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1758 - 1858

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John Almond - 1764

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

Imprimis I Will that all my Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named:

Item I do give and demise unto my Son William Almond, all that Cottage, Tenement situate in the parish of Langham, in which he now dwelleth.

Item I do give and demise unto my Daughter Ann Almond the dwelling House that I live and reside in at present, being in the Parish of Langham aforesaid.

Item I Will give and bequeath unto my four younger Children viz James, Henry, Mary and Elizabeth, each and every one of them, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be paid unto them by my Executors.

Lastly I do give unto my Son William, and my daughter Ann Almond jointly, all the rest of my Goods and Chattles, and personl (sic) Estate whatsoever, whom I do hereby constitute and ordain my Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament:

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this first Day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty Four.

John Almond

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

Samuel Moore

James Edgson

Thomas Cole

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

Before us N Brown

John Almond - 1855 d 5th May

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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 - 1855 d 10th November

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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 1817 d 3rd May

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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 Dwelling house 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
Total Value	£97	0	0

Valued by
Richd Sharpe
Wm Davis

Humphery Chambers the elder - 1826

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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 thereof 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~~ 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 L L B Surrogate of the Archdeaconry of Northampton on the oaths of John Chambers and William Chambers the Executors to whom etc

Sworn under £300

Elizabeth Cheselden - 1758

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In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Cheselden of Langham in the County of Rutland widow being weak in Body But of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

ffirst of all I give my Soul to God that gave it me And my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred att the discretion of my Executor herein after named And as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows,

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

And Also all the rest residue and remainder of my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattells rights Credits and personal Estate of what kind or nature soever, I give and bequeath unto my said ffriend Edward Chadd his Executors and Administrators In Trust Nevethless And to the intent and purpose that he the said Edward Chadd his Executors and Administrators Shall as soon as maybe after my decease sell and dispose of the same personal Estate and premises for the best price he can get for the same (?) And with the Monies Arising thereby and therefrom I doe hereby order and direct him the said Edward Chadd

first to pay all such Rent As will be due from me att the time of my decease unto the Right Honourable the Earl of Gainsborough, and then after Such payment of Rent I direct him further to pay and discharge four severall Bond Debts ?? and honestly owing from me unto Samuel Adcock of Barleythorpe in the parish of Oakham in the Said County of Rutland Grazier, The said Edward Chadd, my servant Phillip Woodcock, and my servant Mary ffrancis, Together with only (? a decent?) funeral expenses, And the residue of my Said personal Estate (if any there be) to pay and Apply the same in a due (??) of Administration

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

Eliz Cheselden

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

Stephen Crannwell

Edward Stokes

Edwd Stokes Jnr

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

Daniel Cole - 1803

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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 ffriend 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 - 1804

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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 be 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 - 1818

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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 - 1807

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

John Cole - 1771

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the name of God, Amen,

I John Cole of Langham in the County of Rutland Grazier being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain these presents to be my last Will and Testament:

First and principally and first I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body I commend to the earth, to be interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as touching such of worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows.

First I order all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses to be paid and satisfied. And after payment thereof I give to my Nephew John Castledine my Jerman Serge Coat, best black Waist Coat and best buckskin Breeches Also I give to my Nephew Edward Southam my best Cloth Coat black Shagg Breeches and red Everlasting Waist Coat

Also I give to my servant Benjamin Chester my grey Coat black Alapene (?) Waistcoat and old loose great Coat Also all and singular my Household goods Stock Hay Cows Sheep Hogs Flower (?) Wagons Carts and Implements in Husbandry Bills Bonds Notes Ready Money moneys at Interest and all other my personal Estate of what nature or kind soever which I shall dye possessed of be interested in or intitaled unto at the time of my decease I give and bequeath unto my Brother Thomas Cole of Stretton in the County of Rutland Grazier Mr William Sisson the Elder of Barrow and Josiah Cramp of Barlythorpe Grazier their Executors & Administrators upon this special Trust and confidence that they the said Thomas Cole William Sisson and Josiah Cramp and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor do permit and suffer my dear and loving Wife Elizabeth Cole to hold and enjoy the same for and during the Term of her natural life

And from and after her decease I give and bequeath all my said personal Estate unto my two Daughters Elizabeth Cole and Anne Cole and other such Child or Children if a Daughter or Daughters as my said wife shall be enscient [sic: likely to be enceinte = pregnant in French] at the time of my decease to be Equally divided between them share and share alike provided & my will and mind is and I do hereby direct my Trustees (in case my said Wife shall marry again) to pay or cause to be paid unto such of my said children as shall be living at the time of such Intermarriage the Sum of one hundred pounds apiece if three be then living and if no more than two of my Children be then living the Sum of two hundred pounds apiece and

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Brother Thomas Cole William Sisson and Josiah Cramp Executors and Trustees of this my Last Will and Testament ordering these presents only to stand and remain as and for my Last Will and Testament

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

Jno Cole

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

Ann Holmes
Wm Smith
Henry Scotney

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

Before me
Fra: Wotton Surrogate

Stephen Cranwell - 1795

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

This is the last Will and Testament of me Stephen Cranwell of Langham in the county of Rutland yeoman and

first I will that all my just Debts and Funeral expenses be fully paid and satisfied by my Executor hereinafter named

Also I give and bequeath to the following persons the following sums of money that is to say to Sarah Broughton wife of William Broughton of Wing in the said county of Rutland woolcomber the sum of Sixty pounds

To [space left here] Healey Son of George Healey of Warrington [Waddington] in the county of Lincoln the sum of Twenty pounds in case he shall be living at the time of my decease but if dead then the said sum of Twenty pounds to the said Sarah Broughton

To Ann Wosdale [Worsdale] of Cotesmoor in the said county of Rutland Ten pounds

To John Bland of Gedington in the county of Northampton weaver Twenty pounds

To Thomas Sharp of Thorpe by Water in the said county of Rutland labourer Ten pounds

