sworn faithfully to perform ye contents of this Administration as far as the Law requires sworn before me John Lowth surrogate

Richard Smyth - 7th March 1705

Northampton Record Office : V025

Transcribed by Freda Smithson- Langham Village History Group

In the name of God Amen the Seaventh day of March Anno Domii 1705

I Richard Smyth of Langham in the County of Rutland Blacksmith being sicke and weake in Body, but of Sound minde and perfect memory (praised bee God for the same) doo Make, Nominate, Constitute, and Ordaine, this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (That is to Say)

First and Principally, I comend my Soule into the hands of God my maker, hoping through the Merits of Christ my Redeemer, to receive full Pardon of all my Sins and to Inherrit Everlasting Life after death, And as for my Body I comit it to the Earth to be decently Interrd at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named and as touching my personall Estate which the Lord in Mercy hath Lent mee, I Give and Bequeath as followeth:

Imprs I give to my loving Wife Jone Smyth Thirty Pounds

Item I give to my grand Daughter Ellen White Tenne Pound

Item I give to my Grandson Richard White Five Pound

Item I give to my Sonne in Law Wm White Fourty Shillings

Item I give to his Sixe Children, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Bridget, William, and Francis, to Each of them Fifty shillings, to be paid to them Respectively when they Attaine to the Age of One and Twenty years, And if it Shall please God, that any of them shall Dye before they come to that Age, that then his or her Legacy, Shall bee equally divided amongst the Rest of his Children which shall survive them

Item I give to my two Grandsons Richard, and Henry Smyth Each of them, Five Pound

Item I give to my Sonne Mr: Thomas Smyth his Wife, Fourty Shillings, and to Each of his Children Three Pound, to bee paid them att the Age of One and Twenty years,

Item I give to Amie Redmile now living at Oakhame Five shillings

All the Rest of my personall Estate whatsoever I give and Bequeath to my Loving Sonne Mr: Thomas Smyth, whom I doo make full and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and Doo hereby Revoke Disanull, and utterly make void all former Wills, and Testaments, by mee att any tyme heretofore made, and this and noo other to Stand, for my last Will and Testament In Wittnesse whereof, I have hereunto put my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written.

Richard Smyth his mark

Sealed, Signed, and published, in presense of

Francis Jephson

The mark of Richard Fracy

William Whyte

12o die Martij 1705o

Jurat fuit Tho. Smith predict in eod

hor lefto noiat et Comissalldro eui debene et

Jurat Coram

Tho Woolsey

Thomas Southam - 29th April 1775

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I Thomas Southam of Langham in the County of Rutland, Yeoman being of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding (For which I Bless God) do this twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I will that all such Debts as I shall Justly owe at the time of my Decease and my ffuneral Charges and Expenses be in the first Place Paid by my Executor hereinafter named and as to my Estates both Real and Personal I dispose thereof in Manner following (that is to say) I give and Devise unto my youngest Son Edward Harding Southam All and every my Messuages Cottages Closes and Heraditaments Situate Standing lying and being in Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxon and which lately Descended to me as Heir at Law of my late Brother Giles Southam Citizen and Goldsmith in London Deceased And all other my Lands and Hereditaments in the said County of Oxon or Elsewhere in the Kingdom of Great Britain whereof or wherein I or any other Person or Persons in Trust for me am or is or are seized in fee Simple in Possession reversion remainder or expectancy with their and every of their Appurtenancies To Have and to hold my said Messuages Cottages Closes Lands and Hereditaments unto my said youngest Son Edward Harding Southam his Heirs and Assigns for ever (Subject nevertheless and Charged and Chargeable as hereinafter mentioned) I Give and Bequeath unto my eldest Son Thomas Southam of Thorney Abby in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge Grocer and Tallow Chandler the sum of Five Pounds And I give to John and Thomas the two Sons of my said Son Thomas Southam the sum of Five Pounds Apeice And I give to Ann the Wife of my said Son Thomas Southam One Guinea I also Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Penelope the wife of John Gray of Corby in the said County of Lincoln Taylor One Guinea And I give unto Elizabeth the Daughter of my said Daughter Penelope the sum of Five Pounds All which said several and respective Legacies or sums of Money hereinbefore by me given to the several and respective Persons above named I do hereby Direct shall be paid to them Respectively by my Executor hereinafter named within Six Calendar Months next after my Decease And I do hereby Charge all and every my said several Messuages Cottages Closes Lands and Heraditaments hereinbefore by me given unto my said youngest Son Edward Harding Southam and his Heirs as aforesaid with the Payment of the said several and respective Legacies or Sums of Money hereinbefore Particularly mentioned And as to for and Concerning all the rest and residue of my Goods Cattle Chattles Securities for Money and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses as aforesaid I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said youngest son Edward Harding Southam whom I do hereby make ordain Constitute and Appoint Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

In Witness whereof I have to this my Last Will and Testament contained in two Sheets of Paper to the first of which I have set my hand and to the last my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Thos Southam

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto in the presence and at the request of the said Testator

Robt Kilby

Charles Hubbard

Richard Hubbard

April 15th 1780 Edwd Harding Southam the Sole Extor in the above written Will named was then at the Petition of his Proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same and that the Deceased at his Death was not possessed of Personal Estate to the amount 20 (?) and so forth before our John Lowth Surrogate.

