

Langham in Rutland

19th Century Wills & Administration

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John Almond - 5th May 1855

Northampton Record Office : 5-152

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This is the last will and testament of me John Almond of Langham in the county of Rutland whitesmith

First I will that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be paid by my executrix and executor hereinafter named and I give and bequeath the use and enjoyment only of all and every my stock in trade household goods and furniture monies securities for money and all other my present estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever unto my wife Frances Almond during the lifetime of widowhood of my said wife for the purpose of enabling them to carry on the business of a whitesmith and to maintain themselves there from, and from the income of my said property and from and after the decease of my said wife or her second marriage whichever event shall first happen I give and bequeath the same personal effects and every part thereof unto my said son John Almond absolutely for his own benefit subject to the payment thereof of the legacies hereinafter mentioned And I give devise and bequeath unto my son Charles Almond all that the east side or part of my copyhold messuage or dwelling house situate at Langham aforesaid and copyhold of that Manor all which said messuage with other premises hereinafter devised and stand settled to the use of my said wife for her life consisting of a room and pantry below and two chambers above with a right of foot road through the yard to the said east side of the said house to hold the same (after my said wife's decease) unto and to the use of the said Charles Almond his heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the said Manor And I give devise and bequeath the remaining part of the said messuage or dwelling house with the workshop goods and premises and close of land lying near thereto subject to my said wife's life also therein unto my said son John Almond his heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the said Manor of Langham of which the said premises are holden provided always and I do further give unto and direct that my said son Charles Almond shall have the use and enjoyment of a room in my said workshop along with his brother John Almond during the lifetime of the said Charles Almond to enable him to work and manage his trade or business without paying any rent for the same. And I give and bequeath unto my said son Charles Almond and to each of my two daughter Frances the wife of ??? [not inserted] Serjeant of Stanmore Park near Lewis in the county of Sussex and Eliza the wife of William Eagers of Melton Mowbray in the county of Leicester shoemaker the legacies or sums of fifty pounds a piece to be paid to them by my said son John Almond at the expiration of twelve calendar months from the decease of my said wife the same to be considered vested interests in the said several legatees from the time of my decease And I do hereby appoint my said wife Frances Almond executrix and executor of this my will and revoke all former wills in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three signed by the said

John Almond

In the joint presence of us who in his presence have hereunto set our hand as witnesses this thirteen day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

H Hough Solr

Wm Peake clerk to Mr Hough

Proved in the Archdeaconry court of Northampton on the ?? day of November 1855 before the Revd J N Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Frances Almond of Langham in the county of Rutland widow the executrix to whom administration was granted

The testator died the 5th day of May 1855

John Almond - 10th November 1855

Northampton Record Office : 5-234

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This is the last will and testament of me John Almond of Langham in the county of Rutland whitesmith made this seventh day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

First I appoint my dear wife Charlotte Almond sole executrix of this my will Also I give and devise unto my said wife and her assigns for the term of her natural life all my real estate of every description whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy and also all my personal estate and effects And after the decease of my said wife I give and devise all that messuage or tenement with the outbuildings home close and appurtenances in Langham aforesaid now in the occupation of my brother Francis Almond and my brother Charles Almond subject to the estate and interests binding (?) thereon unto my son William Almond his heirs and assigns for ever And after the decease of my said wife I give and devise all that my undivided moiety or other my share and interest in all that messuage or tenement at Belton in the county of Rutland now in the occupation of Joseph ?? and others to my daughter Eliza Almond her heirs and assigns for ever also I give to my said son William the silver quart cup which formerly belonged to my grandfather And as to all my personal estate and effects after the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath the same unto and equally between my said two children as tenants in common But if either of my children shall die under the age of twenty one years I give devise and bequeath the real and personal estate here before given to each child to the survivor of my said children his or her heirs executors and administrators In witness whereof I have to this my will set my hand the day and year first above written

John Almond

Signed and declared by the said John Almond the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

James Tait Islington

Benjn Adam Solr Oakham

Proved in the archdeaconry court of Northampton the 28th day of November 1856 before the Revd J N Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Charlotte Almond widow the sole executrix to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 10th day of November 1855

Sub £200

William Almond - 3rd May 1817

Northampton Record Office : 12

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This is the last Will and Testament of me William Almond of Langham in the county of Rutland, Whitesmith made this eleventh Day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

First, I revoke and make void all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any Time heretofore made and of this my last Will and Testament do appoint my son John sole Executor. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the Wife of Paul Smith the Sum of ten Pounds to be paid to her at the end of one year next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter the Clock standing in the Room of my Dwellinghouse called the House to be delivered to her as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann the Wife of John Abbey the Sum of ten Pounds to be paid to her at the end of one year next after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Ann my Silver Cream jug to be delivered to her as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Almond my Silver Cup to be delivered to him at his age of twenty one years or as much sooner as my said Executors shall think proper. And as to all the rest residue and Remainder of my Monies Goods Chattels personal Estate and Effects whatsoever after Payment of my Debts funeral Expenses Costs of proving this my Will and other incidental Charges I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said son John to and for his own use and benefit in Witness whereof I the said William Almond the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written

Willm Almond

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said 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 each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

William Smith

Wm(?) Ades

On the 30th day of June 1817 John Almond the sole Executor named in the within written Will was then sworn well and faithfully to perform the same And that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased do not amount in value to the Sum of One Hundred Pounds

Before me J S Pratt LLB surrogate

NB the Testator died on the 3rd day of May 1817

Inventory of Stock and effects of Wm Almond deceased, June 30 1817

	£	s	d
Purse & apparel	13	0	0
Sundry Household goods	10	10	0
Barrels & brewing (?) silo	3	0	0
Dairy utensils	1	0	0
2 heiffers	14	0	0
3 Stirhs (??)	10	10	0
12 Ewes & Lambs	21	0	0
2 Ewes	3	0	0
Hay	5	0	0
2 Cows	16	0	0
	£97	0	0

Valued by

Richd Sharpe

Wm Davis

William Almond - 4th June 1841

Northampton Record Office : 15

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This is the last Will and Testament of me William Almond of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier made this eleventh day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty

First I appoint my wife Ann Almond and my son Robert executors of this my will Also I give and devise to my son William Almond all that my copyhold messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Langham now in the occupation of William Clarke to hold the same to him my said son William his heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the said manor And as to all my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of my just debts my funeral expenses the costs of proving this my will and other incidental expenses I give and bequeath the same every part thereof unto my said wife Ann for and during the term of her natural life and after her decease I give and Bequeath to my said son William Almond the legacy in the sum of twenty pounds and to each of my children Ann Milburn Almond Robert Almond John Almond Frederick Almond George Almond Arthur Almond Mary Almond Emma Almond Susannah Almond and to my grand daughter Eliza Almond the legacy or sum of ten pounds a piece such several legacies to be paid to them as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of my said wife and after payment of the said several legacies I give and bequeath all the residue of my said personal estate and effects after the decease of my said wife unto my son Charles Almond to and for his own absolute use and benefit and I hereby declare it to be my anxious wish and desire that after the decease of my said wife my said son Charles will permit his brother William and his two sisters Susan and Emma to live with him and provide them with necessaries without any compensation so long as his said brother and sisters shall be desirous that he shall do so In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Wm Almond

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named William Almond the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses

Mary Ann Adcock Langham

Benjn Adam Solr Oakham

Proved on the 27th day of August 1841 before the Revd Henry De Foe Butler A.M. Clerk a Surrogate on the oath of Ann Almond widow the Executrix to whom administration was granted Power being reserved of making the like grant to Robert Almond the other executor named in the will

The testator died on the 4th day of June 1841

Sub £450? [second figure is not clear - could be 6?]

Joseph Bellairs - 3rd December 1829 - Admon

Northampton Record Office : 2-284

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On the 3rd day of December 1829 full power and lawful authority was granted and committed by and out of the consistory court of Peterborough to Jane Bellairs the Widow and relict of Joseph Bellairs late of Langham in the county of Rutland and diocese of Peterborough Farmer intestate deceased well and faithfully to administer the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased She having been first duly sworn etc

Sub £100

Humphery Chambers the elder - 9th October 1824

Northampton Record Office : 1-514

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Humphery Chambers the elder of Langham in the county of Rutland victualler made this the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four

First I revoke and made void former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made also I give and devise all my Household goods and furniture plate linen china Stock in Trade money and securities for money book Debts Stock in Trade and all other my personal effects whatsoever the same may consist of at my decease after payment thereout of all my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary expences the costs of proving this my will and all other incidental charges unto my dear wife Ann Chambers for and during the term of her natural life Also I give and devise all that my messuage Cottage (this last word struck out on the will) or tenement called or known by the name or Sign of the Black Horse situate standing and being in Langham aforesaid with the yard garden orchard outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging now in my occupation unto my son John Chambers his heirs and assigns for ever charged with the payment of sixty pounds equally between and amongst my children namely William Chambers of Teigh in the said county of Rutland Farmer Ann the wife of John Wadkin of Tugby in the county of Leicester Butcher and Publican Elizabeth the wife of William Sherwin of Euston Mews Euston Square New Road in the county of Middlesex Bricklayer and Humphery Chambers of Ashwell in the said county of Rutland Blacksmith share and share alike and to there (sic) Executors and administrators for ever they to take as tenants in common and not as joint tenants I give and bequeath to my son George Chambers the sum of ten pounds which I direct shall be paid to him at the end of twelve Calendar months next after the decease of my said wife out of my personal estate Then I give and bequeath the same immediately after her decease equally between and amongst my said children John Chambers William Chambers Ann Wadkin Elizabeth Sherwin Humphery Chambers and George Chambers share and share alike to and for there (sic) own use and benefit And lastly I do hereby appoint my sons John Chambers and William Chambers joint Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof the said Humphery Chambers the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

H Chambers

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Humphery Chambers the Testator in the presence of us who in his presence at his request subscribed our names

S Hubbard

E Shaw

JR Fletcher

Proved in common form law on the 24th day of May 1826 Before the Revd Wm Baker LLB Surrogate of the Archdeaconry of Northampton on the oaths of John Chambers and William Chambers the Executors to whom etc

Sworn under £300

Daniel Cole - 21st May 1802

Northampton Record Office : 11

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Daniel Cole of Langham in the County of Rutland Baker made the twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two as follows, that is to say

I give and devise my Copyhold House and Bakehouse now in my own Occupation in Langham aforesaid purchased by me of Thomas Reed to my youngest son Guy Cole and his Heirs and assigns for ever and which Estate I have this day Surrendered to the Use of this my last Will and Testament And whereas my eldest Son John Cole is infirm and incapable of maintaining himself therefore for the purpose of providing for him in as comfortable a manner as can be I desire the favour of my said son Guy Cole to permit him to live with him during his Life and maintain him not doubting his kindness to my said son John Cole and chearfully relying on my said son Guy to take care of his said Brother and for the purpose of the cloathing and the better maintaining my said son John Cole I give and bequeath to my nephew Richard Cole of Stamford Gentleman and my friend Thomas Sharpe of Langham Gentleman the Sum of Two hundred pounds In Trust for them the said Richard Cole and Thomas Sharpe or the survivor of them or the Executors of such survivor to put the same out at Interest upon Government Security only and pay and apply such Interest yearly and every year during the life of my said son John Cole for his further maintenance and cloathing in such manner as they shall think most proper for his support and in case my said Son Guy shall not permit my said son John Cole to live with him and to maintain him as I now do then I direct that my said Son Guy shall pay or cause to be paid yearly and every year during the life of my said son John Cole the full sum of Forty shillings to my said Trustees for them my said Trustees or the survivor of them or the Executor of such survivor to pay and apply the same for and towards his Board Cloathing and Maintenance and I order and direct that my said Trustees or the survivor of them or the Executor of such survivor shall pay and divide the said principal of capital Two hundred pounds to and amongst the next of kin and legal Representatives of my said Son John Cole immediately after his decease - And I charge and make chargeable my personal Estate and Effects with the payment of the said Two hundred pounds and I order my Executor hereinafter named to pay the same to my said Trustees or the survivor of them or the Executor of such survivor within twelve months after my Decease and I charge my said personal Estate and Effects with the payment of the said yearly sum of fforty shillings in case my said son Guy shall not choose to maintain my said son John in manner as aforesaid - I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Cole the sum of fforty pounds and to my son Daniel the like sum of fforty pounds and to my daughter Sarah the Wife of Francis Seaton the Sum of ffive pounds I having already provided for her I give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my moneys Goods Chattels and personal Estates to my said daughter Elizabeth Cole and my Son Guy Cole and I nominate constitute and appoint them the said Elizabeth and Guy Cole Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Testator Daniel Cole have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Daniel Cole

Signed Sealed Delivered Published and Declared by the said Daniel Cole the Testator as for 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 subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto

The following being first interlined 'or the survivor of them or the Executor of such survivor' and also the following words being first interlined 'my said son John Cole'

Richd Wyche (Wycke?) Nathl Farrant (Tarrant?)

