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The following Depositions relate to the Will of **Martha BASCOMBE** of High Littleton.

24 October 1670 - Deposition of Edith DANDO, wife of George DANDO of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton, who has lived there for 24 years and is aged 56:

To the 1st allegation she testifies and says that the Articulate Martha BASCOMBE deceased was this deponent's daughter in law, marrying her husband's son and sayth that either the deponent herselfe or her husband was dureing the deceased's sickness, one or other of them, with her every day and about a quarter of a year before her daughter in law dyed (for she lay sick about half a year), her sayd daughter in law Martha BASCOMBE told the deponent that she had made her will, but she had taken the power out of her daughter's hand and had put it into the hands of Thomas HODGES, Edward JONES, John DANDO and Joseph DANDO's as executors in trust for her and did further declare and say (that as far as she had sayd in her former will, soe she did then, when she spake to the deponent) that what goods and moneys she had given & bequeathed in her written will to her daughter Joane, to be payd and deliver'd to her at the age of one and twenty yeares, & doo, in case her sayd daughter should dy before she attayned to the sayd age or did marry without her trustees' consent, give the sayd goods & money to my brother George DANDO jun'r, one of the producents, and she farther deponed and sayth that the Articulate Martha did then charge the deponent, that in case this her will did not take effect as she had declared it, that she, this deponent, should oppose it, for sayd she, see that this is my will & further sayth that Joane BASCOMBE, daughter of the sayd Martha, dyed befour she accomplit the age of seventeene years, but befour she dyed she was married to one BAYLY of Freshford, who stoll her away and married her agaynst her trustees' consent, & sayth the deceased Martha was in good sense & memorey when she declared the words as aforesayd, there being noe body then present, onely she, this deponent, but on the friday after, the sayd Martha declared the same words to her brother, the producent George DANDO afores'd, in this deponent's hearing.
Signed X Edith DANDO

Deposition of Thomas RUDDUCK, yeoman, parishioner of High Littleton, who has lived there for 20 years and has known one of the producents for 16 and the other for 12 years:

He testifies and says that he was very well acquaynted with the deceased Martha BASCOMBE and knew that she did make a written will, for he, this deponent, being with her on a certayne time dureing her sickness, with Mr COTTON, the minister of the parish there, & the sayd Mr COTTON tooke this deponent a paper writing which he had written & desired this deponent to read to the sayd Martha, which accordingly he did and, when he had soe done, this deponent did aske the said Martha wether that was her will, to whom she replyed (after some consideration) that it was her will; why then, sayd this deponent, sett your marke to it & seal it, which accordingly she did, and this deponent sayth that it was mentioned in the sayd will that she did give all that she had to Joan BASCOMBE her daughter, to be payd & deliver'd to her by her trustees when she accomplished the age of 21 year or was married, but in case her daughter dyed before she accomplit the sayd age and not married, then she gave all that she had to her father & brother, the said producents, but the deponent farther sayth that befor the sayd Martha had signed & sealed her will as afoursayd, she declared her mind after this manner, being moved to settle her estate by ??this deponent, and sayd then what she had she would leave it in the hands of Trustees for the use of her daughter because she had been badly dealt with at ---? but, in case her daughter should dy befour she came to the age of 21 or marry without her trustees' consent, she would give it unto her brother George DANDO y'r, one of the producents, & this this deponent believeth was her intention.
Signed Tho. RUDDUCKE

(George DANDO senior, George DANDO junior, father & brother of the dec'd v Thomas HODGES sen., Edward JONES & Joseph DANDO, Exors. - SRO D/D/cd.93)

[Martha BASCOMBE was buried at High Littleton on 18th October 1663.

See the case of William BAYLY (plaintiff) v. Thomas HODGES, Edward JONES and Joseph DANDO (defendants) re the personal estate of Martha BOSCOMBE (sic), 1670 (PRO Equity Pleadings piece ref. C6/53/22).]

Extract of Will of **Stephen BATH** of Wrington, Somerset, Gent., dated 20th November 1673.

In Good health of Body and of sound and perfect minde and memory

My Welbeloved wife Mary to be sole Executrix.

I appointe My trusty good freinds Thomas HODGES of High Littleton, Gent., William HULETT of Wrington, Gent., my sonne in law William COX and Thomas HODGES, sonne of the said Thomas HODGES, Overseers, to whom I give 20s. a peece as Tokens of my love.

I give to the poore of the parish of Wrington 40s., to bee distributed att the discretion of mine Executrix.

Whereas I have conveyed to my Overseers all my Farme, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in Tickenham and elsewhere in Somerset, which I purchased of Thomas COTTRELL and John COTTRELL, upon Trust, to be disposed of as directed in my Will, I now order them to sell the same and pay over the proceeds to my Executrix towards the payment of my Debts and Legacies.

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My Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in Stoke Gifford, Glos., which I purchased in Fee of Sir Maurice BERKLEY Knt. and Richard BERKLEY Esq., sonne and Heire Apparent of Sir Maurice, I give to my sonne William BATHE and his heires for ever.

My 4 closes called Brodemeads containing 92 acres in Congresburie, which I purchased of Mr William LANE, I give to my daughter Anne BATHE, but if she dies unmarried or under 21, then to my daughter Grace BATHE and her heires and similarly, if she dies unmarried or under 21, to my daughter Elizabeth BATHE and her heires. All my Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments in Ubleigh, late being the lands of the Lord CAPELL, I give to my daughter Elizabeth BATHE, but if she dies unmarried or under 21, then to my daughters Anne BATHE and Grace BATHE and their heires for ever.

I give my interest in the Lease of my Tennement at Leigh in Wrington and lands and appurtenances thereto, being the inheritance of his Excellency the Earle of ESSEX and late in the occupation of John VEELES deceased, to my daughter Grace BATHE.

I give to my sonne Stephen BATHE, my interest in a Close called Mill Lease in Emptborough, being Mr HIPISLEY's land, but my wife Mary shall enjoy it while she lives as my widdow.