To Francis Gibbons Son of Francis Gibbons of Liddington in the said county of Rutland mason Five pounds

To Mary Marvin Elisabeth Rigeley and Ruth Peake Daughters of said Francis Gibbons Five pounds each

To John Hubbard Son of Richard Hubbard of Langham aforesaid butcher Five pounds

To Elisabeth Sharman my Servant Maid Five pounds in case she shall be living with me at the time of my decease

To Mary Ellis wife of Lib - - - (sic) Ellis of Bisbrooke in the county of Rutland Five pounds

[the following inserted] To William Harvey son of William Harvey of Peasbrook [Bisbrooke] within the county of Rutland Five pounds

all which said Legacys I will and direct shall be paid by my Executor hereinafter named within Twelve Months next after my decease

Also I give and bequeath unto Elisabeth Ellis Jane Ellis and Mary Ellis Daughters of the said Lib # # # # (sic) Ellis the following sum of money that is to say unto Elisabeth Ten pounds and unto the said Jane Ellis and Mary Ellis Five pounds each the same to be paid unto them by my Executor hereinafter named as they shall respectively attain the age of Twenty one years together with legal interest from the same

All the rest and residue of my Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever situate I give and bequeath unto John Frere of Oakham in the said county of Rutland Gentleman his Executors Administrators or Assigns whom I do hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made or published and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament

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

The mark of Stephen Cranwell

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

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

Edward Dalby - 1780

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Dalby of Langham in the county of Rutland grazier, being in perfect Health of Body and of perfect Sound Mind Memory and Understanding, and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say

First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me And my Body I Commit to the earth to be decently interr'd at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter Named And for my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of as follows.

In the first place I give and bequeath to Eleanor my beloved Wife all and Singular my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattells Personal Estate of what kind Nature or quality soever (my Debts and Funeral Expenses being first paid and Discharged) during the term of her natural Life and after her Decease

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eleanor Clarke the wife of Richard Clarke the sum of one shilling

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Dalby the Sum of Ten pounds of lawful Money of England to be paid to her at the full End and Term of six Months next after the decease of me and my Wife And it is my Will and desire that my said Daughter Ann shall have an Habitation in my Dwelling House so long as she remains Single (if it be her Mind)

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Edward Dalby all and Singular my Houshold Goods other Goods Stock Cattle Chattells and personal Estate of what kind Nature or quality whatsoever after all my Debts and other Legacies are Paid as Above and fully discharged.

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Wife Eleanor Dalby full and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

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

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

To the due Executions of this his said Will

Daniel Cole
William Holmes

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

Sworn before me J Lowth Surrogate

William Davis the elder - 1831

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 Senn

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 - 1823

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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.

Kenelm Faulks - 1796

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my son Kenelm Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds of Lawful English Money I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wife of William Berridge the Sum of one Shilling.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Wife of Mr Thomas Webster the Sum of one Shilling.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Merrill Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Faulks the Sum of two Pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Jackson the Sum of ten Pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Faulks the Sum of ten Pounds.

And it is my Will and desire that my Executrix and my Executors do sufficiently in a proper handsome manner Maintain my Daughter Ann Faulks or otherwise allow her three Shillings a Week for and during her own Life for so long as she remains single but if she thinks proper to Marry then my Executors shall not be obliged to allow her any Thing And I do appoint my Son in law Mr Thomas Webster of Ashwell in the county aforesaid in Trust for my said daughter Ann Faulks to see that my Executors perform their Parts to her agreeable to this my said Will all the aforesaid Legacies to be paid at the full and Term of one year after my Decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife all my Houshold Goods that are Moveable in my Dwelling House in Langham aforesaid for her own use and disposal.

Item I also give and bequeath unto my Executrix and Executors all that my Freehold Estate Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging and situate lying and being in the Parish of Braunston in the county of Rutland aforesaid to be at and for their own use and disposal.

And also all and Singular the rest residue and remainder of my capital Goods Effects Cattle Chattells Rights Credits and Personal Estates of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and Discharged) I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife and to my loving Brother John Faulks and to my Son John Faulks for their own use and disposal share and share alike (except the Houshold Goods aforesaid)

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said Wife Jane Faulks and my Brother John Faulks and my son John Faulks full and sole Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Kenelm Faulks the Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal the twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three

Kenelm Faulks

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

Daniel Cole

John Cole

William Holmes snr

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

the sole Executor named in the within written Will was then sworn well and faithfully to perform the same

George Fowler - 1846 d 22nd January

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1856 d 18th February

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 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

Joseph Goodacre - 1791

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

in the first place I give and bequeath to my Brother John Goodacre the Sum of ten Pounds of Lawful English Money to be paid him by my Executrix six Months after my Decease and all the Goods in the Chamber over the House and half my Shirts.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Ann Goodley all that my Copyhold Dwelling House Out houses and Garden with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being in Langham aforesaid for and during her own natural Life and which I have duly surrendered to the Use of this my Will (and now in my own occupation) and it is my Will and desire that my Sister keep the aforesaid House in a good repair as it was at my Decease and after the Decease of my aforesaid Sister

I give and bequeath my aforesaid Copyhold Estate to my Nephew William Goodacre Son of my Brother John Goodacre and if he dies before he comes to the Age of twenty one Years then it shall descend to the next Eldest Child of my aforesaid Brother and if it dies before it comes to Age to the next Eldest and so on to the Youngest.

I give and bequeath unto Francis Sims Son of William Sims of Teigh my Bristol Stone shirt buckle.

I give and bequeath unto Ann Sims Daughter of William Sims aforesaid one Pair of Silver Shoe Buckles to be given them immediately after my Decease

And all and Singular the rest, residue and Remainder of my Goods Effects Wearing apparel Chattells Credits Rights Personal Estate of what kind nature of quality whatsoever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and discharged) I give and bequeath unto my Sister Ann Goodley for her own use and disposal.