On the fifth day of Feby 1803 Guy Cole the Executor named in the above written will was then at the petition of his 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 before me Richd Williams surrogate

Elizabeth Cole - 14th October 1800

Northampton Record Office : 11

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Elizabeth Cole of Langham in the County of Rutland, widow which I do hereby make publish and declare in manner and form following that is to say,

I order and direct all my just Debts and funeral and Testamentary Expenses to be paid and satisfied by my Executors hereinafter named forth and out of my personal Estate and Effects And subject thereto I do hereby give and bequeath the several Legacies and Sums of money following that is to say Unto my Grandson William Gillson of Greetham in the said county grazier I give the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain, Unto my grandson John Cole Gillson of Burley in the said county grazier I give the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of like lawful money Unto my Grandson Thomas Gillson of Newark upon Trent in the county of Nottingham grocer, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of like lawful money, Unto my grandson George Gillson now of Piccadilly London, grocer, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of like lawful money and unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Gillson of Burley aforesaid, spinster I give the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of like lawful money And I order and direct the said several Legacies and Sums of money above mentioned to be paid to the respective Legatees thereof at the end of twelve calendar months next after my decease by my Executors hereinafter named And my Will and Mind is and I do hereby direct that if any of them my said Grand children William Gillson John Cole Gillson Thomas Gillson George Gillson & Elizabeth Gillson shall happen to depart this life without issue before the several and respective Legacies hereby given and bequeathed

Shall become payable to him her or them by Virtue of this my Will then that the Legacy or Share of him her or them so dying without issue as aforesaid shall go to and equally divided between and amongst the survivors of them share and share alike I also give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Gillson my Silver Cup and unto my Grandson John Cole Gillson my Silver Tankard And I order and direct my Executors hereinafter named immediately after my decease or as soon after as they conveniently can to lay out and expend the Sum of Five pounds of lawful money as aforesaid in good wholesome Bread and distribute the same unto and amongst the poor inhabitants of the parish of Langham aforesaid in such proportions and manner as they my said Executors and the Church Warden of Langham for the time being shall think most advisable Also I give and bequeath unto the said William Gillson and John Cole Gillson their Executors and Administrators the Sum of One Hundred and fifty pounds of like lawful money of Great Britain Upon the Trusts nevertheless and to and for the uses ends interests and purposes hereinafter mentioned that is to say Upon the Trust to invest the same sum of One Hundred and fifty pounds in Government or Real Security or upon such other security as they my said Trustees or the Survivor of them shall think fit within the space of two calendar months after my decease and pay and apply the annual Dividends Interest and proceed that shall or may arise therefrom unto William Webster the younger of Ashwell in the said County of Rutland grazier for and towards the maintenance Education and bringing up of his three children Ann Webster William Webster and John Webster Sons and Daughters of my late Grand Daughter Ann Webster deceased until they shall severally attain the age of Twenty one years And I direct my said Trustees and the Survivors of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivors to pay the sum of Fifty pounds apiece out of the said Trust Monies unto them the said Ann Webster William Webster and John Webster Sons and Daughters of my said Grand Daughter Ann Webster deceased when and as they shall severally attain their age and respective ages of Twenty one years And it is my Will and Mind that in case of any of them the said Ann Webster William Webster and John Webster shall depart this life before he she or they shall have attained the age of Twenty one years Then I direct that the share or shares of him her or them so dying under age as aforesaid of and in the said principal sum of One hundred and fifty pounds shall go and be paid to the survivor or survivor of them when and as they shall severally attain their said age of Twenty one years share and share alike

But in case all of them the said Ann Webster William Webster and John Webster shall happen to depart this life under the age of Twenty one years then from and immediately after their respective deaths I do hereby order and direct my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivor to pay or otherwise transfer the whole of the said sum of one Hundred and fifty pounds unto my said grand daughter Elizabeth Gillson her Executors and Administrators And as to for and concerning all and singular my Household Goods and Furniture Beds Bedding Plate Rings Linen Glass China and Implements of Household of every sort and kind (not hereby before bequeathed) I do hereby direct my Executors hereinafter named to make sale of the same and pay one full equal half part of the money arising from such sale unto my said Grand Daughter Elizabeth Gillson and to place out the other half part of the money arising from such sale at Interest and paid the same together with such Interest unto my said Great Grand Daughter Ann Webster upon her attainment to the age of Twenty one years or day of marriage which shall first happen and in case my said Great Grand Daughter Ann Webster shall depart this life under the age of Twenty one years and unmarried Then I direct that such moiety, together with the capital Interest to which she would have been entitled shall sink into the residuum of my personal Estate All the Rest residue and remainder of my person Estate and Effects I do hereby give and bequeath unto and equally between my two Grandsons William Gillson and John Cole Gillson and Hereby revoking all former will and wills do publish and declare this to he my Last Will and thereof do nominate constitute and appoint the said William Gillson and his Brother the said John Cole Gillson Joint Executors In witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Cole the said Testatrix have to this my last Will and Testament contained in these sheets of paper set my Hand and Seal that is to say to the first two sheets thereof I have set my hand and to this third and last sheet my hand and seal this fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight Hundred

E Cole

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

Jno ffrere
Jno Briggs

On the fifteenth day of May 1804 John Cole Gillson one of the Executors named in the above written Will was then at the petition of his proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same and so forth and that the deceased at the time of her death was not possessed of personal estate to the amount of two thousand pounds before me Richd Williams surrogate

Guy Cole - 30th August 1817

Northampton Record Office : 12

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Guy Cole of Langham in the county of Rutland, Baker made the thirtieth Day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventeen First I give devise and bequeath unto my Dear Wife all and every my Copyhold Messuages Lands Hereditaments and Premises and Real estate whatsoever (the Copyhold part of which I have duly surrendered to the use of my last will) And also my Personal estate of every Description unto my Wife aforesaid who I appoint Whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will. To pay all my just debts due at my decease and to bring my children up in such a way as to her shall seem Proper. And I do hereby do charge all my estate both real and Personal with the payment of my debts and the bringing up of my children And for such purposes I do hereby empower my Dear Wife to sell and dispose of my real and Personal property of such part of it as to her shall seem necessary. And I do nominate and appoint my wifes brother Mr Samuel M/Naine (?) of Somerby Leicestershire with my two Friends Richard Sharpe and John Almond both of Langham aforesaid joint Trustees to aid and assist my executrix in such things as she may stand in need of . And further if my wife should die or be married again before my children are brought up my said Trustees or any of them shall sell and dispose of such Part of my property as they may think Proper for the purposes aforesaid and to give Receipts for part of it as they shall so dispose of which shall be a good and sufficient discharge for the same.

In Witness whereof I the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year First above Written

Guy Cole

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said 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 each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Thomas Pilley(?)

Ann Davis

On the thirty first day of July 1818 Mary Ann Cole of Langham in the County of Rutland widow the Executrix in this will named was duly sworn: and also made Oath that the within named Guy Cole did not die possessed of Goods Chattels and Credit to the Amount of Value of one hundred Pounds before me Rd Atlay surrogate

Henry Cole - 21st April 1804

Northampton Record Office : 11

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In the name of God, Amen,

I, Henry Cole, of the Parish of Langham in the County of Rutland Labour being sick and weak but of perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be to God: Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body, knowing that it is appointed to 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 to Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a desent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but that at the general Resurrection, I shall receive the same again, by the Power of Almighty God. And as touching such of worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life. I give demise and dispose of the same in the following Manner and Form.

First I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Elizabeth Spurr and Heirs for ever, a certain Copyhold Estate containing a dwelling House Barn and a Close adjoining in the Parish of Langham aforesaid and holden on the Manor of Langham. And I likewise constitute make and ordain my sole Executrix the said Elizabeth Spurr, of this my last Will and Testament, all and singular all my other Lands Messuages and Tenements, together with all my household Goods Debts and moveable Effects, by her to be freely possessed and enjoyed. And I hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul, all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies, Bequests and Executors, by me in any Ways before named, willed and bequeathed: ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have Hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty first Day of April one thousand eight hundred and four.

Henry Cole his Mark

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Henry Cole as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us the Subscribers

Rd Kitching
William Smith
Guy Cole

On the twenty-ninth day of April 1807, Elizabeth Spurr the sole Executrix named in the within written Will was then sworn well & faithfully to perform the same, & that the Good Chattels & Credits do not amount in value to the Sum of Forty pounds.

Before me
R Williams A.M. Surrogate

William Davis the elder - 11th June 1825

Northampton Record Office : 2-416

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This is the last Will and Testament of me William Davis the elder of Langham in the county of Rutland Farmer made this eleventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty five

First I revoke and make void all former and other wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made and of this my last will and testament do appoint my dear wife Anne and my Grandson John Shaw son of my daughter Mary Shaw Executrix and Executor Also I give and devise all and every my Freehold and copyhold messuages cottages or tenements land hereditaments and real estate whatsoever unto and to the use of my grandson William Shaw another of the sons of my said daughter Mary Shaw his heirs and assigns for ever according to the respective tenures thereof Also I give and bequeath all and every my household furniture plate linen china and household effects of every description and also all the provisions and liquors that shall be in my dwelling house at the time of my decease unto my said wife to and for her own use and benefit And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my monies securities for money stock cattle goods chattels and personal estate and effects whatsoever after payment of my debts funeral expences the costs of proving this my will and other incidental charges I give and bequeath the use thereof and of every part thereof unto my said wife for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease Then I give and bequeath the same monies securities for money stock cattle goods chattels personal estate and effects unto my said grandson John Shaw to and for his own use and benefit In witness whereof I the said testator William Davis the elder have to this my last will and testament contained in this one sheet of paper set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Wm Davis Senr

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator William Davis the elder 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 each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

Martha Ades

Joseph Batson

Wm Ades

Proved on the 22nd day of April 1831 before the Reverend Henry De Foe Baker a Surrogate on the oath of John Shaw the executor (Ann (sic) Davis the executrix having departed this life in the lifetime of the testator) to whom administration was granted

Sub £50

John Faulks - 24th May 1823

Northampton Record Office : 2-52

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This is the last Will and Testament of me John Faulks of Langham in the County of Rutland Grazier made this twenty fourth Day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

First I revoke all my former Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and of this my last Will and Testament do appoint my dear Wife Charlotte sole Executrix.

Also I give and devise All the my Messuage or Tenement with the Buildings Yard Garden and Premises thereunto belonging situate in Braunston in the said County of Rutland now in the Tenure or Occupation of Thomas Woods. And also all the other my real Estate whatsoever unto and to the use of my said Wife her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Sister Elizabeth the wife of John Jackson of Easton in the County of Northampton Wheelwright the Legacy of five Pounds to be paid to her at the end of three years next after my decease.

Also I give and bequeath unto Rebecca Holman, who now lives with me, Sister of my said Wife the Legacy of forty Pounds to be paid to her at the end of three years after my decease.

And as to all the rest of my Money Goods Chattels Stock Cattle and personal Estate whatsoever after Payment of my Debts funeral Expences the Costs of proving this my Will and other incidental Charges I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Wife to and for her own use and benefit.

In Witness whereof I the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament sett my Hand and seal the Day and Year first above written.

John Faulks

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Faulks the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament (the word Northampton in the thirteenth line from the top having been first written upon an erasure) in the presence of us who have at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

R Fletcher Clerk to Mr Ades Sol. Oakham

Samuel Garner

Wm Ades

The will of Mr John Faulks late of Langham, dated 24th May 1823, proved 21st May 1827

On the 21st day of May 1827 Charlotte Faulks the Executrix named in the written will was then sworn well and faithfully to perform the same according to Law and that the within-named deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of a personal estate to the value of £300. Before me Wm Baker LL.B, Surrogate.

George Fowler - 22nd January 1846

Northampton Record Office : 4-253

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In the name of God Amen The sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven I George Fowler of the parish of Langham in the county of Rutland schoolmaster being in good health of body and of sound mind memory and understanding thanks be given unto God, therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed once unto all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and commend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executrix nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved son George Fowler the sum of five pounds I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Fowler the like sum of five pounds and also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Fowler the like sum of five pounds Lastly all the rest residue and remainder of my stock household furniture debts and moveable effects and everything I am possessed of at the time of my decease whether real or personal I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Frances Fowler whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my sole executrix of this my last will and testament And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and annul all and every other former testaments wills legacies bequests and executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed, ratifying confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand to the first sheet and my hand and seal to this last sheet this day and year above written

George Fowler

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said George Fowler as his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers

Thomas Riley

Christopher Williamson

Proved on the 25th day of March 1846 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Frances Fowler widow the sole executrix to whom administration was given.