I give to my sonne Stephen BATHE, my Closes called Coleslands in Emptborough, being alsoe Mr HIPISLEY's land, which I hold for lives of said Stephen, Mary his sister and my kinswoman Joane CURTIS.

I give to my sonne Stephen BATHE, my Tennement in Wrington now in the occupation of Joseph BADMAN for 3 lives at 20s. rent p.a. on condition that within 2 years Stephen pays £100 to my daughter Anne BATHE if she shall bee then liveing, otherwise to my daughter Grace BATHE and, if neither liveing, to my daughter Elizabeth BATHE.

My one third part of the fee of 19½ acres of land near Oatefeild in Backwell and 12 acres on the southeast of Oatefeild, which I purchased of my sonne in law William COX, I give to Mary my wife and her heires for ever.

I give to my said sonne in law William COX and his wife, my daughter, 20s. a peece to buy them Rings and 20s. to every one of their children liveing att my Decease.

My wife to receive all the rents and profitts of the Lands and Tennements bequeathed to my sonne William and daughters Anne, Elizabeth and Grace dureing their Minority, allowing for the maintenance and schooleing of William £20 p.a., and my daughters, Anne, Elizabeth and Grace, £15 p.a.

Residue to Mary my wife, mine Executrix.

Signed 21st November 1673, Stephen BATHE. Witnesses Jno. AMORY, John LEMAN x, John AMORY Junior.

Proved at PCC 4th October 1679 by Mary BATH, relict and Executrix named in the Will.

(Q.126 PROB11/361 f.13-4)

[William COX, gent. married Mary BATHE, daughter of Stephen BATHE of this parish 5th June 1662 at Wrington.]

Extract of Will of **William BAYNTON** of St. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, Surgeon.

Gives to his friends, Isaac PARSONS of Woolward [*Woollard*], tanner, Edward DUGDALL, grocer, Joseph JONES, malster and Jacob RIDDLE, lime burner of St. Philip and Jacob, in trust, for his sons, Thomas, Richard, William, Daniel and Joseph, provided they attain the age of 23, as tenants in common, his leasehold dwelling and closes of land in High Littleton, for the remainder of the 99 year term or earlier death of his wife Ann and sons Thomas and Richard BAYNTON.

(Mentioned in 1789 Assignment SRO DD/BR dt 9)

[William BAYNTON died on 18th July 1772. He married at Publow in 1759 Ann PARSONS (daughter of William PARSONS, tanner of Woollard and Elizabeth) and had Thomas (born c.1761), Richard (c.1763), William, Daniel and Joseph, of whom only Joseph died under 23. The property, consisting of a house and some 15 acres of land, was around Ryden's Farm and had originally been in the tenure of William PARSONS, Ann's father, by lease from Elizabeth and Mary JONES. Ann had moved to St. George, Glos. by 1789 when all the High Littleton leasehold property was sold to George CLARK for £230.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John BEAK** of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

I consider that the Advances, which I have made from time to time unto my Sons, John BEAK and James Marshman BEAK respectively, for their Advancement and establishment in the World, fully amount to the share which each of them would be entitled to out of my Estate. Nevertheless, I give and bequeath to them, my said Sons, the Legacy or sum of Fifty Pounds a piece in token of my Parental regard for them, And I direct that the same shall be paid and payable at the expiration of twelve Calendar Months from the time of my decease.

I give, devise and bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Marshman, the wife of John SPERRING of High Littleton aforesaid, Grocer, All and every the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal Estate and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, And whether I am entitled to the same, either at Law or in equity and whether

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beneficially or in Trust for any other person or persons, To hold the same unto and to the use of her, my said Daughter, her heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, according to the several natures, tenures and qualities thereof absolutely.

I appoint John REES MOGG of High Littleton aforesaid, Solicitor and the said John SPERRING, joint Executors of this my Will and I declare this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of January One thousand Eight hundred and fifty five. John BEAK.

Signed by the said John BEAK, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of each of us, who, present at the same time, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses. Ann GOULD, Servant to Mr BEAK, Isaac COWEN, Parish Clerk, High Littleton.

Probate of the Will of John BEAK deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 19th December 1856 to John SPERRING of High Littleton, Grocer, one of the joint Executors named in the last Will and Testament of John BEAK, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on or about 3rd April 1856. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £1,000 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate etc. John SPERRING.

(SRO ED Wills Box 267 No. 1493)

[John BEAK was buried at High Littleton on 9th April 1856 aged 79. He was born at Castle Combe, Wiltshire, married Catherine (probably MARSHMAN), who died in May 1842 at the age of 60 and had at least 4 children, John (born at Freshford c.1808/9, who was a butcher in Cameley in 1851), Catherine Marshman (born at Freshford, Wiltshire (sic) c.1810, who married c.1840 John SPERRING, a Wesleyan Methodist, who kept a grocer's shop in New Road, High Littleton/Farmborough), James Marshman and Wiliam (born c.1813, died 1855). From about 1830 John BEAK farmed at Rosewell Farm, High Littleton, but retired c.1843/4 and passed the running of the farm over to his son William, whilst continuing to live with him. Ann GOULD was the dairy maid, who lived in.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **William BEAK** of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Farmer.

I give, devise and bequeath All my Estate and Property of what nature, tenure, kind or description soever, and whether I am entitled to the same at Law or in Equity and whether for my own use and benefit or for the benefit of any other Person or Persons over which I have any power of disposal or appointment, Unto my Father John BEAK, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, so far as concerns such of the said Estate and Property as I am beneficially entitled to, To and for his and their use and benefit absolutely, And so far as concerns such of the said Estate and Property as I am entitled to for the benefit of any other Person or Persons, for the benefit of such last mentioned Person or Persons, Upon and for the Trusts and Equities affecting the same.

I appoint my said Father John BEAK and my brother in law John SPERRING of High Littleton aforesaid, Grocer, Joint Executors of this my Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty four. W'm BEAK.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator William BEAK, 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, at the same time, subscribed our names as Witnesses. Ann GOULD, High Littleton, Somerset, John REES MOGG, Sol'r, Temple Cloud, Somerset.