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

Joseph Goodacre

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

Wm Davis

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

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

Richd Williams surrogate

Daniel Harris - 1822

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

I Daniel Harris the elder of Langham in the County of Rutland Cottager being of sound and disposing 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 children 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 X

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.

Wm Gates NP Dep Regr

Sworn under £100

Philip Hayes - 1855 d 6th December

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1852 d 23rd December

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1840 d 3rd September

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1850

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 [??]

James Hubbard - 1846 d 28th July

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 X 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

John Hubbard - 1803

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

In the first place I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Thorpe the Wife of William Thorpe the Sum of five Pounds.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Hubbard the sum of ten Pounds and the Bed and Bedstead that is the Kitchen Chamber and all the Bedding that belongs to the said Bed and two pair of Sheets three Chairs and one Table which are in the room call'd the House and one small Brass Pan, one Pewter Dish and three Pewter Plates.

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Hubbard the sum of ten Pounds and one Bed and Bedstead with Bedding compleat and two pair of Sheets three Chairs one Table that are in the room call'd the House one small Brass Pan one Pewter Dish and three Pewter Plates

and it is my Will and desire that my Daughters Ann And Mary Hubbard may have Habitation and live with their Mother and Brothers so long as they remain Single if they desire it.

All the aforesaid Legacies to be paid at the full End and Term of twelve Months after my Wife's decease by my Sons James and Edward Hubbard whom I appoint Joint Executors after my Wife's Decease of all my Good and effects except those before mentioned and bequeath'd All and all my singular Goods Effects Cattle Chattells Rights Credits and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever to me appertaining I give devise and bequeath unto my affectionate Wife Mary Hubbard for and during her own natural life and after her Decease I give and bequeath all the remainder unto my Sons James and Edward Hubbard as aforesaid.

And lastly I do hereby nominate and Appoint my said Wife Mary Hubbard full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any Time heretofore made in Witness whereof I the said John Hubbard the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the ninth Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight

John Hubbard X his mark

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

John Smith
Robert Stevens
William Holmes

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

Richard Hubbard - 1788

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

First. I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God; and my Body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named.

I give and bequeath unto my father William Hubbard the sum of one hundred pounds sterling

Also I give and bequeath to my Sister Elizabeth Chapman the sum of a hundred pounds sterling.

Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling: and my Will further is, that, the Legacies and Bequests of one hundred pounds each be paid within twelve kalendar months after my decease to the several persons as above directed.

Also I give and bequeath to my Niece Elizabeth Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling.

Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling.

Also I give and bequeath to my Niece Juliana Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling.

Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds sterling.

Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Hubbard the sum of one hundred pounds sterling.

Also I give and bequeath to my Nephew David Hubbard the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, and my Will further is, these Legacies and Bequests of one hundred pounds each be paid to them at their respective ages of twenty one years.

Also I give and bequeath to my Servant Ann Neale the sum of fifty pounds sterling, to be paid within twelve kalendar months after my decease.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Brother William Hubbard all that my Copyhold Messuage or Tenement, with all and ev'ry the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate standing and being in Langham aforesaid to him, his heirs or assigns for ever.

Also all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind whatsoever I die possessed of I give and bequeath to my Brother William Hubbard, whom I nominate, constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other and former Wills by me at any Time made.

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

Richard Hubbard

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

Chas Hubbard,
Humphrey Chambers,
Chas Scotney

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

Before me N Brown

Richard Hubbard - 1809

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 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 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 X 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 - 1838 d 3rd March

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

James Jackson - 1796

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

This is the last Will and Testament of me James Jackson of Langham in the county of Rutland, gentleman which I do hereby make publish and dictate in manner and form following, that is to say

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Mary the Wife of Benjamin Bradwell of Richmond in the county of York, Broker, the sum of Two Hundred and Seven Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Jackson of Langham aforesaid Spinster the Sum of Three Hundred and Seven Pounds of like lawful Money of Great Britain

I also give and bequeath unto James Jackson John Jackson two of the Children of my Kinsman James Jackson of Oakham in the said County of Rutland Victualler the Sum of Five Pounds apiece of like lawful Money of Great Britain and I do direct the said several Legacies of Two Hundred and Seven Pounds and Three Hundred and Seven Pounds Five Pounds and Five Pounds to be paid and payable to the respective Legatees thereof by my Executrix and Executors hereinafter named at the end of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease

And I do hereby also give and bequeath unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Langham aforesaid and their Successors for the time being the Sum of Five Pounds of like lawful Money as aforesaid and direct the same to be paid to them by my said Executors and Executrix at the end of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease and to be by such Churchwardens and Overseers for the time being placed out at interest and the Interest thereof to be from time to time laid out in Bread and distributed annually on the Feast Day of Saint Thomas the Apostle unto and amongst the most necessitous Poor of the Parish of Langham aforesaid at the discretion of such Churchwardens and Overseers

I also give and bequeath unto William Smith of Langham aforesaid Grazier and Charles Hubbard of the same place Butcher the Sum of Five Pounds a piece of lawful money of Great Britain as a small recompense for their Trouble in executing the Trusts hereby reposed in them And as to for and concerning all and every my Freehold and Copyhold Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever situate standing lying and being (and which said Copyhold Estates I have duly surrendered to the use of this my last Will)

I do hereby give and devise the same and every part thereof unto my Dear Wife Dorothy Jackson To hold to her my said Wife Dorothy Jackson her Heirs and Assigns absolutely for ever