The testator died on the 22nd day of January 1846

Sub £50

Frances Fowler - 18th February 1856

Northampton Record Office : 5-269

Transcribed by Caroline & Nigel Webb - Langham Village History Group

This is the last will and testament of me Frances Fowler of Langham in the county of Rutland widow made this third day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty six

First I appoint Thomas Riley of Langham aforesaid grazier sole executor of this my will Also I give and devise to my son George Fowler his heirs and assigns for ever all those my two copyhold messuages or tenements with the yards garden orchard and premises thereto belonging situate at Langham aforesaid subject nevertheless to and charged with the payment of the legacies or sums of fifty pounds apiece which I hereby give and bequeath to each of my daughters Sarah Fowler and Mary Fowler the said legacies to be paid at the end of twelve calendar months after my decease And I hereby declare my will to be that if I should depart his life before my said daughter Mary Fowler shall attain her age of twenty one years then her said legacy shall be paid to the said Thomas Riley for her own use and his receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the same and I hereby fully authorise and empower the said Thomas Riley to receive the said legacy and to adopt all such measures as may be necessary to obtain payment thereof for the said Mary Fowler and I direct the said Thomas Riley to invest the same legacy when received in such way as he may think best until my said daughter Mary shall attain her said age of twenty one years and to apply the interest and dividends arising therefrom in the meantime towards her maintenance and bringing up of my said daughter Also I give and bequeath to my said daughter Sarah Fowler my best feather bed with my best bedstead and hangings one bolster two pillows and pillow cases one pair of sheets and three blankets Also I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Fowler my bed bedstead and hangings in the room called the Middle Room with a bolster two pillows and pillow cases one pair of sheets and three blankets And also my mangle And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever after payment of my debts my funeral expenses the costs of proving this my will and other incidental expenses I give and bequeath the same unto and equally among my three children George Fowler Sarah Fowler and Mary Fowler share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants in witness whereof I have set my hand the day and year first above written

Frances Fowler

Signed and declared by the above named Frances Fowler as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, the words 'and also my mangle' between the first and second lines from the top of this page having been first interlined

Benjn Adam Solr Oakham

John Pleath his clerk

Proved in the archdeaconry court of Northampton on the 11th day of June 1857 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Thomas Riley the sole executor to whom administration was granted

The testator died the 18th day of February 1856

Sub £50

Daniel Harris - 25th June 1822

Northampton Record Office : 1-251

Transcribed by Freda Smithson - Langham Village History Group

I Daniel Harris the elder of Langham in the County of Rutland / Cottager being of sound and disposeing mind memory and / understanding do, this eleventh day of February one thousand / eight hundred and twenty two make this my last Will and / Testament in manner and form following. I give bequeath and / devise unto my wife Ann Harris All my goods cattle chattels and / personal property of every description for her own use and benefit / to be by her enjoyed for and during her natural life after / the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses and after / the decease of my wife the property that remains to be equally divided / among my childdren share and share alike their heirs executors and / assigns And I do make ordain and appoint my said wife whole / and sole Executrix of this my last will In witness whereof I / Daniel Harris the Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal / the day and year above written

Daniel Harris his mark

Signed sealed published and Declared as and for the last will / and Testament of Daniel Harris the elder in the presence of us / who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto / set our names as witnesses the eleventh day of February / one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

Richard Sharpe

Wm Smith

Proved on the 25th day of June 1822 before the Reverend / William Baker LLB Surrogate of the Reverend William / Strong DD Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Northampton / on the oath of Ann Harris the sole Executrix to whom / administration was granted.

W^m Gates NP Dep Reg^r

Sworn under £100

Philip Hayes - 6th December 1855

Northampton Record Office : 5-171

Transcribed by Caroline & Nigel Webb - Langham Village History Group

This is the last will and testament of me Philip Hayes of Langham in the county of Rutland farmer made this fifth day of December one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

First I appoint George Snodin of Rocott Lodge Langham aforesaid and Charles Green of Whissendine aforesaid in the said county farmers trustees and executors of this my will I bequeath unto the said George Snodin and Charles Green their executors and administrators all and every my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever upon trust in the first place to pay my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and to stand possessed of the clear residue upon trust therewith or with so much thereof as may be necessary to carry on such farming and grazing and other business as I may be engaged in at the time of my decease and to apply the income thereof as the same may arise in the first place to pay any annuity I have agreed to my mother during her life And subject thereto upon trust to pay the remainder of such income to my dear wife Harriet during her life she providing for my child or children until they shall attain the age of twenty one years and after the decease of my said wife I give the whole of my said personal estate unto and equally among all such of my children as shall attain the age of twenty one years as Tenants in Common the income thereof in the meantime to be applied for their maintenance education and advancement in the world as my said trustees shall think proper And I declare that my said trustees shall not be answerable for any loss that may arise to my said estate by carrying on my said business or for any involuntary loss whatever In witness whereof I the said Philip Hayes the testator have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written

Philip Hayes

Signed and declared by the said Philip Hayes the testator as and for this his will and testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

James Turner farmer Edmonthorp Lodge

James Shaw labourer Langham

Proved in the Archdeaconry court of Northampton on the sixteenth day of February 1856 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk and a surrogate on the oaths of George Snodin and Charles Green the trustees and executors to whom administration was granted

Sub £450

The testator died on the 6th day of December 1855

Robert Hayes - 23rd December 1852

Northampton Record Office : 4-782

Transcribed by Caroline & Nigel Webb - Langham Village History Group

This is the last will and testament of me Robert Hayes of Langham Lodge in the county of Rutland farmer grazier and brickmaker I direct all my just debts funeral expenses and testamentary expenses to be fully paid I give and bequeath all my personal estate and effects of any kind of which I shall die possessed unto my two friends Thomas Bryan of Knossington in the county of Leicester grazier and William Tidd of Ashwell in the said county of Rutland grazier and butcher their executors and administrators upon trust to receive the rents and profits thereof and apply the same for the benefit of my affectionate wife Mary Hayes for and during such part of her natural life as she shall continue my widow for the benefit of herself and for the equal support of my three children Philip Hayes Sarah Ann Hayes and Elizabeth Hayes and from and after the death or marriage of my said wife then I give and bequeath all my said personal estate and effects unto equally between my three children share and share alike And in case any or either of them shall happen to die under age unmarried and without lawful issue and before their shares shall become payable then I give the share or shares of him her or them so dying unto and equally between the survivors or survivor if more than [one]share and share alike and if but one then to such only surviving child his or her executors or administrators And I do appoint the said Thomas Bryan and William Tidd joint executors in trust of this my last will and testament hereby rescinding all former wills by me made And lastly my will is that my said trustees shall be at liberty out of the said trust premises to retain all necessary expenses they may be at or put to in executing the trusts reposed in them and that neither of them shall be answerable for any banker broker or other person or for any loss to the said trust monies unless the same happen through his or their wilful neglect or default not one for the other but each for his own wilful acts deeds neglects and defaults only In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this ninth day of December 1846

Robert Hayes

Signed published and declared by the said testator Robert Hayes as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other at the same time set our hands as witnesses to the due execution thereof

William Snodin

Wm Clarke

Proved in the archdeaconry court of Northampton on the 24th day of March 1853

Thomas Bryan before the Revd John Neale Dalton Clerk a surrogate in the oath of Thomas Bryan and William Tidd the two executors to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 23rd day of December 1852

Ann Hubbard - 3rd September 1840

Northampton Record Office : 3-527

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This is the last will and testament of me Ann Hubbard of Langham in the county of Rutland widow of Richard Hubbard formerly of the same place deceased which I make and declare in manner and form following that is to say First I give and devise all that my customary of copyhold estate situate within and parcel of the manor of Langham in the county of Rutland which I bought of David Cooke Royce unto my son Robert Hubbard to hold the same to him my said son Robert Hubbard and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after his decease I give and devise the said customary or copyhold estate unto my daughter Alice the wife of John Allen of Belton in the said county of Rutland and Charlotte Hubbard spinster to hold the same to them my said daughters Alice Allen and Charlotte Hubbard and their assigns for and during the term of their lives and from and immediately after their decease then I give and devise the said customary or copyhold estate unto and equally between all the children of my said son and daughters as shall be then living in equal share and proportions to hold the said customary or copyhold estate unto them their heirs and assigns for ever according to the nature and tenure of the same as tenants in common and not as joint tenants I give and bequeath unto my said son Robert Hubbard my blue chequed bed and furniture thereto belonging and also my silver cup and I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte Hubbard the legacy or sum of fifty pounds and also all the rest of my household furniture plate linen and china to and for her own use - all the rest residue and remainder of my goods cattle chattels and effects money and securities for money and personal estate whatsoever (after paying my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses) I give and bequeath unto them my said daughters Alice Allen and Charlotte Hubbard equally to be divided between them to and for their own absolute use and I appoint my said daughter Charlotte Hubbard sole executrix of this my will and I hereby revoke and make void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be and contain my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

A Hubbard

Signed sealed and declared by the said Ann Hubbard the testator as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence by her direction and in the presence of each other at the same time have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Mary Robinson

Wm Robinson Solicitor Oakham

Proved on the 10th day of October 1840 before the Revd Henry Hayton on the oath of Charlotte Hubbard the sole executrix to whom administration was granted

The testatrix died on the 3rd day of September 1840

Charles Hubbard - 16th January 1850

Northampton Record Office : 4-590

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This is the last will of me Charles Hubbard of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier First I will that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses shall be paid and I give and devise unto my niece Mary Ann Downes of No 57 Saint Johns Woode Terrace London all that my copyhold messuage or tenement with the yard garden orchard and buildings thereto belonging situate Langham aforesaid and now in my own occupation.

To hold the same unto the said Mary Anne Downes her heirs and assigns for ever And I give and bequeath unto Richard Henry Hubbard now at Sea the natural son of my late brother Richard Hubbard the legacy of ten pounds to be paid to him by my executors hereinafter named as soon as convenient after my decease And as to all the rest and residue and remainder of my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever and what nature or kind soever the same may be I give devise and bequeath the same unto my sister Francis Hubbard spinster now living with me and to her heirs executors and administrators to and for her own use and benefit subject to the payment thereof of my said debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the aforesaid legacy of ten pounds. I give and devise to John Hubbard aforesaid maltster and Thomas Riley of the same place grazier and their heirs all my mortgage and trust estates for the estates and interest which I have therein upon the trusts to which the same are subject and I appoint them to be executors of this my will and direct that they shall be reimbursed all reasonable (??) and lastly I rescind all former wills in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Charles Hubbard

Signed by the said Charles Hubbard in the joint presence of us who in his presence at his request have hereunto set our hands as witnesses this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

John Johnson grocer Langham

H Hough Solicitor Oakham

Proved in the archdeaconry court of Northampton on the 16th day of March 1850 by the executors to whom administration was granted.

The testator died on the (??) day of (??)

Edward Hubbard - 22nd April 1837 - Admon

Northampton Record Office :

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Know all men by these presents that we Sarah Hubbard, of Langham in the county of Rutland, widow, Thomas Riley of Langham aforesaid, grazier and William Riley of the same place, butcher, are held and firmly bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God Herbert by Divine Permission Ld Bishop of Peterborough in the sum of nine hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Lord 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 of us by herself and himself for the whole our each and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals Dated the twenty second day of April 1837 in the seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the Fourth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith & c And in the

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden Sarah Hubbard the widow Relict and administratrix of all and singular the Goods, Chattles and Credits of Edward Hubbard late of Langham aforesaid maltster Deceased Intestate 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 her the said Sarah Hubbard or into the hands and possession of any person or persons for her and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the above named Lord Bishop at or before the last day of May next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all other 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 Sarah Hubbard or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her do well and truly administer according to Law And do further make or cause to make a true and just Accompt of her said Administration at or before the last day of February 1838 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 for 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 an 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 Sarah Hubbard 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

Sarah Hubbard

Thomas Riley

William Riley

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Henry De Foe Baker, surrogate

Bond for Administration to the effects of Edward Hubbard late of Langham maltster deceased dated 22 April 1837 sub £450

On the twenty second day of April 1837 the within bounden Sarah Hubbard was then sworn well and faithfully to administer the Goods Chattles and Credits of the within named Edward Hubbard deceased according to law & that the said deceased at the time of his death (which happened on the 15 day of June 1836) was not possessed of Goods Chattells and Credits of the value of £450 before me Henry De Foe Baker surrogate

James Hubbard - 28th July 1846

Northampton Record Office : 4-279

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In the name of God Amen I James Hubbard the elder of the parish of Langham in the county of Rutland farmer and grazier being weak of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be given unto almighty God therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament That is to say

First I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor hereafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the almighty power of God and as touching the worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with during my life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, that is to say, I give and bequeath unto Ann my beloved wife all my personal property whatsoever and wheresoever I am possessed of at the time of my decease during her natural life, nevertheless at the time of my wife's decease my (?) will is that whatever shall be left at the time of my wife's decease my further will is that whatever shall be left I give and bequeath the same as follows that is I give unto my daughter Ann the wife of Samuel Sharp the sum of ten pounds to be paid in the following manner, viz. two pounds ten shillings yearly for four years the first payment to take place after my wife has been dead one whole year and so on until the said ten pounds has been paid but if my dear daughter Ann should not be living at the time of my wife's decease my further will is that the said ten pounds shall be equally divided amongst her children as they respectively attain the age of twenty one years each share and share alike I also give and bequeath the rest residue and remainder that shall be left at my wife's decease unto my son James Hubbard (subject to the above legacies) whom I likewise (?) make and ordain my sole executor of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all former wills at any time hereto made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of ?? in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

James Hubbard his mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named James Hubbard the testator as and for his last will and testament and in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other

Paul Louth

George Fowler

Proved on the 5th day of September 1846 the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of James Hubbard the executor to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 28th day of July 1846

Richard Hubbard - 16th March 1807

Northampton Record Office :

Transcribed by Caroline & Nigel Webb - Langham Village History Group

In the Name of God Amen I Richard 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 I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my Maker, beseeching His most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits and meditation of my most compassionate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an attonement for my Sins, and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them, and who, I trust, will not reject me a returning penitent sinner, when I come to Him for mercy, in this hope and confidence I render up my soul with comfort humbly beseeching the most blessed and gracious Trinity one God most holy, most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and then to take me to himself into that peace and rest and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for those that love and fear his holy name, Amen, blessed be God.