Probate of the Will of William BEAK deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 26th February 1855 to John SPERRING of Farmborough, Grocer, one of the Joint Executors named in the last Will and Testament of William BEAK, late of High Littleton, Farmer, who died on 24th December 1854.

Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £1,500 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate etc. John SPERRING.

(SRO ED Wills Box 262 No. 617)

[William BEAK was buried at High Littleton on 1st January 1855 aged 41. He was born at Freshford, Wiltshire (sic) the son of John and Catherine BEAK and never married. John assisted his father at Rosewell Farm from about 1830 and took over himself before 1845, farming 110 acres.]

Alice BLANNEN [BLANNING] of Hallatrow, died intestate.

Admon. granted at Wells 13 May 1636 to Susan BLANNEN, sister. Inventory £11.

(SRO Probates & Admons. 1617-1665, 215)

[Alice is assumed to be the daughter of John BLANNING and Alice, baptized on 11th October 1612.]

Will (nuncupative) of **John BLANDON [BLANNING]** of High Littleton, yeoman.

Memorandum - That John BLANDON of the parrish of High littleton in the countie of Somerset, yeoman, who deceased about Easter Last 1626, did in his last sicknes, whereof he dyed, and the daye before his death, declare his minde concerninge his last will and testament, in these words or the like in effect, viz:

I make my wife whole Executrix, to receive all and pay all.

Item - I give my land and Chattells to my fower daughters, and my wife to have the use of it till she marry or the children bee of age,

w'ch words were spoken, animo testandi et ultimam voluntatem suam declarendi, in the presence of Richard HILL, Thomas DANDO, and Hugh BLANDON, the Father of the said deceased.

And the testator at the time of the speakinge of these words was of good and perfect memory and talked sensibly.

Probate was granted at London (PCC) on 31st October 1626 to Alice BLANDON, relict of the deceased and Executrix named in the Will.

(Q.132 - PROB11/ 150 f.180)

[John was the son of Hugh BLANDON (died 1630) and Mary (died 1622), who also had Elizabeth (baptized 1599) and Susanna (died 1634). John married Alice and had 4 children, Alice (baptized 1612, ? died in 1636), probably Susan, Ellsabeth (1615/6) and Margery (1621/2). John's widow, was recorded in the 1641/2 Lay Subsidy Rolls for High Littleton as Alice BLANDON assessed at £3 on Goods. Alice BLANNINGE died in 1669.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John BLINMAN** of Hallatrow within the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Son in Law Walter BENNET the Sum of One Hundred pounds, which Sum I hereby direct shall be paid him within one year next after my decease.

I Give, Devise and bequeath unto my Son John BLINMAN All that my Freehold Close of Land, together with the Messuages or Tenements and Buildings thereon erected, with the Appurtenances, which Close of Land I purchased of Joseph BRODRIBB, heretofore of Hallatrow aforesaid, Yeoman, long since deceased; And also all my Monees and Securities for Money, Household Goods and Furniture, Plate, Linen, China, And also all my Live and Dead Stock, Implements of Husbandry, Dary Utensils and all and singular other my Goods, Estate, Chattles and Effects, both real and Personal, wheresoever and whatsoever, subject nevertheless to the payment of all my just debts, the said Legacy and my funeral expences, To hold unto my said Son John BLINMAN, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns for ever.

And Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said Son Sole Executor of this my only last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Fourteen. The Mark of X John BLINMAN.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Testator John BLINMAN, as and for his last Will and Testament, the same having been first distinctly read over to him, in the presence of us, who, in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto. Richard LANGFORD, Mary Anne LANGFORD, W'm WILLIAMS.

Probate of the Will of John BLINMAN deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 18th March 1820 to John BLINMAN of High Littleton, Yeoman, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of John BLINMAN, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 13th *[9th according to gravestone]* October 1819. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate etc. John BLINMAN.

(SRO ED Wills Box 35 No. 368)

[John BLINMAN was buried at High Littleton on 13th October 1819 aged 77. He was born on 1st August 1742 and baptized at Clutton on 30th August, son of John BLINMAN and Mary PITMAN. He married in 1779 Ann COLLINS, who died on 1st May 1812 aged 66, and had three children, Flower (born c.1779 who married at Cameley in 1802 Walter BENNET), John (1780) & Elizabeth (1786, who married at Bath Abbey in 1809 William GOULD). John BLINMAN farmed Hallatrow Farm (now Manor Farm), which he took over from his father John BLINMAN, who died in 1762 and, in turn, his son John BLINMAN (born 1780) took over. Hallatrow Farm was leased from the LANGTON (later GORE LANGTON) Estate. In c.1797 John BLINMAN purchased from Joseph BRODRIBB some land called West Close, on which he erected 4 tenements, called West Houses, and let them out.]

Extract of Will of **John BUTCHER [BOWCHER]** of the City of Bristol, Alderman, dated 30th January 1621/2.

To be buried within the parish church of Saint Wirberus.

To Phillipp BUTCHER, my eldest sonn, and his heirs for ever, my lands in Axebridg, Wells, Hallatrow and East Harptrey, provided that my grandchild Phillipp BUTCHER shall hold and enjoy all my lands in East Harptrey for the terme of his naturall life onlie, paying unto his father Phillipp BUTCHER 12d. p.a.

To my grandchild John BUTCHER, sonn of Phillipp BUTCHER £10 p.a. tearme of his life, out of the rent of my house in Wine Streete, wherein William BRIMSDEN now dwelleth. And the fee simple of that house I give to my sonn Phillipp BUTCHER and to his heirs.

The fee simple and inheritance of that house, with all my lands before mentioned, shall come and remaine, after the decease of my sonn Phillipp, to his eldest sonn John BUTCHER and his heirs for ever.

I forgive and remitt my sonn Phillipp of all such somes of monies as he oweth unto me; And give him 40 marks and to his wiffe £5.

To my grandchild John BUTCHER 100 markes.

To my grandchild Phillipp BUTCHER £30.

To my grandchild George BUTCHER 40 marks to be paid at his age of 21 yeares.

To Ann BUTCHER, daughter of my sonne Phillipp BUTCHER, £30.