And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my person Estate and Effects consisting of Plate China Linen Furniture Household Goods Implements of Household Sum and Sums of Money Securities for Money Debts Rents and Arrears of Rent due to me Cattle Stock Goods Chattells Effects and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever Subject Nevertheless to and charged with the payment of my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and the said several Legacies by me hereinbefore given and bequeathed I do hereby give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto her my said Dear Wife Dorothy Jackson absolutely for ever

And Lastly I do hereby revoke and make void All other Will and Wills by me at any Time heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament and therefore nominate constitute and appoint my said Dear Wife Dorothy Jackson and the said William Smith and Charles Hubbard the joint Executrix and Executors in Witness whereof I the said James Jackson the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Two Sheets of Paper to each Sheet thereof set my Hand and at the Top of the first Sheet and to the last Sheet thereof my Hand and Seal the Sixteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

James Jackson

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

Jno Briggs

Richard Woods

Mary Tayler servants to the said James Jackson

James Jackson - 1796 codicil

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

This is a codicil of the last Will and Testament of me James Jackson of Langham in the County of Rutland Gentleman (bearing even date herewith) and which I direct to be taken and considered as and for part thereof Whereas I have in and by my said Will given and bequeathed unto my Grand daughter Mary the Wife of Benjamin Bradwell of Richmond in the County of York Broker the Sum of Two Hundred and Seven Pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain and also unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Jackson of Langham aforesaid Spinster the Sum of Three Hundred and Seven Pounds of like lawful Money of Great Britain and directed the same to be paid to them at the end of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease

Now I do hereby direct and it is my Will and Mind that in case either of them the said Mary Bradwell and Elizabeth Jackson shall happen to depart this Life before the said Respective Legacies shall become payable That then the Legacy so by me intended and before bequeathed to such of them the said Mary Bradwell and Elizabeth Jackson as shall die before the same shall become payable as aforesaid shall go and be paid to the Survivor of them her Executors or Administrators

And I do hereby confirm my said Will in every particular herein mentioned In Witness whereof I the said James Jackson have to this Codicil to my last Will in Witness whereof I the said James Jackson the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Two Sheets of Paper to each Sheet thereof set my Hand and at the Top of the first Sheet and to the last Sheet thereof my Hand and Seal the Sixteenth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six

James Jackson

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

Jno Briggs
Richard Woods
Mary Tayler

On the twelfth day of March 1796 Dorothy Jackson Wm Smith and Charles Hubbard

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

Robert Kilby - 1790

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Kilby of Langham in the county of Rutland Grazier being Sound in Body Mind Memory and Understanding and Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my soul to Almighty (sic) God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as for my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

I give unto my Cousin Henry Woolley of Northampton, School Master the Sum of One Hundred Pounds if he be living or else to his Sons and Daughters to be Equally Divided Amongst them Share and Share alike

I also give unto Mr Evan Jones of Oakham in the County of Rutland my Silver Tankard

I also give unto his Daughter Sharlotte (sic) Jones the Sum of Ten Pounds

I also give unto my Servant Francis Cox the Sum of Five Pounds and the Watch he now wears marked JC on the outside case and my best Suit of Clothes I have at that time (Excepting my Mourning Clothes) that is one of every sort and my Silver Buckles if he lives along with me until I die or leave of (sic) business

I also give unto my unto my (sic) servant Mary Claypole the Sum of Fifteen Pounds

I also give unto my Godson Joseph Flavel my Watch I now Wear

I also give unto the Poor of Langham that receives no Collection from the Parish the Sum of Five Pounds to be paid to them any time within the year after my decease at the discretion of my Executor

I also give and Bequeath all and Singular my Household Goods other Goods Credits Stock Cattle Chattells and Personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and Discharged and for proving this my said Will to Charles Hubbard the Elder of Langham in the county of Rutland Butcher his Executors Administrators or Assigns whom I Nominate and apoint (sic) full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills by me at any Time made in witness I the said Robert Kilby the testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal this second Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eight five

Robert Kilby

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

William Holmes

William Bagley

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

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

Ann Lupton - 1850 d 29th October

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1854 d 1st August

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1837 d 29th May

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Stephen Messing - 1831

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Alice Pilkington - 1761

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to the Earth to be Interred at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as touching such worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows

First I order all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid and satisfied

Also All my Copyhold Lands lying and being within the Manor of Oakham with Barlythorpe (other Westminster fee) and which I have surrendered to the Use of this my Will I give and devise unto my Daughter Mary the Wife of Richard Hubbard of Langham aforesaid Butcher her heirs and assigns for ever

Also all those my freehold Messuages or Tenements with the yard Buildings and Appurtenances to the same belonging situate standing and being in Oakham in the said county of Rutland I give and devise unto my said Son in Law (the said Richard Hubbard his heirs and assigns for ever)

Also my Silver Cup I give to my Grandson Thomas Hubbard but nevertheless to permit and suffer my said Daughter to make use of the same during her natural life

All the rest and residue of my Estate of what nature or kind whatsoever I give and Bequeath unto my said Daughter Mary Hubbard and do make ordain constitute and appoint my said Son in Law Richard Hubbard sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made ordering these presents only to stand and remain as and for my last Will and Testament

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

Alice Pilkington her mark

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

Thos Smith

Joseph Marriott

Henry Scotney

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

Richard Read - 1807

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Thomas Read - 1774

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Read of Langham in the county of Rutland Being sick in Body But of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory Praise be therefore given to Almighty God Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thro (sic) the merits death and passion of my Saviour (sic) Jesus Christ to obtain full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and Inherit Ever Lasting Life and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the Decretion (sic) of my Executor and Executrix Hereafter named and Touching all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to Bestow upon me with I do Give and Bequeath thereof as follows

First I will that my debts and funeral Charges shall be paid and Discharged I do hereby nominate and apoint (sic) my son Richd Read and Elinor Read my Well beloved Wife my Executor and Executrix

Item I give to my son Thomas Read the Sum of ten pounds of Good and Lawfull (sic) money

Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Stacey the Sum of Five Pounds

Item I give to my daughter Mary Terrewest (?) the Sum of five pounds

Item I give to my daughter Ann Read the Sum of forty pounds all the above sums to be paid at the death of my beloved wife in good and Lawfull Money of Great Brittain (sic) by my Executor Richd Read or his Executors and Administrators or Assigns and I do hereby Revoke Disanull and make void all former Wills and Testaments present by me Heretofore made in Wittness hereof I the said Thomas Read to this my last Will and Testament have set my Hand and Seal this twenty third Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight

Thos Read

Wittness

Robt Kilby

Richd Hubbard

Charles Hubbard

Whereas I Thomas Read of the county of Rutland grazier have made Published and Declared my last Will and Testament in writing Dated the twenty third Day of November which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight Now I the said Thomas Read do by this Present Codicil to my said last Will and Testament annexed confirm and ratifye my said last Will and Testament and every Clause Bequest and Devize therein contained And Whereas since the making of my said Will my Brother Richard Read of Exton in the said county of Rutland Yeoman is Dead without leaving any Issue of his Body Lawfully begotten whereby his Real Estates Decend (sic) to me as Heir at Law

Now I give and Devise All that Messuage or Tenement and Homestead thereunto adjoining and belonging situate standing lying and being in Langham aforesaid and Premises with the appurtenances and every part thereof unto my Son Richard Read his Heirs and Assigns for ever and my Will and Meaning is that this Codicil shall be adjudged and taken to be part and parcel of my last Will and Testament and a full Declaration of the same In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three

Thomas X His Mark

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

Edwd Stoke junr witness Ann Read Will Sharrad John Gandy

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

Charles Revill - 1807

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 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 - 1826

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 message Tenement or Dwellinghouse with the appurtenances situate standing and being at Langham aforesaid wherein I now live and alle that other message 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 message 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 - 1837 d 25th January

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1824

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 X

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 executrixes to whom etc

Effects sworn under £100 - William Gates

William Royce - 1828

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1825

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1826

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Richard Sharp - 1758

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Sharp of Langham in the county of Rutland Weaver being some what infirm in Body But of Sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding, praise be to Almighty God for the same Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say First and principally I resign my soul into the hands of God my Creator hoping thro' the meritts (sic) of Christ my Redeemer to be made partaker of Eternall (sic) happiness & my Body I commit (sic) to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Extrix (sic) hereinafter named and as to my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as follows Imprimis

I give devise and bequeath all my messuages Cottages Closes Lands tenements & hereditaments with their appurtenances situate standing lying and being in Branston [Braunston] in the said County of Rutland unto my loving wife Elizabeth during her naturall (sic) life and from & immediately after her decease to my Grandson Richard Sharp his heirs & assigns for ever subject nevertheless to the payment of forty shillings a year unto my Daughter Sarah Williamson for and during her naturall (sic) life by half yearly payments and equall (sic) portions at two usuall (sic) days of payment in the year viz The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Saint Michael the Arch Angel the first payment to be made and begin on such of the said days as shall first happen next after my said wife's decease.

But if it shall happen that my said Grandson shall dye before he attains his age of twenty one years without issue then and in such case I give and devise the said messuages Cottages Closes Lands tenements & hereditaments & premises with their appurts unto my said Daughter Sarah Williamson for & during the term of her naturall (sic) life and from & immediately after her decease to the heirs of her body for ever

And for default of such I give to my Daughter Ann Ellicott for and during the term of her naturall life and from and immediately after her decease to the heirs of her body for ever

And for default of such I give to my Sister in law Sarah Thorp widow and the issue of her body Equally to be divided Share and Share alike

And for default of such issue to the right heirs of my said Wife for ever Also I give and bequeath all my messuage Cottage or tenement with the appurts Situate Standing and being in Langham aforesaid in the tenure of William Sherrard Gent unto my said Wife for and during the term of her naturall life and from and immediately after her decease unto my said Grandson Richard Sharp his heirs and assigns for ever

Also I give devise and bequeath all that my other messuage cottage tenement homestead lands & premises with the appurts in Langham aforesaid in the tenure of Richard Hornbuckle unto my said wife for and during the term of her naturall life and from immediately after her decease unto my Grandson Richard Sharp & his heirs for ever subject nevertheless to the payment of the sum of 40 shillings a year unto my said daughter Ann Ellicott for and during the term of her naturall life in equal portions by half yearly payments and equall portions at two usuall days of payment in the year viz The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Saint Michael the Arch Angel the first payment to be made on such of the said days as shall first happen next after the decease of my said wife.

But if it shall happen that my said Grandson shall dye before he attains his age of twenty one years without issue of his body then and in such case I give devise and bequeath the cottage or tenement lands and premises in the tenure of the said Richard Hornbuckle unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Ellicott daughter of the said Ann Ellicott and heirs of her body subject nevertheless to the payment of the futher sum of 40 shillings a year unto the said Ann Ellicott for and during the term of her naturall life by half yearly payments and equall portions at the days and times aforesaid the first payment to be made and begin on such of the said days as shall first happen next after the said Elizabeth Ellicott or the heirs of her body shall be in possession of the said premises by virtue of this my will

And if it shall happen that the said Elizabeth Ellicott shall dye without issue of her body then I give and devise the said last mentioned cottage or tenement lands and premises in the tenure of the said Richard Hornbuckle unto my said daughter Ann Ellicott and the heirs of her body for ever

And for default of such I give to my sister in law Sarah Thorpe widow and the issue of her body equally to be divided share and share alike and for default of such issue to the right heirs of my said wife for ever

Also I give the use of my silver Tankard to my Grandson Richard Sharp during his life and after his decease

I give the same unto his heirs of his body but if he should happen to dye without issue of his body then I give my said tankard unto my Grandson William Sharp Williamson

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Grandson Richard Sharp one Bed Bedstead and Green Hangings with Blanketts Quilt pillows and Bolster thereunto belonging six pair of Sheets five pair of pillow Drawers Three Table Cloths and Six napkins Clock and Screen.