In primis, I give my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken, in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day: as for my burial, I desire it may be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear Wife my Executrix hereinafter named. Also I give unto my Sons and Daughters, Charles, Richard, William, Frances, John, Robert, and Alice, the sum of one Shilling a piece. And as for my effects which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife all and singular all the rest residue and remainder of my Monies, Stock, Cattle, Goods, Chattells, and personal Estate, whatsoever and wheresoever situate after payments of my debts, funeral Expenses, Costs of proving this my Will, and other incidental Charges. I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Wife to and for her sole and absolute use, Benefit, and disposal. And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Wife Ann Hubbard full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, Revoke all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made.

In witness whereof I the said Richard Hubbard the Husband and Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Richard Hubbard his mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Richard Hubbard 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 hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses to the due execution of this his said Will

John Sewell
Thos Hacke
William Smith

On the 12th day of June one thousand eight hundred and nine Ann Hubbard the sole Executrix named in the within Will was then sworn well and faithfully to fulfil the same according to law and that the good, chattels and credits of the within named deceased do not amount in value to the sum of £200, before me Matt Barton surrogate

John Innocent - 3rd March 1838

Northampton Record Office : 3-291

Transcribed by Caroline & Nigel Webb - Langham Village History Group

This is the last will and testament of me John Innocent of Langham in the county of Rutland Miller and Baker made this twenty ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Fanny Innocent all my real and personal estates money book debts household furniture and all other property from whatever source it may arise for her during her life after which at my wife's decease the property she dies possessed of to be equally divided between my two sons William Innocent and George Snodin Innocent and should it so happen that my said wife and my son William should not agree to live together then fifty pounds shall be paid to him out of the property aforesaid which sum is to be deducted out of his share at he execution of this my said will and that my two sons William and George Snodin shall have a home with their mother so long as they continue unmarried but in case my wife should be inclined to marry the property she is possessed of at that time shall be equally divided one month at least before her marriage between my said wife Fanny Innocent and my two sons William Innocent and George Snodin Innocent I do also appoint John Snodin of Oakham printer and bookseller my sole trustee to this my said will In witness whereof I the said John Innocent the testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

John Innocent

Signed sealed and declared in the presence of

Wm Almond

Wm Smith

Proved on the 16th day of April 1838 before the Revd Henry De Foe Baker on the oath of Fanny Innocent widow the sole executrix to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 3rd day of March 1838

Sub £300

Emma Innocent - 12th August 1853 - Admon

Northampton Record Office

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Know all men by these presents that we William Innocent of Langham in the county of Rutland, baker, Thomas Swingler of Langham aforesaid, Farmer, and Samuel Laxton of the same place, Farmer and Grazier, are held and firmly bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God George by Divine Permission Ld Bishop of Peterborough in the sum of four hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Lord 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 of us by himself for the whole our and each and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals Dated the twelfth day of August in the seventeenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith & c And in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden William Innocent, late the husband and administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattles and Credits of Emma Innocent late of Langham aforesaid, his late wife, Intestate 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 William Innocent 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 the above named Lord Bishop of Peterborough at or before the last day of November next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all other the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased at the time of her death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said William Innocent or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law And do further make or cause to make a true and just Accompt of his said Administration at or before the last day of August 1854 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 for 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 an 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 William Innocent 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

Willm Innocent

Thos Swingler

Saml Laxton

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of John Neale Dalton, surrogate

Bond for Admon to the effects of Emma Innocent late of Langham (the late wife of Mr William Innocent) deceased dated the twelfth day of August 1853 sub £200, Revd W Dalton

Sarah Lowth - 12th October 1811 - Admon

Northampton Record Office

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Know all men by these presents that we Paul Lowth, of Langham in the county of Rutland, Cordwainer, and John Sewell of Langham aforesaid, weaver and John Almond of Langham aforesaid, White Smith, are held and firmly bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God Spencer by Divine Permission Ld Bishop of Peterborough in the sum of one (?) 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 each and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals Dated the twelfth day of October in the fifty fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King Defender of the Faith & c And in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the within bounden Paul Lowth administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattles and Credits of Sarah Lowth widow late of Langham aforesaid Deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Paul Lowth 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 Northampton at or before the fifth day of April next ensuing and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all other the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased at the time of her death which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Paul Lowth or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law And do further make or cause to make a true and just Accompt of his said Administration at or before the fifth day of April 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 an 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 Paul Lowth above bounden being thereunto required to 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

Paul Louth (sic)

John Sewell

John Almond

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Mat Barton

R Williams

Bond for Admon of Sarah Lowth late of Langham widow deceased dated 12 October 1811 sub £100
Mr Williams

On the twelfth day of October 1811 the within bounden Paul Lowth was then sworn well & faithfully to administer the Goods Chattles and Credits of the within named Sarah Lowth deceased according to law & that the said goods chattels & credits do not amount to the value of £50 before me R Williams MA surrogate

Ann Lupton - 29th October 1850

Northampton Record Office : 4-627

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This is the last will and testament of me Ann Lupton of Langham in the county of Rutland spinster made this sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

First I appoint John Almond of Langham aforesaid whitesmith and Elizabeth Shuttlewood of the same place widow executor and executrix of this my will also I give and bequeath to my nephew Daryl Lupton of Holbeach March in the county of Lincoln laborer the legacy of one hundred pounds Also I give and bequeath to Ann Almond of Langham aforesaid widow the legacy of ten pounds and all my wearing apparel of every sort and kind Also I give and bequeath unto the said John Almond the legacy of five pounds and to Frances his wife the legacy of ten pounds Also I give and bequeath the sum of ten pounds to the treasurer for the time being of the Wesleyan Missionary Society to be applied for the purposes of that society and I direct that the receipt of the said treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate and effects after payment of my debts my funeral expenses the costs of proving this my will the aforesaid legacies and other incidental expenses I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof to the said Elizabeth Shuttlewood absolutely In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above written

Ann Lupton

Signed and declared by the said Ann Lupton as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses

John Johnson Langham
Benjn Adam Sol. Oakham

Proved on the 8th day of November 1850 before the Revd John Neale Dalton Clerk a surrogate on the oath of John Almond and Elizabeth Shuttlewood the executor and executrix to whom administration was granted

The testatrix died on the 29th day of October 1850

Sub £300

Ann Mantle - 1st August 1854

Northampton Record Office : 5-92

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Will of Ann Mantle of Langham in the county of Rutland widow made this eleventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

First I appoint my sons William Mantle and Matthew Mantle executors of this my will Also I give and devise unto my said son William Mantle all my copyhold messuage or tenement with the hereditament and appurtenances thereto belonging at Langham aforesaid and holden of the manor of Langham by copy of Court Roll as the same as now in my own occupation To hold the same unto the said William Mantle his heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the said manor subject nevertheless and charged and chargeable to and with the payment of one ninth part of the clear value thereof after deducting the fine and fees on admission payable in respect thereof unto each of my other children that is to say George Mantle Matthew Mantle Martha Royce Sherwin Ann Hubbard and Charlotte Mantle to be paid to them respectively within six calendar months next after my decease and I hereby expressly charge my said copyhold estate to and with the payment of such eight ninth parts of the values thereof unto my said eight* last mentioned children and I hereby direct that as soon as conveniently may be after my decease such value of my said copyhold estate shall be ascertained by the valuation of two indifferent persons one to be chosen by my said son William Mantle and the other by his said brothers and sisters or such of them as shall be then living and in case any such two persons shall not agree then by a third person or umpire to be chosen by such two persons and the decision of such umpire shall be final After I give and bequeath to my said three daughters Martha Royce Sherwin Ann Hubbard and Charlotte Mantle all my wearing apparel of every description and as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of my debts funeral expenses the costs of proving this my will and other incidental expenses I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof and equally between and among all my said sons and daughters share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants And in case of the death of any of my said children in my lifetime leaving lawful issue then I give and bequeath the share of him or her so dying as well original as accruing of and in my said estate and effects unto and equally between and among such issue as tenants in common and not as joint tenants to be paid to them when and as they shall severally attain their ages of twenty one years and the interest thereof in the meantime to be applied for their maintenance and education and in case of the death of any of them my said children in my life time without leaving lawful issue the I give and bequeath the share of such last mentioned child or children as well original as accruing of and in my said estate and effects to the survivors of them share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants In witness whereof the said Ann Mantle the testatrix has to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Ann Mantle

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Ann Mantle the testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Wm Frisby

Richard Prosser

Sworn in the consistory court of Peterborough the 29th day of August 1854 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of William Mantle and Matthew Mantle the two executors to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 1st day of August 1854

* [Only six mentioned]

William Mantle the elder - 29th May 1837

Northampton Record Office : 3-232

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This is the last will and testament of me William Mantle the elder of Langham in the county of Rutland tailor and draper made this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven

First I revoke and make void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and of this my last will and testament do appoint my dear wife Ann Mantle sole executrix I give devise and bequeath unto to my said wife all and every my messuages cottages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever and also all and singular my household goods and furniture stock in trade plate linen china money and securities for money and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever (subject nevertheless to the payment of all my just debts my funeral and testamentary expenses the costs of proving this my will and all other incidental charges) To hold the same unto my said wife her heirs executors administrators and assigns to and for her own absolute use and benefit In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Wm Mantle Senr

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Mantle the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Richard Cunnington
George Royne Currier
Joseph Batson

Proved on the 3rd day of October 1837 before the Reverend Henry De Foe Baker on the oath of Ann Mantle widow the sole executrix to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 29th day of May 1837

Sub £100

Sarah May (Mrs) - 20th August 1871

Document in possession of Mr Robert Abel Smith of Langham

Transcribed by Freda Smithson - Langham Village History Group

This is the last will and Testament / of me Sarah May of Langham in the County / of Rutland made this third day of November / One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine /

I give and devise to my Nephew John / Williamson of Langham aforesaid Grazier / All that my Messuage or Tenement Land / hereditaments and premises now in the occupation / of myself and William Williamson situate at / Langham aforesaid and all other my / real estate at Langham aforesaid To hold / the same unto and to the use of the said / John Williamson his heirs and assigns for ever / Also I give and devise to Thomas May of / Enderby in the County of Leicester Farmer / a Nephew of my late husband All those / my Messuages or Tenements Land hereditaments / and real estate situate at Knossington in / the said County of Leicester To hold the same / unto and to the use of the said Thomas May / his heirs and assigns forever And as to all / the rest residue and remainder of my personal / estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever / after payment of my debts my funeral expences / the costs of proving this my will and other / incidental expences I give and bequeath / the same unto and equally among such of / the following Nephews and Nieces / of my late husband John May as shall be / living at the time of my decease that is to say / May Wright, William Wright, James Wright / and Dinah Bronon [could be Brown] Susana Daughter of / William Wright and Jeffry May of Stoney / Stanton a Son of William May and lastly / I appoint the said Thomas May and John / Williamson Executors of this my Will In / Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand / the day and year first above written / Signed and declared by the said Sarah May the / Testatrix as her last Will and Testament in the / presence of us presents at the same time who in her / presence at her request and in the presence of / each other have hereunto subscribed our / names as witnesses /

Benjm Adam Solt Oakham

B Addington Adam Oakham

Testatrix died 20 August 1871

Proved in the Leicester District Registry 9th Oct 1871

Adam Oakham

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will the same having been therewith examined by us this [fifth?] day 7 October 1871

B[not readable on photocopy] Adam / R[not readable on photocopy] P[not readable on photocopy]

Valuation of the Effects of / the late Mrs Sarah May of / Langham in the County of / Rutland who died on the / 20th day of August 1871

	£	s	d
Cash in the house at the time of decease	13	7	6
Cash in the Bank	714	1	-
Auction sale of Furniture Plate Linnen China etc	70	-	-
Old Coins	2	6	-
Langham rents	13	14	-
Knossington	15	8	-
	828	16	6