(on the outside is also written 'sub 20')

Ann Thorp - 13th May 1769

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I Ann Thorp of Langham in the County of Rutland, being Sick in Body but of Sound and perfect Memory praise be therefore given to Almighty do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thro the Merrits Death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to Obtain full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to Inherit Everlasting life and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrixes hereafter named And Touching all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do give and bequeath thereof as follows. First I Will that my Debts and Funeral charges shall be paid and Discharged. Item I give to my Son John Thorp half a Crown. Item I give to my Son William Thorp half a Crown. Item I give to my Son Robt Thorp half a Crown all the rest & Residue of my Real and personall whatsoever I do give to my Daughters Elizabeth Thorp and Mary Thorp my whole and Sole Executrixes of this my Last Will and Testament be Equally Divided Betwixt them. I do hereby Revoke Disanull and make Void all former Wills and Tdestamenst present by me Heretofore made Wittness I the said Ann Thorp to this last Will and testament have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine.

Ann Thorp her mark

Witnesses

John Louthe

Mary Camm

Robt Kilby

May ye 5th 1770 Elizabeth Thorp & Mary Thorp have sworn yt they will perform ye Contents of ye Will as far as ye Law requires before me John Lowth Surrogate.

Witness Charlotte Lowth

Daniel White - 15th November 1758

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I Daniel White of Langham in the County of Rutland, yeoman being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say Imprimis, I Will, that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses be aid and discharged by my Executrix hereinafter named.

Item I give to my Son Thomas White the sum of ten Shillings. Item I give to my Daughter May Stuart the sum of ten Shillings. Item I give to my Daughter Sarah White the sum of ten Shillings. Item I give to my Son Joseph White the sum of one Shilling. Item I give to my Son Daniel White the sum of one Shilling. Item I give to my Son John Dolby the sum of one Shilling. Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Harris the sum of ten Shillings. Lastly I do give unto my loving Wife Eleanor White all the rest of my Goods, and Chattels, and personal Estate whatsoever and do make and constitute her my said Wife the whole and sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament dated this 15 day of November in the year of our Lord 1758.

Daniel White his mark

Sealed Published and Declared by the above named Daniel White for and as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us

Saml Moore

Henry Willsworth

Mary Thorp

August the 16th 1759 the within named executrix was sworn before me

Charles Trimnell

Amount of the inventory £29 1s 0d

John Wigginton - 13th June 1791

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In the name of God Amen I John Wigginton of Langham in the County of Rutland, Weaver being weak in Body of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding as also considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my wife my Executrix hereinafter named. And as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Dearly-beloved Wife Ann Wigginton all and singular all my Household Goods Effects Cattle Chattels Rights Credits and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses first being paid and discharged) I give and bequeath unto my said Dear and loving Wife Ann Wigginton for her own use and disposal. And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said loving Wife Ann Wigginton full and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said John Wigginton the husband and Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal the thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

John Wigginton his mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said John Wigginton the husband and Testator to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Witnesses under written who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other set our names as Witnesses to the due Execution of this his said Will

Thos Hornby

Willm Holmes

On the twenty-first day of Octbr 1791 Ann Wigginton the sole Executrix named in the above written will was then at the petition of her proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same & so forth & that the deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of personal Estate to the amount of eighty pounds before me

Richd Williams Surrogate.

## Christopher Williamson the elder - 29th August 1780

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I Christopher Williamson the Elder of Langham in the County of Rutland, Grazier being in Perfect Health and of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding But considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named. And as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son William Sharpe Williamson the sum of five [pounds to be paid him within twelve months next after my decease by my Executrix hereinafter named. And also I give and bequeath unto my second Son Curtis Williamson the like sum of five pounds to be paid him within twelve months next after my decease by my Executrix. And Lastly all and singular the rest residue and remainder of my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle rights Chattels Credits and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses first being paid and discharged) I give and bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Wife Sarah Williamson for her own Sole use benefit and disposal. And I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Dear and Loving Wife Sarah Williamson full and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any other time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Christopher Williamson the father and Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twenty ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

C Williamson

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Christopher Williamson the father and Testator to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Witnesses under written who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other set our names as Witnesses to the due Execution of this his said Will

Mary Paling Servant to Mr Stokes

Edwd Stokes

Oct 16 1781

Sarah Williamson the Executrix hath sworn she will perform ye Contents of this as far as the Law requires & yt her Husband Christopher Williamson late of Langham deceased died possessed of three hundred pounds

Sworn before me J Lowth Surrogate.