And I do hereby nominate appoint and devise my Good Friends Thomas Read Charles Woods and James Jackson all of Langham aforesaid to be guardians and trustees for my said Grandson until he shall attain his age of twenty one years

And do also further will and devise that my said daughter Sarah Williamson may have the maintaining educating and bringing up of my said Grandson until it be thought convenient by the named trustees to place him out to some trade or business

And that the said Sarah Williamson shall have the rents issues and profitts (sic) arising from his fortune for such (h)is maintenance education and bringing up as aforesaid and what more the said trustees shall think convenient

Also My will and mind is that no part of the lands by this my devised will shall be plowed digged up or converted into Tillage or any Timber growing thereon shall be cut down or felled untill my said Grandson shall attain his age of twenty one years

And lastly all the rest of my Goods Chattles Cattle Creditts ready money & personall (sic) Estate whatsoever not herein before by me given and bequeathed after payment of my debts and funeral (sic) expenses I give and bequeath unto my said wife whom I make full and sole Extrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

In Witness whereof I the said Richard Sharp the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this sheet of paper and the other hereunto annexed put my Hand and Seal to each sheet this nineteenth Day of February 1757

Richard Sharp

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

Richard Wood

Mary Mobery

John Smith junior

Memorandum The name above were struck out and the name Thomas Read interlined before the ?? hereof June 20th 1758 Elisabeth Sharp the within named Executrix was sworn faithfully to execute this will before me Charles Trimnell surrogate

Richard Sharpe - 1786

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Sharpe of Langham in the county in the county of Rutland grazier being weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding as also Considering the Uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Wife my Executrix herein after named and as for my worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first place I give and bequeath unto Sarah my dearly beloved Wife whom I likewise constitute make and ordain the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament all and singular my lands messuages and tenements household goodes stock cattle chattels and effects rights credits and personal estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my debts and funeral expenses being first paid and discharged and for proving this my said Will and for bringing up my children) by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed so long as she remains my widow but if she marry again or die before my children is (sic) properly educated and brought up then my will is that two fifths of every thing that is belonging to my estate both real and personal shall be given to my eldest son William Sharpe and the other three fifths to be equally divided amongst my other three children namely Richard Sharpe Rachel Sharpe and that which my Wife is now pregnant of but if the child that is unborn should happen to die then it is my will that my wife shall have that child's fifth part for her own use and disposal

but if my wife should marry again then she shall deliver up all my estate real and personal unto my too (sic) friends Mr William Hubbard of Langham and Mr John Chester brother to my Wife whom I appoint in trust to have the care and management of all my estate real and personal to bring up my children in meat drink cloathing (sic) and educating of them till the youngest attain the age of twenty one years then for my estate real and personal to be divided amongst my children as above mentioned (that is) to my eldest son William two fifths and to my other children the other three fifths to be equally divided amongst them excepting the child unborn should happen to die then my wife to have that child's fifth part and the other two fifths to be equally divided between the two younger children

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my said loving Wife Sarah Sharpe full and sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in Witness whereof I the said Richard Sharpe the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the fifth Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

Richard Sharpe

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

Wm Sharpe Williamson

Eliz Ellicott

Wm Holmes

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

Sworn before me I (?J) Louth surrogate Feb the 6th 1786

(The initial on the outside of the paper is W Louth)

William Sharrad - 1783

Public Record Office PROB 11/1105

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Son George Sharrad the Sum of two hundred Pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid him when and as soon as he attains the Age of twenty one years without payment of any Interest for the same in the mean time And I do hereby Subject and charge all and every my said Closes Lands and Hereditaments lying Kirby Bellars aforesaid with the win payment thereof And my mind and Will further is that in case my said Son George Sharrad shall happen to die before he attains his said Age of twenty one years without issue of his Body lawfully begotten then and in such case I do give and devise the said Messuages Closes Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Scalford aforesaid and unto my Eldest Son William Sharrad his Heirs and Assigns And for and concerning the said Legacy of two hundred Pounds so given by me to my said Son George Sharrad as aforesaid

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

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

William Sharrad - 1783 continued

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

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

In Witness whereof I the said William Sharrad the testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two

William Sharrad His Mark

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said William Sharrad the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament written on two sheets of paper to the first of which he hath set his hand and to the last hath fixed his Seal in the Presence of us the Witnesses underwritten who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other set our hands to this His Execution of this his said Will

Edwd Stokes

Robt Kilby

Thos Brewster Sunt Clerk to Mrs Stokes

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

Ann Sherwin - 1785

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

I give and bequeath unto my Son William Sherwin of Langham aforesaid Blacksmith the Sum of One Pound one Shilling of Lawful Money of England

Item I give and bequeath unto John Gandy of Langham aforesaid Weaver the Sum of one Pound one Shilling

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Gandy the Wife of John Gandy aforesaid the sum of one Pound one Shilling

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Suter the Wife of Samuel Suter of Manton in the county aforesaid Cordwainer the sum of one Shilling

And also all and singular the rest residue and remainder of my my Goods Effects Rights Credits and Personal Estate of what kind nature of quality whatsoever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first Paid and Discharged, all the aforesaid Legacies to be paid within six Months after my Decease by my said Daughter and Executrix hereinafter named) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Young the Wife of Leonard Young of Exton in the county aforesaid for her own Use and Disposal And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Daughter Ann Young full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament

revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in witness whereof I the said Ann Sherwin the Mother and Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one

Ann Sherwin her mark

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

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

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

Thomas Shuttlewood - 1848 d 13th April

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 7 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 7 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 7 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 7 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

Thomas Shuttlewood - 1848 d 13th April - Continued

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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 though 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 - 1784

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Goode the Wife of John Goode of Oakham in the county aforesaid Baker the Sum of one Shilling

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Snodin the Wife of George Snodin of Whissendine in the county aforesaid Carpenter the Sum of forty Pounds of lawful Money of England

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jackson the Wife of James Jackson of Langham aforesaid the Sum of one Shilling

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Fowler the Wife of Thomas Fowler of Whissendine aforesaid the Sum of one Shilling

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Smith the Sum of one hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of England

Item I give and bequeath to my Son William Smith All that my Copyhold (estate) Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances thereto belonging Situate and being in the Parish of Langham aforesaid with all the Furniture in the aforesaid Dwelling House.