Stephen Messing - 31st July 1830

Northampton Record Office : 2-404

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In the name of God Amen I Stephen Messing of Langham in the county of Rutland being of perfect mind and memory and in the 66th year of my age do make and declare this my last will and testament in the following manner and form out of the residue of Brother John's will which is now due to me I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath unto Alice Butt widow of Oakham in the county of Rutland the late wife of John Butt who died in America the sum of £200 to be put out to interest in the stocks called the Long Annuities which I desire she may have the interest of paid to her during her natural life and after her decease the said £200 or the sum it will then make to be equally divided amongst all the children of Elizabeth Dain widow of Langham late wife of my nephew late Thomas Dain of Cottesmore And I do likewise give unto my niece the above Alice Butt widow the sum of Ten pounds for mourning to be paid her as soon as my executors can do it And I likewise give and bequeath unto Mary Wakefield late of Branston (sic) in Rutland my old and faithful servant at Exton for more than 17 years the sum of ?? to be paid her as soon as they can and five pounds for mourning And I further give and bequest unto William and his wife Ann Hammond of Langham the sum of ten pounds each for the trouble they may have with me in my illness to be set off or paid out of a debt which they owe to me and I have a Note of Hand for from them and the writings of a freehold estate of a house, yard and garden belonging to them situate in the Parish of Manton in the county of Rutland which I have the writings of in my possession as a security for the above debt And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Mr Robert Hawley of Oakham in the county of Rutland and Mr Amos Butt of Langham in the said county sole executors of this my last will and testament which I hope they will have the goodness to execute as soon as they can and I do give and bequeath unto the said Robert Hawley and Amos Butt the sum of ten pounds each for the trouble they may be at and I do give unto my executors the sum of 12 pounds to see a blue gravestone put down for me at Exton with a plain and simple inscription thereon by Barlow of Oakham And whatever may remain over and above the expence of the gravestone I desire my executors will take the same themselves And I do desire that after all my just debts and funeral expences shall have been paid that all the rest and residue of my effects (if any) may be divided between the five daughters of Elizabeth Dain widow of Langham after five pounds to my nephew Henry Messing Surgn of Exton for mourning And I have wrapt a paper up with my will stating what property I am possest of with some other usefull memorandums and I do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty

Stephen Messing

Signed sealed published and declared by the same Stephen Messing as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Charles Hubbard butcher

William Riley butcher

'A statement of the property of Stephen Messing July 20th 1830 My share of the residue of Brother's will above £300.0.0 One share in the Oakham cannel (sic) suppose 40.0.0 remainder of Mr Hammond's debt about 30.0.0 Miss Sisson owes me 5.0.0 John Healey of Langham by note £3 had some pork ?? half a ham ?? Memorandum I do not leave anything of my property to Mrs Dain's family at Oakham because they will get £600 by my death and Henry Messing my nephew will likewise get £200 by my death and poor Mrs Butt would come to want therefore for that reason I have done what I have done in my will for her signed Stephen Messing Langham 3rd July 1830

Proved on the 14th day of February 1831 before the Reverend Robert Synge M.A. a Surrogate on the oaths of Robert Hawley and Amos Butt the executors to whom administration was granted
Sub £450

Richard Read - 19th September 1806

Northampton Record Office :

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Richard Read of Langham in the county of Rutland, maltster made this nineteenth Day of September one thousand eight hundred and six.

First I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any Time heretofore made and of this my last Will and Testament do appoint my Niece Susannah, the Wife of William Lenton of Burton Coggles in the county of Lincoln Farmer and Grazier, sole Executrix Also I give and bequeath All and Every my Monies, Securities for Money Stock Cattle Implements of Husbandry Goods Chattells and personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature and kind so ever after Payment of my Debts funeral Expenses the Costs of proving this my Will and other incidental Expenses unto my Said Niece and Executrix to and for her own absolute Use and Benefit in Witness whereof I the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this one sheet of paper sett my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written

Richd Read

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said 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 each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Wm Ades

Martha Ades

On the 30th day of July 1807 Susannah Lenton the sole Executrix named in the within Will was then sworn well and faithfully to fulfil the same according to law and that the goods chattels and credits of the within named deceased do not amount in value to the sum of £40 before me Williams AM surrogate

Charles Revill - 13th April 1807

Northampton Record Office :

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In the Name of God Amen I Charles Revil (sic) of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier being through the abundant mercy of God though weak in Body yet of a Sound and perfect understanding and Memory Do constitute and desire it to be received by all as such.

Imprimis I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my Maker beseeching His most gracious acceptance of it through the all sufficient merits and mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself to be an atonement for my Sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them and whom, I trust, will not reject me, a returning penitent sinner, when I come to Him for mercy, in this hope and confidence, I render up my soul with comfort, humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity one God most holy, most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution and then to take me to Himself into that peace and rest, and incomparable felicity which he has prepared for those that love and fear his holy name Amen. Blessed be God. Imprimis I give my body to the Earth, from whence it was taken, in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day: as for my burial, I desire it may be decent without pomp or state, at the discretion of my Daughter my Executrix hereinafter named, who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence. As for my Effects which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of as follows:

I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Revil the sum of Ten Pounds also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Revil the like sum of Ten Pounds. I do hereby order and direct that my above Legacies be paid and discharged in good and lawful money of England within Twelve Months after my Decease by my Executrix hereinafter named. Lastly all and singular the residue and remainder of my ready money, securities of money, rights, credits due and owing to me and also all my Goods, Chattels, of what kind or nature whatsoever (my debts and funeral expenses being first paid and discharged) I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Daughter Elizabeth Sewell aforesaid I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said Daughter Elizabeth Sewell full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Wills or Wills by me at any Time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Charles Revil the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal the thirteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Charles Revil 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 set our names as witness to the due execution of this his said will

Charles Revil his mark

Willm J Williamcon (sic)

Foss Hack

John Riley

Humphrey Chambers

Paul Louth

On the 30th day of May 1807 Elizabeth Sewell the sole Executor named in the within Will was then sworn well and faithfully to fulfil the same according to law & that the Goods Chattels & Credits of the within named Deceased do not amount in value to the sum of Fifty Pounds (£50) before me R Williams AM surrogate

[on the outside of document: Sub £100 R Williams]

Charles Revill - 13th December 1823

Northampton Record Office : 1-527

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Charles Revill of Langham in the county of Rutland Farmer and Grazier.

First I give and devise unto my dear wife Frances Revill all that my messuage Tenement or Dwellinghouse with the appurtenances situate standing and being at Langham aforesaid wherein I now live and alle that other messuage or Tenement at Langham aforesaid with the appurtenances and the land or ground therewith occupied or belonging and now in the occupation of James Shaw and also all that my other messuage Tenement or dwellinghouse with the appurtenances at Langham aforesaid late in the occupation of Charles Bell but now untenanted and all other my Messuages Lands Tenements and hereditaments at Langham aforesaid or elsewhere To hold the same and every part thereof unto my said dear wife Frances Revill and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease I give and devise the same unto my Daughter Ann the wife of William Snodin for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease I give and devise all my said messuages Lands Tenements and real estate unto all and every the child and children of my said Daughter Ann who shall be living at the time of her Decease their his or her heirs and assigns for ever as Tenants in common if more than one such child All my household goods Furniture plate linen china ready money securities for money and all other my personal Estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind or sort soever the same may be or consist at the time of my Decease I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my Friend Richard Sharpe of Langham aforesaid Farmer and my nephew Charles Hubbard of Langham aforesaid Butcher upon Trust that they the said Richard Sharpe and Charles Hubbard and the survivor of them his executors and administrators do and shall permit and suffer my said wife to occupy and enjoy all my said household Furniture Plate Linen China and Effects of a like sort or kind during her life and do and shall make sale of and collect and get in all other my said personal estate and after conversion thereof into money or such part of the same as shall not consist of money place out the produce or money arising therefrom and so to be collected and gotten in as aforesaid on real government or other good security and pay and apply or otherwise permit and suffer my said dear wife to receive the Dividends interest or yearly income thereof for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease upon trust to make sale of my said household Furniture Plate Linen China and Effects and place out the money arising from such last mentioned sale on such security as aforesaid and upon further trust that they the said Richard Sharpe and Charles Hubbard and the survivor of them his executors and administrators do and shall pay the dividends interest and yearly income of all my said personal estate unto or into the proper hands of my said daughter Ann for and during the term of her natural life and I do hereby direct and declare that the receipt of my said daughter alone notwithstanding her present or any future husband shall be a proper and effectual discharge to my said trustees or trustee for the time being of or acting under the trusts of this my will and that the same or any part thereof shall not be liable to the controul debts or engagements of the said present or any future husband of my said daughter nor shall the same be liable to any assignment transfer mortgage or disposition thereof by way of anticipation or otherwise by my said daughter and from and after the decease of my said daughter Ann or any transfer assignment or mortgage or disposition thereof upon further trust to pay assign and transfer the said trust monies and property unto all and every the child and children of my said daughter Ann equally to be divided between and amongst them if more than one equally share and share alike and if but one such child the whole thereof to such child the same to be paid assigned or transferred at his her or their age or respective ages of twenty one years if he she or they shall not then have attained his her or their said age or ages of twenty one years and I appoint the said Richard Sharpe and Charles Hubbard together with my said wife executors and executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby declare and direct that the said Richard Sharpe and Charles Hubbard their executors or administrators shall not be answerable or accountable for any more monies or

effects than what they or either of them shall actually respectively receive or what shall come to their respective hands or possession nor shall the one of them be answerable or accountable for the other of them or for the acts deeds receipts or disbursements of the other of them but each only for his own wilful neglects or defaults nor for any involuntary lapses and that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said trustees and each of them and the executors and administrators of them or the survivor of them to deduct and retain to themselves and himself all costs charges and expenses they or any or either shall or may pay expend disburse be at or be put unto in or about the execution the trusts hereby in them reposed or in relation thereto In Witness whereof I the said Charles Revill the Testator have to this last will and testament set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three Charles Revill signed sealed published and declared by the Said Charles Revill the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us whom his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names at witnesses.

Chas Hall
Ben Allen
Alice Joyce

Sworn under £450

Proved on the 17th of July 1826 before the Revd Chas Swann Surrogate on the oaths of the executrix and executors to whom etc

John Riley - 14th January 1837

Northampton Record Office : 3-204

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In the name of God Amen I John Riley of Langham in the county of Rutland Carpenter and Joiner being through the mercy and goodness of God of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make order and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First I give devise and bequeath unto my son Thomas Riley all my freehold and other estates cattle stock in trade household furniture book debts ready money and securities for money plate linen china and every other article or thing whatsoever or wheresoever of which I may be possessed or any way entitled to at the time of my decease (upon the trust nevertheless and for the use and uses hereinafter described of and concerning the same) viz I give and devise my freehold estate at Barleythorpe in the said county of Rutland now in three tenements by sale or otherwise to be equally divided share and share alike between my three sons John Riley William Riley and Thomas Riley for his and each of their own benefits for ever as tenants in common (subject to the following legacy) Also I give and bequeath unto my housekeeper Elizabeth Hillam (Killam?) the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money of England to be raised and levied out of my freehold estate at Barleythorpe aforesaid and to be paid to her by my son John Riley my son William Riley and my son Thomas Riley out of their respective parts And all the rest residue and remainder of my said property whatsoever and wheresoever (after the payment of my just debts funeral charges and the aforesaid legacies) I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Thomas Riley for his own use and benefit for ever And lastly I do hereby appoint my said son Thomas Riley sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made In witness whereof I have to this one sheet set my hand fourteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

John Riley

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator John Riley 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 each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Charles Hubbard

William Smith

George Fowler

Proved on the 17th day of May 1837 before the Revd Henry De Foe Baker A. M. clerk a surrogate on the oath of Thomas Riley the sole executor to whom administration was granted. The testator died on the 25th day of January 1837

Sub £450

Elizabeth Roe - 24th January 1818

Northampton Record Office : 1-384

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In the Name of God Amen / I Elizabeth Roe of Langham in the county of Rutland widow being through the abundant mercy and goodness of Almighty God of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make ordain constitute and appoint this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

I hereby give and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Roe and my niece Mary Jane Harris (wife of Robert Harris) all my stock cattle cows and sheep household furniture plate linen dairy utensils ready money and securities for money and every other article or thing of which I may be possessed or any ways entitled to at the time of my decease to be divided between them share and share alike subject nevertheless to the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses And lastly I do hereby ordain and appoint my aforesaid daughter Frances Roe and the aforesaid Mary Jane Harris (wife of Robert Harris) joint executrix's of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made In witness whereof I Elizabeth Roe the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

Elizabeth Roe her mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testatrix Elizabeth Roe as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