To Henry BUTCHER my sonn £40 and to his wife 40s. in token of my love, to make her a ringe.

To Nathaniell BUTCHER my sonn £500 and I remitt and forgive him all such somes of money as he oweth unto me.

To my sonne Nathaniell BUTCHER my house which I now dwell in with the yeares to come on the lease, provided my wife shall hold and enjoy the said house for her life.

My wife shall have the use of all my beds, boulsters, pillowes, coverletts, ruggs, blanketts, chests, table boards, stooles, chaires, carpetts, cushions, brasse and pewter during her life and, after her death, to my sonn Nathaniell BUTCHER and to his children

To the 6 children of my sonne Nathaniell BUTCHER, which are now livinge, £30 a peece, to be paid to the sonnes at 21 and daughters at 18 or earlier marriage.

To my sonne Nathaniell's wife 40s. in token of my love, to make her a Ringe.

To George BUTCHER my sonne and his heires for ever, half of my house in the High Streete, wherein Mr William TURNER now dwelleth, and my garden on St. Augustine's back.

Also to my sonne George £200, provided he discharges my executor from any obligations given by me on behalf of George to Walter DARKETT of Plymouth. I also remitt and forgive George all mony he oweth me and give his wife 40s. in token of my love, to make her a Ringe.

To Priscilla, daughter of my sonne George BUTCHER, £30.

To the children of my daughter Marie TOCKNELL £100 after Mary's death, to be divided betweene those then living; in the meantime Executors to invest the money and pay Mary £10 p.a. for terme of her life.

To my sonne in law Edward TOCKNELL, in token of my love, a peece of Gould of 22s.

To my daughter Theophila YOUNG during her life, the use of £100, which her deceased husband John THRUPP oweth me by bond, and after her death the same to her sonne John THRUPP.

To my son in law Pellegrin YOUNGE, in token of my love, 22s. in Gould.

My Executors to pay my daughter Elizabeth ANDREWES £10 p.a. during her life for her maintenance and, if she overlive her husband John ANDREWES, £100 in liewe of £10 p.a.

To my sonne in law John ANDREWES, in token of my love, 22s. in gold.

To my wife Marie BUTCHER, all my table clothes, napkins, sheets and lynnens and my silver bason and Ewer and skincker and after her decease to remain to my yougest sonn John BUTCHER.

To my said son John BUTCHER 1,000 marks at the age of 21 yeares, but if he dies before, then to the children of my sonn Nathaniell BUTCHER.

To my sonn John my Cipresse Chest and 3 silver beere boules, with 3 stone cruses which have silver covers.

To William BURRUS, my wive's sonn, in token of my love, a broad silver and guilt wine boule with a cover.

To Joane and Marie BURRUS, my wive's daughters two other broad silver and guilt wyne bowles, to each of them a bowle.

To Marie GITTENS £20, Ann GITTENS £20 and Suzan GITTINS £20.

To Rachel FOWLES £20, which I promised her when she was married.

To Katherine GITTINS £20 and William GITTINS £20, to be paid them at the age of 21.

To Theophila GITTINS £10, to be paid to my son Phillipp BUTCHER towards the maintenance and education of that child and then to receive the same when she is 21.

To my grandchild John WHITTLE 20 marks at 21.

To my grandchild Ann TEGG 20 marks.

To the poore of the parrish of East Harptrie 20 nobles.

My executor to distribute £5 amongst the poore people of the Citty of Bristoll.

To Mr FARMER 50s. or a gowne cloth, provided he preach at my funerall at St. Warberus church.

My executor to give blacke frize gownes and hatts unto 40 poore aged men at my funerall and to give them a groat a peece in monie.

My wife and her 3 children, with all my sonnes and their wives and my daughters with their husbands shall have mourning cloakes and gownes at my funerall.

Residue to Nathaniell BUTCHER my sonn, whome I make sole executor.

My welbeloved freinds Mr George HARRINGTON, Alderman and Mr John BARKER, marchant, to be my Overseers, to whome I give 20 nobles a peece in token of my love and for their paines and to make them mourning gownes at my funerall.

The rest of my plate unbequeathed, to my youngest sonn John BUTCHER

To my brother in law, Mr George GRIFFETH of London, merchant, in token of my love, 22s. in gold.

To my Cosen Thomas GRIFFETH Gould worth 40s. in token of my love.

To my sonn George BUTCHER all my right in the grounds neare Earles meade with £33 which I have paid to Sir Charles GARRETT for the lease for those grounds.

My executor to pay my sonne George £16 p.a. whiles he hath the aforesaid £200 in his hands, untill discharges may be had from Walter DARKETT.

I remitt and forgive my sonne Henry BUTCHER all such somes as he oweth unto me.

Signed John BUTCHER. Witnesses Geo. PAINE, Henry PERRY, George STANDFAST.

Probate granted at PCC London to Nathaniel BUTCHER, son and executor named in the Will, 15 March 1622/3.

(Q.22 PROB11 141 f.173-5)

[The BUTCHER/BOWCHER/BOUCHIER family were prominent in the civic affairs of Bristol. George was executed on 30th May 1643 for his part in a plot to open the gates of Bristol and let the Royalist forces of Prince Rupert enter and capture the city, which supported the Parliamentary cause at that point in the Civil War.]

Will of **Margery BOWCHER** of East Harptree, dated 22 February 1558/9.

In dei no'ne amen, The 22nd daye of the moneth of February in the yere of our lord god a thousand fyve hundred fyftie and eight, I Margery BOWCHER of the paryshe of East harptre in the Countie of Somersett, hole in mynd and memory but sycke in body, make my Testament and last will after this manner and forme followinge:

Fyrst, I bequethe my soule unto allmyghtie god and my body to be buried within the Church of East harptre.

Also I give to the mother church in Wells 12d.

Also I give to East harptre Church 6s. 8d.

Also I give to Richard AFORD and his children £5.

Also I give to Thomas my brother half the mowe next unto the house.

Also I give to John KINGE £6 13s. 4d.

Also I give to Issabell KING, the daughter of John KING 6s. 8d.