Sarah Williamson - 30th July 1786

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I Sarah Williamson of Langham in the County of Rutland, Widow being in Perfect health and of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding As also considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Sons my Executors hereinafter named and as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Son William Sharpe Williamson my Silver Tankard. I also give and bequeath unto my Son Curtis Williamson the sum of Forty Pounds of lawful English Money to be paid him by my Executors at two several Payments viz. Twenty Pounds at the end of one Year after my Decease and the other Twenty Pounds at the full End and Term of two years after my decease. I likewise give to my said Son Curtis Williamson one Good Feather Bed one Bolster two Pillows two Blankets and the Linen Curtains, two pair of Hempen Sheets, two pair of Flaxen Sheets and one Holland Sheet one large Table Cloth and six Napkins four Pewter Dishes, six Pewter Plates and a Third part of my wearing Apparel. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Christopher Williamson all that my Copyhold House Messuage or Tenement with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Langham, now in the Tenure of Thomas Hornby and Fifty Pounds of Lawful English Money to be raised and Levied out of my personal Estate one Year after my Decease likewise one Silver Pint and two Silver Spoons. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Christopher Williamson son of Curtis Williamson the sum of Forty Pounds of lawful English Money ten Pounds thereof to put him apprentice to a trade when he comes to a proper Age and the other Thirty Pounds to be put out to Use upon Good Security the Interest thereof to be laid out towards finding him Clothes and the Principal (thirty Pounds) to be paid to the said Christopher Williamson when he has serv'd the full time of his Apprenticeship or when he is come to the Age of Twenty-one Years, then it is my Will and desire that all the money that remains due to the said Christopher Williamson at his death be given to all the children of his Father Curtis Williamson equally Share and Share alike as they Attain the Age of Twenty-one Years and it is my Will and desire and I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my Son William Sharpe Williamson in Trust for my aforesaid Grandson Christopher Williamson and the other children aforesaid if my Grandson Christopher Williams die before he comes to the Age of Twenty-one Years.

And also all and singular the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Effects Cattle Chattels Rights Credits and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses first being paid and discharged and for Proving this my said Will) I give and bequeath unto my two Sons William Sharpe Williamson and Christopher Williamson Equally Share and Share alike.

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said two Sons William Sharpe Williamson and Christopher Williamson full and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

In Witness whereof I the said Sarah Williamson the Mother and Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and Seal the thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six.

Sarah Williamson her mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Sarah Williamson the mother and Testatrix to be her Last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Witnesses under written who have at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other set our names as Witnesses to the due Execution of this her said Will

William Williamson

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

May the 28 1788 William Sharpe Williamson Executor of his late mother Sarah Sharpe hath sworn He will perform the Contents of this Will as far as the Law will require him and that his Mother did not die possessed of personalty to the Value of six Hundred Pounds Sworn before me J Lowth Surrogate.

Charles Woods - 18th September 1757

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I Charles Woods of Langham in the County of Rutland, Yeoman being of Sound mind and memory Do make and ordain these presents to be my Last Will and Testament first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to the Earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as touching such Worldly Estate as it hath God to bless me with in this life I dispose thereof as follows Ffirst I order all my just Debts and funeral Expenses to be paid and satisfied All the rest of my Estate of what nature or kind soever which I shall dye possessed of be interested in or entitled unto I give devise & bequeath unto my loving Wife Anne Woods her heirs and Assigns for ever and do make my said wife sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made ordering these presents only to stand and remain as and for my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

Charles Woods his mark

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses at his request and in his presence.

Wm Lumley

Seth Ellingworth

H Scotney

28 June 1773 Ann Woods the Executrix hath Sworn she will perform ye Contents of this Will as far as ye Law requires.

Sworn before me John Lowth Surrogate.

Witness Robt Stangezd (?)

# Charles Woods - 28th June 1773 - Inventory

Northampton Record Office :

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An Inventory of All the Goods and Chattels belonging to Charles Woods Deceas'd of Langham in the County of Rutland taken this 28th day of June 1773 by us Whose names are under Written

In two of Clarkes Closes 9 Acres	11	Ewes & 14 Lambs	14	0	0
	13	Shearhoggs & theaves	11	10	0
	2	Yearlings	5	0	0
	1	Old Mare	2	10	0
	1	Core of Hay	4	0	0
In two more of Clarkes Closes 9 Acres of Meadow			9	0	0
One Little Close Call'd the Glebes 2 Acres of Meadow			2	0	0
Four Milking Cows upon the Pasture 2 of them Old			20	0	0
one pigg			0	10	6
24 fleeses of Wooll			4	0	0
In the Chamber over the parlour					
1 feather bed bolster & pillow 1 Blankett & Coverlid	)				
Bedstead & hanging	)		2	10	0
Drawers 1 Chest 4 Boxes 5 Chairs & 1 little Table			1	10	0
In the Chamber Over the House					
One Little Bed & Other Lumber			1	0	0
In the parlour					
One Wooll Bed 2 Blanketts & Coverlid 1 Bolster & 2 Pillows	)				
Bedstead & hangings	)		1	10	0
1 Table 2 Chairs Drawers 1 Box Clothes press & Close stool				10	0
In the House 2 Tables & 7 Chairs				12	6
In the pantry & Elsewhere pewter Brass & Copper			3	0	0
Three Barrells 2 Tubs Bucketts & 2 pails & Other Lumber			2	0	0
Linnen			2	0	0
Purse & Apparell			2	0	0
			89	7	0

The Above Acct Apprais'd by us

Will Sharrad

Robt Kilby

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