John Pitts Snr
George Machin

Proved on the 12th day of June 1824 before Henry De Foe Baker Clerk A.M. Surrogate of the Archdeacon of Northampton on the oaths of Frances (the wife of Thomas Ward late Frances Roe Spinster) and Mary Jane Harris the wife of Robert Harris the joint executrices to whom etc

Effects sworn under £100 - William Gates

William Royce - 2nd July 1823

Northampton Record Office : 2-108

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This is the last Will and Testament of me William Royce of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier made this second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

First I revoke and make void all former and other wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and of this my last will and testament do appoint my two sons Matthias Royce and Matthew Royce joint Executors I give and bequeath unto my said son Matthias Royce and his Heirs my Family silver Pint (?) but in case my said son Matthias shall happen to depart this life without leaving issue then from and immediately after his decease I give and bequeath the same to my son Matthew and his heirs as it is my will and desire that the same shall be enjoyed as an heirloom by the eldest branch of my Family for the time being I give and bequeath unto my said son Matthias my large copper to and for his own use and benefit I give and bequeath unto my son Matthew Royce and my daughter Ann Mantle wife of William Mantle of Langham aforesaid Draper all the residue of my plate to be equally divided between them share and share alike to and for their own use and benefit Also I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Ann Mantle all and singular my household goods and furniture and also all my linen to and for her own use and benefit and as to all the residue and remainder of my personal estate money and securities for money stock cattle and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what make or kind soever the same may be or consist of at the time of my decease after payments of all such debts as shall be justly due and owing by me at the time of my decease my funeral and testamentary expences the costs of proving this my will and other incidental charges I give and bequeath the same unto and equally between and amongst my said sons Matthias Royce and Matthew Royce and my said daughter Ann Mantle equally to be divided between them share and share alike to and for their own use and benefit In witness whereof I the said William Royce the testator have to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written

The Mark and seal of William Royce

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said William Royce the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us (the words 'after payment of all such debts as shall be' in the second line from the top in the second side having first been written upon a ??) who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

John Arnsby

Joseph Batson

Proved on the 13th day of March 1828 before the Reverend Wm Baker Clerk L.L.B. a surrogate on the oaths of Matthias Royce and Matthew Royce the executors to whom etc

Sub £450

Robert Rudkin - 17th June 1821

Northampton Record Office : 1-468

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In the name of God Amen I Robert Rudkin of Langham Lodge in the county of Rutland Farmer being in perfect health of sound mind memory and understanding thanks to Almighty God for the same Do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament (that is to say)

first and principally I give and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & my Body I recommend to the earth in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and appointed nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in the following manner and form (viz) after all my just debts and funeral Expences are fully paid and satisfied and all expences my Executor hereafter named may be put unto in the administering to this my last will and Testament I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Rudkin All my live and dead stock and crop of every description with all my implements of husbandry together with all my household Furniture china plate linen and all money and security for money Book debts and effects of what nature or kind soever and wheresover for and during the term of her natural life and at her decease I order and direct my Executor hereafter named so soon as convenient to distribute or cause to be distributed all my above named Estate and effects equally between my five children (viz) Henry John Rudkin Frederick William Rudkin Charles Thomas Rudkin Margaretta Anna Leeds the wife of John Leeds of Lynn in the county of Norfolk and George Robert Rudkin share and share alike but should it so happen that either of my sons should die unmarried before my said wife the share of such son or sons shall be equally divided among the survivors And notwithstanding my having ordered and directed an equal distribution of my Estate and effects among my children as above named yet my having lent and advanced a sum of money to Frederick William Rudkin and to Charles Thomas Rudkin to begin business with, my will and intention is the same shall be considered as part of my Estate and effects and they shall be accountable to my Executor for the same prior to a distribution of my property among them and my will (Robt Rudkin) is that my Executor shall not be accountable for any part of my estate and effects but what shall have actually come into his possession And Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son Henry John Rudkin above named my sole Executor 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 other my hand and seal this seventeenth day of June 1821

Robert Rudkin

Signed sealed published declared and delivered by the above named Robert Rudkin the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of

Wm Bidge

Mary Bayley

Thomas Banister

Proved in common form of law on the 22nd day of October 1825 before the reverend William Baker L.L.B. Surrogate of the Archdeaconry of Northampton on the oath of Henry John Rudkin the sole executor to whom etc

Sworn under £3000 - Wm Gates

John Sewell - 2nd March 1826

Northampton Record Office : 2-4

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I John Sewell of the Parish of Langham in the county of Rutland weaver being of sound mind memory and understanding, do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following First and principally I commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my Body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my wife my Executrix hereinafter named and as to such worldly estate as God of his goodness hath bestowed upon me I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my brother Henry Sewell the sum of one shilling also to my brother William Sewell the sum of one shilling The aforesaid legacies to be paid by my said wife my Executrix hereinafter named and also I give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife my share of my copyhold estate a messuage or tenement now in the tenure of William Sharp for her sole use and disposal and also all and singular all my money securities for money cattle chattels goods effects rights ?? and personal estate of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever at the time of my death my debts and legacies and funeral expences being first paid and discharged I give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife Elizabeth Sewell for her own use and disposal and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Elizabeth Sewell full and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other will or wills at any time heretofore by me made and do ?? this to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said John Sewell the husband and testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

John Sewell

Signed sealed published and declared by the John Sewell 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.

Paul Louth

Christopher Williamson

Thos Hack

Proved on the thirteenth day of September 1826 before the Revd William Baker Clerk LLB as surrogate on the oath of Elizabeth Sewell the sole Executrix to whom administration was granted

Sworn under £20

Thomas Shuttlewood - 13th April 1848

Northampton Record Office : 4-492

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This is the last will and testament of me Thomas Shuttlewood late of Oakham in the county of Rutland but now of Langham in the same county grazier made this ? day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

I appoint my dear wife Elizabeth and my son William executrix and executor of this my will Also I give and devise all the messuage or tenement with the bakehouse hereditament and appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Church Street in Oakham aforesaid late in my own occupation but now in the occupation of Arthur Almond and all other my real estate if any unto my dear wife and her assign for and during the term of her natural life And after her decease I give and devise the same hereditaments and premises and every part thereof unto my said son William Shuttlewood and John Brown of Oakeham aforesaid timber merchant and their heirs upon trust from time to time to receive and take the rents issues and profits thereof and pay the same unto or for the use and benefit of my son Joel Shuttlewood in such proportions and in such manner as they my said trustees or trustee for the time being shall think proper and most for his comfort and during the term of his natural life And from and immediately after his decease I order and direct my said trustees and the survivor of them and his heirs as soon as conveniently may be to sell and dispose of all and singular the said hereditaments and premises either by public auction or private contract in such way and manner as to them or him shall seem proper and the money arising by or from such sale or sales to lay out and invest in their or his names or name upon government or good and sufficient real security and in such manner as they or he shall think proper and to receive the interest and dividends thereof and also the rents and profits of the said hereditaments and premises until such sale or sales shall have taken place as the same shall become payable and pay and apply the same or a sufficient part thereof for and towards the maintenance education bringing up and placing out in the world of all and every the child and children of my said son Joel until they shall severally and respectively attain their several and respective ages of twenty one years and when and as the said children of my son Joel shall attain that age In trust to pay assign and transfer the said trust money with the interest dividends and produce thereof that shall not have been applied for and towards the maintenance education and bringing up of the said children as aforesaid unto and equally among all the said children and as they shall severally and respectively attain the age of twenty one years but in case all and every the child and children of my said son Joel shall happen to die under the said age and without leaving lawful issue Then I give and bequeath the said trust money and premises unto and equally between my two sons William Shuttlewood [and ? other not specified - but actually Thomas Shuttlewood, named below] share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of my debts funeral expenses the costs of proving this my will and other incidental expenses I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto the said William Shuttlewood and John Brown their executors and administrators upon trust to permit my said wife to have the use and ? of my household furniture plate linen and china and household effects during her life and upon trust to invest the residue thereof in their names in government or real security and to pay the interest and dividends thereof to my said wife during her life and after her decease I direct my said trustees to sell my said furniture and effects ad to invest the produce thereof in their names aforesaid and to stand possessed thereof and of the residue of my said personal estate upon the trusts and with the same powers in all respects to apply the said personal estate for the use and benefit of my said son Joel and his issue as is hereintofore ? touching and concerning the moneys to arise from the sale of my said real estate after the decease of my wife And in case my said son Joel shall depart this life without leaving lawful issue I gave and bequeath my said personal estate unto and equally between my said sons William Shuttlewood and Thomas Shuttlewood share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants

And I hereby authorise my said trustees or trustee for the time being from time to time to alter and vary the security or securities in or upon which my said trust moneys may be invested and I hereby declare that the receipts of the trustees or trustee for the time being of this my will for the purchase money of premises sold under the powers thereof shall be sufficient discharges to the purchaser or purchasers thereof and shall exonerate him and them from seeing to the application thereof and from being answerable for the misapplication or non application thereof and that such trustees or trustee shall not be liable to answer for any loss that shall happen to the said trust property or effects or otherwise relating to the execution of the trusts mentioned in this my will unless the same shall happen by or through their or his wilful default nor either of them for the other of them but each only for his own separate acts deeds and defaults in witness whereof I the said Thomas Shuttlewood have to this my will contained in two sheets of paper set my hand the day and year first above written

Thos Shuttlewood snr

Signed and declared by the said Thomas Shuttlewood the testator as his last will and testament (the words 'for and during the term of his natural life' having been first interlined between the fourteenth and fifteenth lines from the top of the first sheet) in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Nathaniel Meadows of Langham
Wm Ades of Oakham Solr.

Proved on the 15th day of March 1849 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Elizabeth Shuttlewood widow and William Shuttlewood the son the executrix and executor to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 13th day of April 1848

Sub £200

John Smith - 18th December 1836

Northampton Record Office : 3-202

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In the name of God I John Smith of the parish of Langham in Rutland grazier being somewhat indisposed of body but of sound mind memory and understanding praised be God well knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life and being desirous to set all things in order in my lifetime and to avoid disputes and differences amongst my Relations after my death do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping for a happy resurrection in and though the merits and mediation of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be decently interred at the discretion of my wife and the executor hereafter named And as to my worldly estate and effects which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and bequeath as follows First I give and bequeath to my nephew George Fowler all that freehold estate situate in the Lordship of Whissendine in the county of Rutland together with all my personal property of whatsoever kind nature or quality soever it is upon this special trust and confidence in him reposed and to the intent that he the said George Fowler do and shall allow my beloved wife Mary Smith to take to herself the rest of my freehold aforesaid and also to enjoy everything I am possessed of at the time of my decease unto the end of her natural life Nevertheless after my wife's decease my further wish is and I do hereby give and dispose of my said property whether real or personal in the following manner (that is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my son John Smith all that freehold estate situate in the Lordship of Whissendine aforesaid Also I give unto my son John Smith all the household goods also I give unto my daughter Mary Herring the sum of one shilling lastly all and singular the rest residue and remainder of money securities for credits due and owing at the time of my wife's decease the debts legacies and funeral expenses are first paid and discharged (All reasonable expenses in the execution of this my will to be charged for by my executor hereafter named) Also I give and bequeath unto my sons and daughters as follows (viz) unto my son John Smith unto my son William Smith unto my son Samuel Smith unto my son Adam Smith and unto my daughter Elizabeth Smith unto my daughter Ruth Gile and unto my daughter Sarah Smith share and share alike And if I hereby nominate and appoint my nephew George Fowler sole executor in trust of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills or wills at any time heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

John Smith

Signed sealed published an declared by the above named John Smith the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other

John Lowell

Paul Louth

Robert Johnson

Proved on the 17th day of May 1837 before the Rev De Foe Baker A M Clerk a surrogate on the oath of George Fowler the sole executor to whom administration was granted

The testator John Smith died on the 18th day of December 1836

Sub. £200

John Smith - 7th December 1856

Northampton Record Office : 5-266

Transcribed by Caroline & Nigel Webb - Langham Village History Group

This is the last will of me John Smith of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier.

I give and devise unto my wife Sarah Smith all that my piece of land in the Lordship of Whissendine and all other my real estate whatsoever to hold to her my said wife her heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife all my personal estate and effects of what nature or kind whatsoever I may die possessed of to hold to her for her own use and benefit subject to the payment thereout of my debts funeral and testamentary expenses And I appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

John Smith

Signed by the said John Smith in the joint presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses this ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

H Hough Solr Oakham

Wm Peake clerk to Mr Hough

Proved in the Archdeaconry court of Northampton on the 27th day of April 1857 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Sarah Smith widow the sole executrix to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 7th day of December 1856

William Smith - 18th February 1812

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I William Smith of Langham in the County of Rutland, Grazier 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 into the hand of Almighty God who gave it me and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named.