Also I give to Issabell KING, the daughter of Thomas KING £6 13s. 4d.

Also I give to Thomas KING my husband's best Coate.

Also I give to John BOWCHER of Lyttelton 40s.

Also I give to John ALEE 6s. 8d.

Also I give to John CORTTE my Servant 5s.

Also my will is that Thomas KING my brother and Jhon (*sic*) BOWCHER of Lyttelton my cosyn be overseers of my child and have the lands and goods tyll my Sonne John BOWCHER be of lawfull age to Receive them And then to mak my sonne John BOWCHER a trew accompt for the same goods named before.

Also my will is that my brother Thomas KINGE shall have a quarter of the parke at Westbury with my son John BOWCHER and then the afforsaid Thomas KING, at the same daye, shall make hym an equall counte for the Best parte of the parck and of half the goods and lands named afore withe the foresayd John BOUCHER.

Also I gyve to my godchildren 12d. a peece of the (mill?).

Also I give to James DEMOCKE 6s. 8d.

Also I give to John PARKER 6s. 8d.

Also I give to Thomas SMITHE 6s. 8d.

Also I give to Agnis HUBBES 12d.

Also I give to John FROSTE 5s.

Also I give to Richard SMITHE 20d.

Also I give to Thomas BEESSE 20d.

Also I give unto John NORTHE 20d.

Also I give unto Jhon (*sic*) NORTHE 20d.
 Also I give Johne BRECHER 5s.
 Also I give unto Mary RANDELL a kertell (holstid?).
 Also I give to Elizabeth SHEPP a Cassock of clothe.
 Also to Alice MORGAN a kertill of Clothe.
 Also I give to Margret MORGAN a kertill of Clothe.
 Also I give to John POPTON a Cassock of Frees.
 Also I give to Issabell KINGE the daughter of Thomas KING a kertill and a pety Cote.
 Also I give to Richard AFFORD's wife a gowne Clothe.
 Also I give to Johane ALEE a Posell clocke.
 Also I give to John CORTTE a coote of Clothe.
 Also I give to John MORGAN two platters and a poringer and a Sawser.
 The Residue of all my goods, movable and unmovable, not given nor bequethed, I give and bequethe unto John BOWCHER my Sonne, to be my Executor of this my last will and Testament.
 Overseers of the same will and Testament Thomas KING my brother and John BOWCHER of Lytton my Cosyn.
 Wittnesses of the same will and Testament Will'm BOUCHER, Vicare of West Harptrey, Robert RANDELL, Richard (?SAME), Thomas KINGE, John BOUCHER of Lytton and Sir John SMITHE, Vicare of East Harptree, with more.

Probate granted at PCC on 15 March 1558/9 to Thomas KINGE & John BOUCHER, during minority of John her son.

(Q.54 PROB11 42A)

[Margery was the relict of Thomas BOUCHER of East Harptree, clothier, whose Will dated 11th October 1558, she proved on 21st January 1558/9. It is not clear whether there were John BOUCHERs of Litton and (High) Littleton or whether these are one and the same person. Alderman John BOWCHER (BUTCHER) of Bristol, who died c.1622, was related to the East Harptree family and owned land in Hallatrow.]

Will of **James BOWDICH** of High Littleton, Labourer.

I James BOWDICH, now in the parish of Highlitleton in the County of Somerset, Labourer, being of a sound and disposing Mind & Memory and Understanding, praised be God for the same, Do make & declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner as following, that is to say,

I will and direct that, in the first place, all my just Debts to be paid & satisfied out of my real Property, with the payment thereof.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my Brothers, John BOWDICH off Cameley & my Brother Samuel BOWDICH of Cameley, fiveteen pounds each

and to my Nephew, James BOWDICH of Bristol, five pounds,

further, I give to my three Nieces, Sarah PRICE, Ann LOVELL & Grace LOVELL, one pound each.

And I do make & appoint my Sister, Hester MAGGS in the parish of Highlitleton, sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have set my Hand & Seal this eighteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twelve. The mark X of James BOWDICH.

Sighn'd, Seal'd & declared in the presence off W'm DRURY, John BUSH.

Probate of the Will of James BOWDICH of High Littleton, Labourer, deceased, was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 14th March 1812 to the Executrix Hester MAGGS, wife of James MAGGS of High Littleton, Collier. Effects sworn under £100.

(SRO ED Wills Box 1 No. 194)

[James BOWDITCH was buried at High Littleton on 3rd March 1812. He was baptized at Cameley in 1753, the son of John BOWDICH and Grace SAIGE, who married in 1745. Other children were John (1749/50), Samuel (1755), Grace (1757), and Hester (1759, who, as Hester BURBREDGE married James MAGGS).]

The Will nuncupative of **Elizabeth BRITTEN** late while she lived of High Littleton within the dioces of Bath and Wells, decease, made about the 12th day of November anno domini 1614, as followeth, viz.

Imprimis - She being of perfecte minde and memorie gave and bequeathed her soule into the hands of allmightie god and her bodie to bee buried in christian buriall.

Item - She gave unto Elizabeth GORWAY her daughter all her goods, to pay and discharge her debts.

Probate granted 6 December 1614 to Elizabeth GORWAY. Inventory £46. 8s.

(SRO D/D/ct.)

Extract of Will of **John BRYTTEN** of Paulton.

To be buried in the churchyard of Pawlton.

To the cathedral church of Welles 8d.

To the reparation of the church of Lyttelton one bushel of wheat and a bushel of barley.

To the maintenance of the church of Faryndon a bushel of barley.

To the maintenance of the church of Tymesborowe a bushel of barley.

To the reparation of the church of Mydsomer Norton a bushel of barley.

To John, son of Roger HELE, a cow of the price of 14s., an ewe and a hog.

To every of my godchildren 4d.

To Agnes HELE, my daughter, my new pair of wheels with the appurtenances and 2 silver spoons.

To John BRYTTEN, my son, 2 silver spoons.

To William BRYTTEN, his son, one sheep.

To John WHITE a wain with the appurtenances and 10 sheep.

To Richard WHITE an ox.