I also give and bequeath to my son John Smith the Sum of forty Pounds of England to be paid out of the aforesaid Estate

And it is my will and desire that my Son John Smith and my daughter Ann Smith shall have an Habitation in my aforesaid Dwelling House so long as they remain Single.

Item I give and bequeath to my two Sons William Smith and John Smith All that my Freehold Estate Messuage or Tenement with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging Situate and being in the Parish of Whissendine in the county of Rutland aforesaid to be by them freely possessed and enjoyed equally Share and Share alike.

And it is my will and desire that all the aforesaid Legacies or Bequests shall be paid within twelve months next after my Decease. And also all and Singular the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Effects Rights Credits and personal Estates of what kind nature or quality whatsoever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses being first paid and discharged)

I give and bequeath unto my said two Sons William Smith and John Smith Share and Share alike.

And lastly I do hereby nominate and Appoint my said two Sons William Smith and John Smith full and joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made in witness thereof I the said John Smith the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the twenty seventh Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty
John Smith

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

Robt Kilby
Charles Hubbard
William Holmes

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

[On the outside of the page the sum is declared to be £1000 not £900]

John Smith - 1837

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 and 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 - 1856 d 7th December

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 thereof 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 - 1816

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 Snodin - 1855 d 8th March

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Thomas Southam - 1780

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Southam of Langham in the County of Rutland, Yeoman being of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding (For which I Bless God) do this twenty ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First I will that all such Debts as I shall Justly owe at the time of my Decease and my ffuneral Charges and Expenses be in the first Place Paid by my Executor hereinafter named and as to my Estates both Real and Personal I dispose thereof in Manner following (that is to say)

I give and Devise unto my youngest Son Edward Harding Southam All and every my Messuages Cottages Closes and Heraditaments Situate Standing lying and being in Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxon and which lately Descended to me as Heir at Law of my late Brother Giles Southam Citizen and Goldsmith in London Deceased And all other my Lands and Hereditaments in the said County of Oxon or Elsewhere in the Kingdom of Great Britain whereof or wherein I or any other Person or Persons in Trust for me am or is or are seized in fee Simple in Possession reversion remainder or expectancy with their and every of their Appurtenancies To Have and to hold my said Messuages Cottages Closes Lands and Hereditaments unto my said youngest Son Edward Harding Southam his Heirs and Assigns for ever (Subject nevertheless and Charged and Chargeable as hereinafter mentioned)

I Give and Bequeath unto my eldest Son Thomas Southam of Thorney Abby in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge Grocer and Tallow Chandler the sum of Five Pounds

And I give to John and Thomas the two Sons of my said Son Thomas Southam the sum of Five Pounds Apeice

And I give to Ann the Wife of my said Son Thomas Southam One Guinea

I also Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Penelope the wife of John Gray of Corby in the said County of Lincoln Taylor One Guinea

And I give unto Elizabeth the Daughter of my said Daughter Penelope the sum of Five Pounds All which said several and respective Legacies or sums of Money hereinbefore by me given to the several and respective Persons above named I do hereby Direct shall be paid to them Respectively by my Executor hereinafter named within Six Calendar Months next after my Decease

And I do hereby Charge all and every my said several Messuages Cottages Closes Lands and Heraditaments hereinbefore by me given unto my said youngest Son Edward Harding Southam and his Heirs as aforesaid with the Payment of the said several and respective Legacies or Sums of Money hereinbefore Particularly mentioned

And as to for and Concerning all the rest and residue of my Goods Cattle Chattles Securities for Money and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses as aforesaid I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said youngest son Edward Harding Southam whom I do hereby make ordain Constitute and Appoint Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made

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

Thos Southam

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

Robt Kilby

Charles Hubbard

Richard Hubbard

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

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

George Spreckley - 1826

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From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

This is the last Will and Testament of me George Spreckley of Langham in the County of Rutland Victualler as follows

First 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 appurtenances 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 friends Sharp Barfoot of Langham aforesaid Grazier and Samuel Sharpe of Branston in the said County of Rutland farmer 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 life 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 assume power reserved to Samuel Sharpe the other Executor

Robert Swingler the elder - 1820

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Ann Thorp - 1770

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the name of God Amen I Ann Thorp of Langham in the County of Rutland, being Sick in Body but of Sound and perfect Memory praise be therefore given to Almighty do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thro the Merrits Death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to Obtain full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to Inherit Everlasting life and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrixes hereafter named And Touching all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do give and bequeath thereof as follows.

First I Will that my Debts and Funeral charges shall be paid and Discharged.

Item I give to my Son John Thorp half a Crown.

Item I give to my Son William Thorp half a Crown.

Item I give to my Son Robt Thorp half a Crown

all the rest & Residue of my Real and personall whatsoever I do give to my Daughters Elizabeth Thorp and Mary Thorp my whole and Sole Executrixes of this my Last Will and Testament be Equally Divided Betwixt them.

I do hereby Revoke Disanull and make Void all former Wills and Tdestamenst present by me Heretofore made Wittness I the said Ann Thorp to this last Will and testament have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine.