All my Freeholds and Copyholds Estates wheresoever they may be including also my Freehold Estate lying and being at Edith Weston in the said County of Rutland I give devise and dispose thereof All and every part thereof unto my beloved Son William Smith whom I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Son Full and Sole Executor of this my said Will. And also I give and bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Elizabeth Smith the sum of Three hundred Pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid her by my Executor within Twelve Months next after my decease. And also my will and desire is that my Daughter shall live and reside in my dwelling House so long as she shall remain single: or on her leaving my said dwelling house my said Son shall allow and pay her yearly and every year the sum of five pounds so long as my said Daughter shall remain single. And also I give and bequeath unto my said daughter All the best Bed and all the furniture belonging to the said best Bed room. And also I give and bequeath unto Ann Lupton the sum of Ten Pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain yearly, and every year during her natural life. The said Legacy to be paid her by my Executor or his heirs and assigns.

And also I here nominate and appoint Joseph Chamberlain of the said Parish of Langham, Grazier, and John Cook of the Parish of Oakham, Farmer, my Trustees for the due execution of this my said Will. And lastly the rest of my House-hold Goods, Effects, Chattels, rights Credits, Ready Money and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts and Funeral expences being first paid and discharged) I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Executor

In Witness hereof I the said William Smith the Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

William Smith

Signed Sealed and Declared by the said William Smith to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other set our names in witness to the due Execution of this his said Will

Abra. Hack

William Roe

George Fowler

On the third day of January 1816 the within named William Smith the Sole Executor named in the within written Will was sworn well and 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 eight hundred pounds

Before me Wm Head M.A. Surrogate.

William Smith - 29th May 1847

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This is the last Will of me William Smith / of Langham in the County of Rutland Grazier First I will that all my / just debts funeral and testamentary expenses shall be fully paid by my / Executors hereinafter named Whereas my Sister Elizabeth Shuttlewood / wife of Thomas Shuttlewood the elder of Oakham in the said County of Rutland / Farmer will at my decease (and at her death her Son William Shuttlewood / will) inherit by virtue of certain details sometime since created a certain / copyhold piece of Land lying in the Manor of Oakham with Barleythorpe / in the said County of Rutland situate in Barleythorpe Field and called the / Nether Field containing by estimation twenty four Acres two Roods and / five Perches and also another Copyhold plot of land lying in the same / manor usually described as situate in Oakham Field and containing by / estimation eight acres and two roods and also two copyhold houses situate / at Oakham aforesaid And whereas there are six acres of Copyhold Land / or thereabouts which lie intermixed with the said twenty four acres two / roods and five perches Now I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto my / nephew the said William Shuttlewood of Oakham aforesaid Butcher the / said six acres of copyhold land lying in the Nether Field of Barleythorpe / aforesaid To hold to him his heirs and assigns forever And I give and devise / unto Ann Lupton of Langham aforesaid Spinster and her assigns during her / life the annual sum or yearly cost charge of ten pounds (the same sum / being directed to be paid to her by her dying Father) without any deduction whatso- / ever to be paid to her on the twenty second day of July in every year the / first payment thereof to be made on the twenty second day of July that / shall first happen after my decease and I do hereby subject and charge the / said six acres of Land given to the said William Shuttlewood to and with / the payment of the said annuity and in case the same will charge / or any part thereof shall be unpaid for the space of fifteen days next after / the aforesaid day of payment it shall be lawful for the said Ann Lupton / and her assigns to enter upon all or any part of the six acres of land / and to distrain for the same or for so much thereof as shall be so in arrear / and for all costs and charges occasioned by the nonpayment thereof and / such distress to sell in like manner as for rent received by lease or common / demise And I give unto my said Sister Elizabeth the wife of the / said Thomas Shuttlewood the elder All that copyhold house wherein I / now reside situate at Langham aforesaid together with the yard / buildings and premises thereto belonging and the Home Close near / thereto also the two cottages adjoining thereto now occupied by Mary / Wigginton and Thomas Burdett as also the small piece of Copyhold Land / containing two roods or thereabouts situate in the Lane leading towards / the Ashwell Road And also all that close of freehold pasture land called / Stone Galls To hold the said several lands and premises according to the / several tenures thereof unto my said Sister for and during the term of / her natural life and from and after her demise I give and devise the same / unto her two Sons Thomas Shuttlewood the younger of Oakham afore / said Cabinet Maker and Joel Shuttlewood of the same place now under / age To hold the same unto the said Thomas Shuttlewood and Joel / Shuttlewood their heirs and assigns forever as joint tenants thereof and / as to all the REST RESIDUE and REMAINDER of my real and per- / sonal estate and effects whatsoever (except the governments annuities here / inafter mentioned) consisting of stock upon my farm monies on mortgage / household goods and furniture and all other my effects whatsoever I give / devise and bequeath the same unto my Sister the said Elizabeth Shuttlewood / her heirs executors administrators and assigns forever Subject nevertheless / and I do hereby charge and make chargeable my said real and personal / estate to and with the payment of my said debts funeral and testamentary / expenses and also to and with the payment of the following legacies I give / and bequeath unto my nephew the said Edward Shuttlewood the young- / er and Joel Shuttlewood the legacies of one hundred and fifty pounds a / piece and unto my housekeeper Ann Ingram the legacy of two hundred / pounds to be paid to them as soon as convenient after my decease Also I / give and bequeath unto the Churchwardens of Langham for the time / being the sum of nineteen pounds and nineteen shillings to be paid at christ / mas(?) to be by them distributed amongst such of the necessitous poor at / Langham as they shall think fit and proper Also I do hereby direct and / require my Executors

hereinafter named to continue and allow the sum / of five hundred pounds now standing in my name in the (###) three pounds and / five shillings per cent reduced [?] annuities to remain so invested in trust to / pay the half yearly interest thereof unto my said housekeeper Also I do give / for and during her life for her own use and from and after her / decease I direct my said Executors to make sale thereof and to pay the / principal and other monies arising from such sale as follows namely the / sum of one hundred pounds unto the Secretary or Treasurer for the time / being of the Rutland Dispensary established at Oakham and to pay the / further sum of one hundred pounds unto the Trustees or Managers for the / time being of the Stamford and Rutland Infirmary established at Stamford / and to pay distribute and divide the remainder of the said monies in such / manner as the residue of all my said real and personal estate is hereinbefore / disposed of And I appoint the said Edward Shuttlewood the Elder and his / Son the said William Shuttlewood Executors of this my will and direct / them to retain to themselves all necessary expenses incurred in the executi / on of my will In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth / day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty / five

William Smith

Signed by the said William Smith in / the joint presence of us who in his presence have hereunto set our hands / as witnesses this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand / eight hundred and forty five

H Hough Solicitor Oakham
Catharin Elizabeth Hough Oakham.

This is a Codicil to the will of me William / Smith codicil bears date the thirteenth day of October one thousand eight / hundred and forty five In reference to the disposition of the residue of my / real and personal estate I direct that my Executors in the said will menti- / oned or the said Elizabeth Shuttlewood my Sister shall immediately after / my decease permit and allow my House-keeper Ann Ingram to select from / my household furniture as much furniture and bedding as will comfort- / ably furnish two Rooms as a bedroom and sitting room for her own use / and benefit and I further direct that the legacy of two hundred pounds left / to her in my said will shall be paid to her immediately after my decease / And I further direct that out of the said residue my said Executors or / the said Elizabeth Shuttlewood shall pay to John Smith of Langham Cottager / and Thomas Swingler of the same place Farmer the legacies of fifty pounds / a piece as soon as convenient after my decease in asmuch as such residue / will be increased by payment of the purchase monies now due to me for the sale / of a piece of land to the Midland Railway Company for the purposes / of the Syston and Peterboro' Railway In reference to the disposition of the / five hundred pounds annuities in my said will after the / decease of the said Ann Ingram I now direct that the whole of such / principal monies shall after the decease of the said Ann Ingram be sold / by my Executors and the produce thereof equally paid and divided / between and amongst the two Institutions in my said will named viz / the Rutland Dispensary and the Stamford and Rutland Infirmary In all / other respects I confirm the said will In witness whereof I have hereunto / set my hand this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thou- / sand eight hundred and forty seven ----William Smith-----signed by / the said William Smith in the joint presence of us who in his presence have / hereunto set our hands as witnesses this twenty ninth day of May in the / year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven --- Elizabeth / Smith Exton ---
H Hough Solicitor Oakham.

Proved at London with a Codicil 2nd July 1847 before the Judge by the / Oaths of Thomas Shuttlewood the elder and William Shuttlewood the nephew / the Executors to whom Admin---istration was granted having been first sworn / by Commission duly to administer.

William Snodin - 8th March 1855

Northampton Record Office : 5-136

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This is the last will and testament of me William Snodin of Rocut Lodge in the Lordship of Langham in the county of Rutland farmer and grazier I direct all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses to be fully paid I give and bequeath all my personal estate and effects of every kind and quality of which I shall die possessed unto my affectionate wife Ann Snodin and my sons and daughter George Frances William and John Snodin share and share alike And I do appoint my said wife and son George joint executrix and executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this 27th day of September 1853

Wm Snodin

Signed published and declared by the said testator William Snodin as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other set our hands as witnesses to the due execution thereof

Wm Clark

Sarah Clark

Proved in the Archdeaconry court of Northampton this ?? day of August 1855 before the Revd John Neale Dalton clerk a surrogate on the oath of Ann Snodin and George Snodin the executrix and the executor to whom administration was granted

The testator died the 8th day of March 1855

George Spreckley of Langham 1826

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This is the last Will and Testament of me George / Spreckley of Langham in the County of Rutland Victualler as follows ffirst I direct / all my just Debts funeral and testamentary expences to be fully paid I give and devise / all my messuages cottages closes lands tenements and real estate whatsoever with / the appurtanences situate at Whissendine in the said County of Rutland and Melton / Mowbray in the County of Leicester or elsewhere in the Kingdom of England and / also all my personal estate and effects whatsoever of which I shall die possessed / unto my two ffriends Sharp Barfoot of Langham aforesaid Grazier and Samuel Sharpe / of Branston in the said County of Rutland ffarmer their heirs executors administrators / and assigns for ever Upon trust nevertheless to pay the rents issues and profits of my / said real and personal estate unto my affectionate wife Jane Spreckley until my son / John Spreckley attains his full age of twenty one years for the maintenance of herself / and the education and bringing up of all my Children And when my said son shall / attain to his full age of twenty one years Then I give devise and bequeath all my said / real and personal estate unto my said son John Spreckley his heirs executors and / administrators and assigns for ever Subject nevertheless to the finding and providing / for my said wife during such part of her natural as she shall continue my widow / with sufficient meat drink washing lodging firing clothing and every other / necessary suitable to her station in life But in case my said wife and Son shall / not agree to live together Then I do hereby give unto my said wife and her / assigns during such part of her natural life as she shall continue my widow / one annuity or [the?] yearly sum of twenty pounds of lawful English money free / from all deductions which I will shall be paid half yearly on the fifth day of April / and the tenth day of October in every year the first payment to be made on such / of the said half yearly days as shall first happen after my said wife shall / leave the residence of my said son and go to reside elsewhere and I subject and / charge all my said real and personal estate with the true payment of the said / annuity and I give my said wife the same power of obtaining payment thereof / as Landlords have for obtaining rent in arrear and also subject to the payment / of one hundred pounds apiece to each of my other children then living to be paid / to them and each of them within six months after my said son shall have / attained his age of twenty one years and I also subject and charge all my said / real and personal estate with the true payment thereof But in case either / or any of my other children shall happen to die before the said legacies shall / respectively become due and payable Then I will that the legacy or legacies / of him her or them so dying as aforesaid shall be paid to the survivors or / survivor of them in equal shares and proportions But in case my said son / John Spreckley shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years unmarried / and without lawful Issue Then upon trust that they the said Sharp Barfoot / and Samuel Sharpe or the survivor of them his heirs executors or administrators / shall continue to receive the rents issues and profits of my said real & personal / estate and apply the same for the maintenance of my said wife Jane Spreckley / (in case she shall continue my widow) and for the maintenance education / and bringing up of all and every my children living at the time of my decease or / born in due time after my decease until the youngest of them shall attain his or her / age of twenty one years and when and so soon as my youngest child shall attain to / his or her age of twenty one years Then I give devise and bequeath all my said real / and personal estate and effects unto and between my said wife Jane Spreckley (if she so / long continue my widow) and all and every my children their heirs executors and / administrators and assigns in equal shares and proportions to take and enjoy the / same as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and my mind and will further / is that my said trustees or the survivor of them his heirs executors and administrators / shall be at liberty by and out of the said trust monies and premises to retain all / necessary costs and expenses they may at or be put to in executing the aforesaid / trusts and that neither of them shall be answerable for any thing except their / own wilful neglect or default and lastly I do hereby appoint the said Sharpe / Barfoot and Samuel Sharpe Trustees and Guardians for my said Children during / their minority and also joint Executors In trust of this my last will and Testament

/ hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto / set my hand and seal this third day of January one thousand eight hundred and / twenty six

George Spreckley

Signed sealed published and declared by the / said testator George Spreckley as and for his last will and Testament in the / presence of us who have at his request in his presence and in the presence / of each other set our hands as witnesses to this due execution thereof

Thos Burton

Richard Sidney

Wm Clark

Proved at London 30th Sept 1826 before the Judge by the oath of Sharpe / Barfoot one of the Executors to whom Admon was granted being first sworn / by Common duly to asume power reserved to Samuel Sharpe the other Executor

Robert Swingler - 21st March 1820

Northampton Record Office : 1-54

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Robert Swingler the elder of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier made this twenty ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

First I revoke and make void all former and other wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore made and of this my last will and testament do appoint my son Thomas sole Executor Also I give and bequeath unto my son Robert the legacy or sum of one hundred pounds to and for his own use and benefit Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Ann the wife of Richard Sharpe of Langham aforesaid Grazier the legacy or sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to and for her own use and benefit Also I give and bequeath all that my share in a certain canal called the Ellesmere Canal unto and equally between my said son Robert and my said Daughter Mary Ann share and share alike to and for their respective use and benefit as tenants in common and as to all the rest residue and remainder of my monies securities for money stock cattle goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever after payment of my debts funeral expences the costs of proving this my will and other incidental charges I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said son Thomas to and for his own absolute use and benefit In witness whereof I the said Robert Swingler the elder the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Robert Swingler

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Robert Swingler 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 each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Shrapnel (?) Warren

Wm Ades

Proved in common form of law on the 6th day of June 1820 before the Revd William Head, Clerk Surrogate of the Worshipful Spencer Madan D.D. Chancellor etc on the oath of Thomas Swingler the sole Executor to whom etc

Wm Gates N.P. Dep. Reg.