To Roger HELE a bullock of the price of 20s.

To Wylliam PYERES my best coat and 2 sheep.

To Roger HELE my best doublet, my shirt that I lie in, my best cappe and my best petticoat.

To John BRYTTEN, my son, my best sarcenet cappe.

To Thomas JAMES one sheep.

To Thomas HELE one sheep.

To Agnes CATLEY one sheep.

To Helen BAYLEY one sheep.

To Sir Cornell CONNOWE 12d.

To Agnes my wife, 4 of my best oxen, 3 of my best draught bullocks, 2 of my best mares & my best wain with the appurtenances.

All my corn at home and in the fields to remain to Agnes my wife, the 4th sheaf of what is in the ground, when it shall be reaped or mown, only excepted, which is to remain to John WHITE her son.

My wife Agnes to have all my household stuff for her life being widow and, after her death or marriage, a moiety to John BRYTEN and Agnes HELE my children, and the other half to Richard WHITE, John WHITE and Edith PERS, children of my wife, to be divided by Richard JAMES, my overseer.

The residue, one moiety to Agnes my wife and the other part to John BRYTEN and Agnes HELE my children, to be divided by Richard JAMES, whom I make overseer.

Agnes my wife, John BRYTAYNE and Agnes HELE to be executors.

Witnesses Sir Cornell CONNOW, Rychard JAMES, Thomas BAYLYE, John FOX and John JAMES.

Dated 10 December 1545.

Proved in the Cathedral of Wells 29 December 1545.

(Medieval Wills from Wells - SRS Vol. 40)

Will of **John BRITTEN** of High Littleton.

In the name of God Amen, I John BRITTEN of High Littleton in the county of Somersett, Gentleman, beinge sicke of body but of good and perfect memorie (Thanks bee to God), doe make and ordayne this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath my Soule etc. And my body to bee buried etc.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Marie Three hundred pounds, To bee paid within one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I give unto my sonne John Twentie shillings, to bee paid likewise within one yeare after my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Marie my wife All my goods and chattells of what kinde soever, And all my free parte and Incombe of all the Coles nowe a workinge, or to be wrought, on my land, by virtue of any Lease nowe granted thereon, untill my said sonne John shall accomplish the age of Twentie one yeares.

And I doe make and ordayne my said wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, And to pay all my legacies and funerall expenses, and to receive all my debts and the Incombe of my Estate due to my said sonne, shee maynteyneinge him untill hee shall bee of the age of Twentie one yeares.

And I doe make Overseers of this my last Will and Testament, Simon COTTON, Minister, Edward RUDDUCKE and Thomas HODGES of High Littleton aforesaid, yeoman, and Robert PURNELL and Robert LANGFORD of Hallowtrow, yeomen.

And my Will is that the Three hundred pounds given to my daughter Marie aforesaid, shall remayne in the hands of my said wife, Shee giveinge such securitie as my Overseers, or the most part of them, shall thinke fitt, untill

my said daughter shall accomplish the age of Eighteene yeares, she likewise payinge Twelve pounds a yeare untill my said daughter shall accomplish the age of Eighteene yeares as aforesaid, or else to keepe and maynteyne her dureinge the said Tearme.

And I doe appoint my Overseers aforesaid to bee Guardians of my said sonne, and to doe their best endeavour to see him vertuously bred upp.

Wittnes my hand and seale the tenth day of July Anno domini One thousand sixe hundred fiftie sixe. John BRITTEN.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas HODGES, Edward RUDDUCKE, Robert LANGFORD, John SMITH.

This will was proved att London before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations, lawfully authorized, The one and Twentieth day of November in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand sixe hundred fiftie and sixe, By the oath of Marie BRITTEN, the relict and sole Executrix of the said deceased, named in the said Will, To whom Administration of all and singular the goods, chattells and debts of the said deceased was committed, Shee beinge first, by Commission, sworne truely to Administer the same.

(Q.366 - PROB11/265 f.146)

Admon. of the goods and chattels unadministered by Mary was granted to Elizabeth IRISH, her daughter, on 12th May 1691 at the Consistory Court of Bath and Wells.

[Farmer BRETTON was buried at High Littleton on 14th July 1656. He was the son of John BRITTEN and appears to have married twice, having by his first wife 2 children, Mary (probably the one who died in 1669) and John (who married in 1670 Mary MOORE). He then married a much younger woman, Mary, who married secondly in 1658 Edward JONES of Burcott, had several children (including Elizabeth, who married secondly John IRISH) and died in the 1670s. John was Lord of the Manor of High Littleton and lived at Rockborne (Rugbourne). He was a yeoman and also held a lease from Thomas HODGES for 99 years from 1633, to mine coal under the latter's land in High Littleton, for which he paid £800. He sublet this, together with rights to mine under his own land. John BRITTEN was assessed at £4 on Land in the 1641/2 Lay Subsidy Rolls.]

Will of **William BRYTTON [BRITTEN]** of High Littleton.

Probate granted at Wells 21 March 1570/1. Inventory £114. def. T. p.f.
(SRO Probates & Admons. 1564-1611 p.56)

Will of **Edmond BRODRIBB** of Clutton.

In the name of god, Amen, the first day of December in the yeare of our Lord god 1613, I Edmond BRODRIBB of Clutton in the dioces of Bathe and Wells, husbandman, being sicke in bodie but of good and perfect memory, praise be to the Allmightie, doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and forme following.

First I comend my soule to allmightie god, my maker and redeemer, and my body to be buried in the Church yard of Clutton aforesaid.

Item - I give and bequeth to the Cathedrall Church of Wells 4d.

Item - I give and bequeth to the poore of the parishe of Clutton as followeth:

first to John HOTKINS 2s. 4d. Item - to the wife of the same John HOTKINS 12d. Item - to Thomas NASHE senior 12d. Item - to Nicholas ROGERS 12d. Item - to Jone RUSSELL 12d.

Item - I give and bequeth to the poore of High Littleton 2s.

Item - I give and bequeth to every one of my cosen George SHORT of Whitock's Meade his children 20s. a peece.