Ann Thorp X her mark

Witnesses

John Louthe

Mary Camm

Robt Kilby

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

Witness Charlotte Lowth

Thomas Vellam - 1801

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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.

Daniel White - 1759

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Item I give to my Son Thomas White the sum of ten Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter May Stuart the sum of ten Shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Sarah White the sum of ten Shillings.

Item I give to my Son Joseph White the sum of one Shilling.

Item I give to my Son Daniel White the sum of one Shilling.

Item I give to my Son John Dolby the sum of one Shilling.

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Harris the sum of ten Shillings.

Lastly I do give unto my loving Wife Eleanor White all the rest of my Goods, and Chattels, and personal Estate whatsoever and do make and constitute her my said Wife the whole and sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament dated this 15 day of November in the year of our Lord 1758.

Daniel White X his mark

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

Samuel Moore

Henry Willsworth

Mary Thorp

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

Charles Trimnell

Amount of the inventory £29 1s 0d

Charles Wiggington - 1829

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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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John Wigginton - 1791

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the name of God Amen I John Wigginton of Langham in the County of Rutland, Weaver being weak in Body of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding as also considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my wife my Executrix hereinafter named. And as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Dearly-beloved Wife Ann Wigginton all and singular all my Household Goods Effects Cattle Chattels Rights Credits and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses first being paid and discharged)

I give and bequeath unto my said Dear and loving Wife Ann Wigginton for her own use and disposal.

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said loving Wife Ann Wigginton full and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

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

John Wigginton X his mark

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

Thos Hornby
Willm Holmes

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

Richd Williams Surrogate.

Christopher Williamson - 1781

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Williamson the Elder of Langham in the County of Rutland, Grazier being in Perfect Health and of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding But considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named. And as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son William Sharpe Williamson the sum of five [pounds to be paid him within twelve months next after my decease by my Executrix hereinafter named.

And also I give and bequeath unto my second Son Curtis Williamson the like sum of five pounds to be paid him within twelve months next after my decease by my Executrix.

And Lastly all and singular the rest residue and remainder of my Household Goods other Goods Stock Cattle rights Chattels Credits and personal Estate of what kind nature or quality soever (my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses first being paid and discharged) I give and bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Wife Sarah Williamson for her own Sole use benefit and disposal. And I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said Dear and Loving Wife Sarah Williamson full and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former and other Wills by me at any other time heretofore made.

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

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

Mary Paling Servant to Mr Stokes
Edwd Stokes
Oct 16 1781

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

Sworn before me J Lowth Surrogate.

Christopher Williamson - 1840

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1852 d 24th June

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 X

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

Sarah Williamson - 1788

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Williamson of Langham in the County of Rutland, Widow being in Perfect health and of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding As also considering the uncertainty of this Life Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First of all I give my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Sons my Executors hereinafter named and as for my Worldly Estate which hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows

In the first Place I give and bequeath unto my Son William Sharpe Williamson my Silver Tankard.

I also give and bequeath unto my Son Curtis Williamson the sum of Forty Pounds of lawful English Money to be paid him by my Executors at two several Payments viz. Twenty Pounds at the end of one Year after my Decease and the other Twenty Pounds at the full End and Term of two years after my decease.

I likewise give to my said Son Curtis Williamson one Good Feather Bed one Bolster two Pillows two Blankets and the Linen Curtains, two pair of Hemen Sheets, two pair of Flaxen Sheets and one Holland Sheet one large Table Cloth and six Napkins four Pewter Dishes, six Pewter Plates and a Third part of my wearing Apparel.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Christopher Williamson all that my Copyhold House Messuage or Tenement with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Langham, now in the Tenure of Thomas Hornby and Fifty Pounds of Lawful English Money to be raised and Levied out of my personal Estate one Year after my Decease likewise one Silver Pint and two Silver Spoons.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Christopher Williamson son of Curtis Williamson the sum of Forty Pounds of lawful English Money ten Pounds thereof to put him apprentice to a trade when he comes to a proper Age and the other Thirty Pounds to be put out to Use upon Good Security the Interest thereof to be laid out towards finding him Clothes and the Principal (thirty Pounds) to be paid to the said Christopher Williamson when he has serv'd the full time of his Apprenticeship or when he is come to the Age of Twenty-one Years, then it is my Will and desire that all the money that remains due to the said Christopher Williamson at his death be given to all the children of his Father Curtis Williamson equally Share and Share alike as they Attain the Age of Twenty-one Years and it is my Will and desire and

I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my Son William Sharpe Williamson in Trust for my aforesaid Grandson Christopher Williamson and the other children aforesaid if my Grandson Christopher Williams die before he comes to the Age of Twenty-one Years.

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

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

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

Sarah Williamson X her mark

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

William Williamson

Daniel Cole

William Holmes

My the 28 1788 William Sharpe Williamson Executor of his late mother Sartah Sharpe hath sworn He will perform the Contents of this Will as far as the Law will require him and that his Mother did not die possessed of personalty to the Value of six Hundred Pounds

Sworn before me J Lowth Surrogate.

William Williamson - 1802

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 X 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 - 1820

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 - 1822

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 [Cold Overton] 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

John Harries - 1790 Letter of Administration

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

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

Signed by Daniel Harries

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Matthew Barton

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

Signed Rd Williams

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

Edward Hubbard - 1837 Letter of Administration

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

William Innocent - 1853 Letter of Administration

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

Joseph Bellais - 1829 Letter of Administration

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

Administration of Joseph Bellais of Langham 3rd Dec 1829

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 Bellais the Widow and relict of Joseph Bellais 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

Sarah Louth - 1811 Letter of Administration

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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 and 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

William Smith - 1774 Letter of Administration

From the original document held by Northamptonshire Record Office

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

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

Signed by
John Smith
Charles Hubbard

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
Edwd Stokes
Wm Burton

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

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