Sworn under Eight hundred Pounds

Thomas Vellam - 8th June 1800

Northampton Record Office :

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Vellam of Langham in the County of Rutland, Grazier.

In the first place I will and direct that all my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary expenses shall be fully paid and discharged and after payment thereof I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Thomas Vellam the younger, youngest Son of my late Brother John Vellam late of Oakham in the said county of Rutland Butcher deceased All my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattels Rights Credits Ready Money and Securities for money and all other my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever and also my Tenant right of and in my Farm situate at Cold Overton in the County of Leicester humbly requesting my Landlord John Frewen Turner Esquire will accept him Tenant and I do hereby further request of my two Friends George Kellam Mason of Cold Overton aforesaid Grazier and Andrew Peak of Twyford in the said County of Leicester Butcher will be assisting to my said Nephew Thomas Vellam in the Management and Occupation of my said Farm.

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate constitute and Appoint my said Nephew Thomas Vellam Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament revoking and making void all other Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Vellam have hereunto set my hand and Seal this eighth day of June One thousand eight hundred.

Thos Vellam

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Thomas Vellam the Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as Witnesses to the due Execution thereof. And that the Erasure in the Body of the said Will was done before the publication thereof.

Edwd Stokes

Edwd Cole

Clk to Mr Stokes

On the second day of March 1801 Thos Vellam the Sole Executor named in the above written Will was then at the petition of his proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same & so forth & that the deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of personal property to the amount of £300.

Before me Richd Williams Surrogate.

Charles Wiggington - 11th October 1817

Northampton Record Office : 2-247

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I Charles Wiggington of Langham in the county of Rutland Labourer do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

First I give and Bequeath unto my wife Ann Wiggington all my goods chattels and personal estate of every description for her own use and benefit during her life and at her decease to be disposed of as follows I give unto my son William the sum of one shilling unto my son James one shilling unto my son John one shilling and unto my two daughters Elizabeth and Mary one shilling each and unto my daughter Sarah I give (at the decease of my wife) all my estates real and personal (the Copyhold part to be duly surrendered to the use of this my last Will) lands messuages and tenements household furniture and personal property of every kind for her own use and disposal And I do make and appoint my wife above mentioned the Executrix of this my last will and to pay all my debts and funeral expences In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Charles Wiggington his mark

Signed sealed published and declared as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hand as witnesses

Richd Sharpe

Mary Ann Sharpe

Thos Swingler

Proved on the 18th day of June 1829 before the Reverend Henry De Foe Baker clerk a surrogate on the oath of Anne Wiggington the sole executrix to whom was granted

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Christopher Williamson - 26th November 1839

Northampton Record Office : 3-457

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In the name of God Amen I Christopher Williamson of the parish of Langham in the county of Rutland, grazier, being somewhat indisposed in body but of sound mind memory and understanding praised be God well knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life and being desirous of setting all things in order in my lifetime and to avoid disputes and differences amongst my relations after my decease do 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 that gave it hoping for a happy resurrection in and through the merits and mediation of my blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the earth from whence it came to be decently interred at the discretion of my wife and executor hereafter named and as to worldly estate and effects which it has pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and bequeath as follows First I give and bequeath [my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping for a happy resurrection in and through the merits of my blessed Lord and saviour]* unto Mary Ann my beloved wife all that copyhold messuage or tenement situate in Langham aforesaid and to her heirs or assigns and as to my personal property of whatsoever it hath pleased God to bestow on me whether in ?? nature or quality I give and bequeath unto William Fowler of Whissendine in the said county grazier upon this special trust and confidence in him reposed and to the intent that the said William Fowler do and shall allow my beloved mother Elizabeth Williamson that which he may think proper and sufficient for her maintenance during her natural life My further trust and will is that my executor do allow of my wife Mary Ann Williamson the rest residue and remainder of my property with the profits arising thereof for the support of herself and my son John Williamson and my daughter Sarah Ann Williamson during her natural life providing she remain my wife and at her decease to be equally divided between my son and daughter aforesaid But if my wife should marry again My further will is that my executor in trust do take immediate possession of all my personal property and equally divide it between my son and daughter so soon as they attain the respective ages of twenty one And I hereby nominate and appoint William Fowler aforesaid sole executor of this my last will and testament [and] hereby revoke all former will or wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eight (sic) day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Christopher Williamson

Signed by the said Christopher Williamson the testator in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Charles Hubbard

John Smith

George Fowler

Proved the 12th day of March 1840 before the Revd Henry De Foe Baker clerk a surrogate on the oath of William Fowler the sole executor to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 26th day of November 1839

Sub £200

* This part in square brackets seems to have been crossed out, presumably because it is a repetition of the same words earlier on.

Francis Williamson - 24th June 1852

Northampton Record Office : 4-794

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In the name of God Amen. This is the last will and testament of me Francis Williamson of Langham in the county of Rutland farmer.

First I order and direct that all my past debts and funeral expenses to be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease out of my personal estate Secondly I do give and bequeath all that copyhold tenement with the land adjoining thereto (being an acre or thereabouts more or less situate in the aforesaid parish of Langham) to my eldest son John Williamson who shall permit and allow my son William Williamson and my daughters Sarah Williamson and Elizabeth Williamson individually to have the privilege of residence in the aforesaid tenement so long as each remains unmarried I do also give to the aforesaid John Williamson the whole of my stock in trade farming implements household furniture and all my singular effects whatsoever and wheresoever for his sole use and benefit Thirdly I do give and bequeath the following legacies to my children which shall be paid within twelve months after my decease by the aforesaid John Williamson out of the aforesaid my estate and effects To my eldest daughter Mary Grey of Burton Lodge in the county of Leicester I give the sum of five pounds to my son William Williamson I give the sum of five pounds to my daughter Sarah Williamson I give the sum of five pounds to my daughter Elizabeth Williamson I give the sum of ten pounds and to my youngest son Francis Williamson I give the sum of five pounds each of which legacies shall be paid at the time and in the manner before directed by me Lastly I do appoint my eldest son the aforesaid John Williamson the sole executor of this my last will and testament I do hereby declare that all other wills which may have been made by me to be considered null void In witness whereof I Francis Williamson the testator aforesaid do hereby affix my hand and seal this twenty second day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Francis Williamson his mark

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us who have hereunto attached our names and who hereby also certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief the testator at the time of such signing was of sound mind and we also certify that the interlining in the sixteenth line of the second page was made prior to the said signing

Thomas Riley

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Proved in the archdeaconry court of Northampton the 19th day of May 1853 before the Revd John Neale Dalton, Clerk or surrogate on the oath of John Williamson the sole executor to whom administration was granted

The testator died on the 24th day of June 1852

William Williamson - 1st February 1801

Northampton Record Office :

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In the name of God Amen I William Williamson of Langham in the County of Rutland, Butcher 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 to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Son my Executor hereinafter named And as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and dispose thereof as follows In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Williamson thirty Pounds of lawful English Money to be paid her by my said Son Francis Williamson my Executor when she comes to the Age of twenty-one years I likewise bequeath unto my son William Williamson thirty Pounds and my Mare Saddle and Bridle the thirty Pounds to be paid to him by my Son my Executor when he comes to the Age of twenty-one years. I also give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Williamson to be paid to her by my said Son my Executor when she comes to the Age of twenty-one years. And it is my Will and desire that my Son William Williamson and my Daughters Sarah Williamson and Elizabeth Williamson shall have a Residence in my Dwelling House along with their Brother Francis Williamson so long as they remain Single if they think well. And I appoint and desire that my Friends Mr Smith of Langham and Mr Thomas Preston Barleythorpe will be so kind as to act Trustees to see that this my said Will is duly performed. I also give and bequeath unto my Son Francis Williamson all that my Copyhold Estate consisting of my Dwelling House Barn Stable Shop and Homestead with all the appurtenances there unto belonging situate and being in Langham aforesaid and now in my own Occupation.

And also all and singular the rest residue and remainder of my Cattle Chattels Goods Effects rights Credits and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and expenses first being paid and discharged) I give and bequeath unto my Son Francis Williamson for his use and disposal. And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Son Francis Williamson full and Sole Executor 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 William Williamson the Father and Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

William Williamson his mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said William 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

Robt Swingler
Dorothy Woods
William Holmes

On the sixth day of March 1802 Francis Williamson the Sole Executor named in the above written Will was then at the petition of his proctor sworn faithfully to perform the same & so forth & that the deceased at the time of his death was not possessed of personal property to the amount of three hundred pounds

Before me Richd Williams Surrogate.

Joseph Fletcher Woods - 28th July 1819

Northampton Record Office : 1-39

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This is the Last Will and Testament of me Joseph Fletcher Woods of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier made this twenty eighth day of July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

First I revoke and make void all former and other wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and of this my last Will and Testament do appoint my dear wife Frances and my brother Thomas Adcock Woods and my Brother in law William Sharrard Executrix and Executors Also I give and bequeath all and every my monies securities for money stock cattle goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever after payment of my debts funeral expences (sic) the costs of proving this my will and other incidental charges unto my said Executrix and Executors upon trust to stand possessed thereof in trust to pay and apply the same in such way and manner and at such time or times as they my said Executrix and Executors and the survivors and survivor of them shall think best for the use and benefit of my said wife and all my children In witness whereof I the said Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Jos F Woods

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Joseph Fletcher Woods 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 each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Mary Dickman

Wm Ades

Proved on the thirtieth day of March 1820 (in common form of law) before the Revd Edward Jones Clerk M.A. Surrogate of the Revd William Strong D.D. Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Northampton on the oath of Frances Woods one of the Executors

Sworn under £1,500 - Wm Gates N.P. Dep. Regr.

Samuel Woods - 27th April 1817

Northampton Record Office : 1-259

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This is the Last Will and Testament of me Samuel Woods of Langham in the county of Rutland Labourer made this twenty seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

First I revoke all former wills and Testaments by me before made and of this my last Will and Testament do appoint Samuel Sharpe and George Kelham Mason both of Cold Orton in the county of Leicester Graziers Executors Also I give and bequeath unto my said Executors all my monies goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever after payment of my debts funeral expences (sic) and the costs of proving this my will and other incidental charges upon Trust for the following purposes (that is to say) In the first place to pay to my wife twenty pounds to and for her own use and benefit and as to the remainder of my said personal estate upon Trust that they my said Executors and the survivor of them do and shall permit my said wife to have the use thereof for her life for her own benefit and also such part of the principal of my said personal estate as they my said executors and the survivor of them shall think proper and as to them or him shall seem requisite for her support comfort and maintenance And after the decease of my said wife then in case any part of the residue of my said personal estate shall be left I give the same as follows five pounds apiece to my nephews and nieces (that is to say) Rebecca Ward, Ann Ward, Mary Ward, Evered Woods, Frances Henson, Elizabeth Pridmore and Elizabeth Parker and the remainder of such residue unto and equally between my brother and sister Evered Woods and Rachel Ward share and share alike to and for their respective use and benefit In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett (sic) my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Samuel Woods

Signed sealed published and Declared by the said Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presences of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Mary Louth

Wm Ades

Proved on the 19th day of August 1822 before the Reverend Charles Swann Clerk Surrogate of the Worshipful William Strong D.D. Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Northampton on the oath of George Kelham Mason the surviving Executor to whom etc

Sworn under Three hundred Pounds - Wm Gates

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