Item - I give and bequith to every one of my cosen John BRODRIBB of Benter's his children 20s. a peece.

Item - I give and bequith to every one of my cosen Nicholas BLACK's his children 20s. a peece.

Item - I give and bequith to my cosen John BRODRIBB of Camerton my part of the lease of Broome hill.

Item - all the rest of my goods movable & unmovable, not given nor bequeathed, I give & bequeth unto my said cosen John BRODRIBB of Cam'ton, whom I doe make my full & whole executor to this my last will & testament, to receive my debts and to paie my debts and to see my bodie brought to the earth.

Item - I do nominate and appoint my welbeloved freinds Thomas HODGES senior and John HODGES, the sonne of John HODGES senior, of High Littleton overseers of this my last will & testament.

Item - debts that I owe - first, to Maude HOTKINS I owe 40s. Item - to Jone BREWER, the servant of the widdow BLACKER of Clutton I owe £3. Item - of the parishe of Clutton's money, due at the county day of the said parishe of Clutton, I owe my part of £3.

Item - all the debts that is owed unto me doth and shall appeere by such wrytings & specialties as I have for it.

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The witnesses of this my will are Tho. JONES, vicar of High Littleton and John HODGES of the same.

Probate granted at Wells 16 April 1614. Inventory £55.13.10.
(SRO D/D/ct.)

Extract of Will of **John BRODRIBB** of Hallatrow.

John BRODRIBB of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, yeoman, being in health etc.

I give my daughter Mary DUDDEN the Bed with green curtains, rugg, Blankets and everything belonging to the said bed, with the looking glass in the middle room, 3 silver spoons and 3 pewter platters and a warming pan.

I give to my daughter Anna my plaid bed quilt, blankets, sheets and everything belonging to the said bed, with a dressing table.

I give to my daughter Ann the bed in the middle room with blankets, sheets, quilt and everything belonging to the said bed, with a chest of drawers that stands in the best room.

I give to my son Joseph a bed in the garret with everything belonging to the same, with a pair of new blankets, siderpress, apple mill and everything belonging to the same for the use of making of Cyder, with my silver tankard.

All my vessels of Cyder, ale or what kind so ever I give equally betwixt my four children, Joseph, Robert, Anna and Ann, share and share alike.

I give my son Robert a bed and everything belonging to the same as is in the Garret, with my silver watch and one silver spoon marked RB.

One other silver spoon marked RB I give to my daughter Ann.

All the rest of my goods, chattels, moneys, effects of what kind soever I give to my son Robert, my daughters Anna and Ann to be equally divided betwixt them, share and share alike, my daughters' Anna and Ann to be paid them by my executors in six months next after my decease and my son Robert's to be paid him by my Executors at the Expiration of his apprenticeship Term; the Interest thereof in the meantime, in his cloathing or otherwise as my executors shall think proper.

Also I give my son Robert all my wearing apparel, both Linnen and woollen.

And I do constitute and appoint Mr Richard LANGFORD and Mr Joseph BRODRIBB of Hallatrow executors in Trust of this my will.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 21st day of February in the year of our lord 1771. (Signed) John BRODRIBB.

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Testator, as and for his last will and Testament, in the presence of Henry MOSS, Valentine DUDDEN.

Proved at Bishop's Court, Wells the 14th day of August 1771 by Richard LANGFORD and Joseph BRODRIBB the Executors in Trust within named.

(Phillimore's Collection)

[John BRODRIBB was buried at High Littleton on 28 May 1771. He was born in 1699 the son of Abraham and Mary BRODRIBB and married firstly Judith by whom he had a daughter Mary (born 1731 who married George DUDDEN). He married secondly Anne, by whom he had 5 more children, Joseph (born 1743/4), John (1745, assumed to be the John who died in 1767), Anna (1746, married in 1771 James HALL) and twins Ann and Robert (1752). Most of the children were baptized at Chelwood Independent Chapel. Anne, John's wife was buried at High Littleton on 14th January 1768. John lived at Tennis Court Farm, Hallatrow, where a datestone on the wall reads J & A B 1764. On John's death Tennis Court Farm passed to his eldest surviving son Joseph.]

Robert BRODRIBB late of Cameley

Admon. granted 25th May 1763 to John BRODRIBB of High Littleton, yeoman, brother.

(SRO DD/X/SRI)

[Mr Robert BRODRIBB was buried at Cameley on 27th May 1763. He was the son of Abraham BRODRIBB of Temple Cloud (died 1721) and Mary (died 1757 aged 79). Robert's brother John lived at Tennis Court Farm, Hallatrow.]

Extract of Will of **William Jones BURDETT** of Twickenham, Middlesex, Esquire, dated 22nd December 1836.

I gives to my wife Sarah Holmes BURDETT my messuage at Twickenham, with contents, lands etc. for her life.

I give and devise all and singular my estate, lands, tenements and hereditaments, called or known by the name of the Stowey estate, situate, lying and being at or near Temple and Littleton in the County of Somerset and my

estates at or near Willington in the County of Derby & my Estate at Twickenham aforesaid, subject as aforesaid, And all other my freehold, copyhold and customary manors, messuages, lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, with their and every of their respective appurtenances, unto and to the use of The Right Honorable Henry Lord LANGDALE, Master of the Rolls and my brother Sir Francis BURDETT of Foremarke in the County of Derby, Baronet, their heirs and assigns for ever, upon trust that they, the said Henry Lord LANGDALE and Sir Francis BURDETT or the survivor of them or the heirs or assigns of such survivor, do & shall, when and as they or he may think proper, either by public sale or private contract, sell, dispose of and convey all the said Estates and hereditaments, either together or in parcels, unto any person or persons who shall be willing to become and be the purchaser or purchasers thereof, for such price or prices as the said Henry Lord LANGDALE and Sir Francis BURDETT or the survivor of them or the heirs or assigns of such survivor shall think reasonable and shall, and do for that purpose, make and execute all such deeds and conveyances and assurances as they or he shall think fit, but so nevertheless, that my said message and premises at Twickenham aforesaid, devised to my said Wife as aforesaid for her life, shall not be sold in her lifetime without her consent and concurrence and without her conveying and passing her life Estate therein without receiving any part of the purchase money, and my will is, that the monies to arise by such sale or sales aforesaid, shall constitute and be considered as part of the residue of my personal estate and be applied as hereinafter directed. And it is my will and I do hereby direct that the rents, issues and profits, which shall arise or become due from or in respect of the said premises so devised to be sold as aforesaid, until the same shall be sold respectively, shall be applied in like manner as the dividends, interest and annual proceeds of the funds and securities in or upon which the money to arise by sale thereof is hereinafter directed to be invested, would be payable and applicable under and by virtue of this my will and the directions hereinafter contained in case the same premises respectively were actually sold and the money arising by the sale thereof were actually invested as aforesaid.

The Rest and Residue of my estate I give to Henry Lord LANGDALE and Sir Francis BURDETT, upon trust, to invest and pay the income arising to my wife Sarah Holmes BURDETT, during her life, for the maintenance of herself and my children and, after her death, to pay to each of my 4 daughters, Sarah, Sophia, Emily and Amy Georgina, who attain the age of 21 or marry with her Guardian's consent, £1,000 (my daughter Fanny being entitled to a legacy of £1,000 under the Will of my late Aunt [blank] BURDETT), and the residue to be equally divided amongst all my children (including my said 4 daughters) at 21 or marriage.

I appoint my wife Guardian of my children during their minority.

I appoint Henry Lord LANGDALE and Sir Francis BURDETT Executors.

Signed William Jones BURDETT. Witnesses Jno. PARKINSON, Francis WORSHIP, Ste. NEWMAN.

Codicil dated 24th August 1839.

I give to my 4 daughters, Sarah BURDETT, Sophia BURDETT, Emily BURDETT and Amy Georgina BURDETT £2,000 each, in addition to the £1,000 settled on them by my will and I give my daughter Fanny BURDETT £1,000 (she having had left to her £1,000 by the Will of my late Aunt Frances BURDETT of Willington, Derbyshire).

Signed William Jones BURDETT. Witnesses John CURTIS, Servant, Twickenham, George BOND, Servant, Twickenham.

John CURTIS, butler in the service of Mrs BURDETT at Twickenham, swore on 14th January 1841 that the Testator, George BOND and himself had signed and attested the codicil in each others' presence.

Admon. (with Will and Codicil annexed) granted at PCC on 19th January 1841 to Sarah Holmes BURDETT, Widow, the Relict and Residuary Legatee for life named in the Will of William Jones BURDETT, late of Twickenham, Esquire, Henry Lord LANGDALE and Sir Francis BURDETT, Brother, the Executors and Residuary Legatees in trust, having first renounced the Probate and Admon.

On 13th June 1871 Admon. (with Will and Codicil annexed) of the personal estate and effects of William Jones BURDETT (who died at Coset Hall, Back Lane, Twickenham on 2nd October 1840) left unadministered by Sarah Holmes BURDETT, widow, deceased, was granted to Francis BURDETT Esquire one of the children of William Jones and Sarah Holmes BURDETT.

(Q.8 PROB11/1939 f.57-60)

[William Jones BURDETT was born on 23rd August 1772, the third son of Francis BURDETT and Mary Eleanora JONES, married on 24th October 1811 Sarah Holmes BRENT (who changed her name from HODGKINSON by licence on 1st August 1807) and died on 2nd October 1840. Sarah died on 31st January 1871. William inherited the Stowey Estate, which included the Manor of High Littleton, from his mother's sister Dame Elizabeth JONES of Ramsbury Manor. William's elder brother, Sir Francis BURDETT (5th Baronet), M.P., died on 23rd January 1844. Just prior to his death William owned 167 acres in High Littleton and had

leased all the coal under that land to Samborne Stucley PALMER Esq. of Timsbury for 99 years from 1839. In 1856 part of the High Littleton property was sold to George Treweeke SCOBELL of Kingwell Hall for £5,000. Further land was sold in 1858 to John REES MOGG of High Littleton House for £2,640. Francis BURDETT, William's eldest son, was a Lieut. Col. in the British Army in 1858, at which time he was living at Brannockstown, Newbridge, Ireland. He subsequently became the 7th Baronet. William had 2 other sons, William Jones (born 1814) and Charles Sedley (born 1819) and the 5 daughters named in the Will.]

Will of **James BUSH** of High Littleton, Cooper.

Whereas I, James BUSH of the Parish of High Littleton, Cooper, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, I make, publish, and declare, this my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha BLINMAN the whole of my Household Goods and Furniture, but chargeable with the payment of my Funeral Expences, by my said Daughter,

The whole of my wearing Apparel I give to my Sons, John BUSH and George BUSH, to be divided equally between them.

I give and bequeath my dwelling House and Garden and all Buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at present occupied by Joseph ROSSITER as my Tenant, unto my Children and Grand-Children, in the following proportions, but chargeable with all my Just, and Lawful Debts,

to my Son Joseph BUSH one Eighth,

To my Grandsons John Wood BUSH, and James Thomas BUSH one eighth, to be equally divided,

To my Daughter Martha BLINMAN one eighth,

To my son John BUSH one eighth,

To my Son George BUSH one eighth,

To my Daughter Betty JACKSON one eighth,

to my Daughter Mercy BUSH one eighth,

And to my Daughter Mary MAGGS one eighth,

with power to sell and dispose of the same, should it be the desire of the greater part of my said Children and Grand-Children so to do.

And I hereby appoint my Son Joseph BUSH and Thomas JAMES Executors in trust of this my last Will, setting aside all and every Will heretofore made by me, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and Seal, This 28th day of February 1828. Ja's BUSH.

Witness Tho's JAMES, Ja's STICKLAND, Joseph TUCKER.

Probate of the Will of James BUSH deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 1st August 1829 to Joseph BUSH of Paulton, Cooper, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of James BUSH, late of High Littleton, Cooper, who died on 25th March 1829. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. Joseph BUSH.

(SRO ED Wills Box 81 No. 582)

[James BUSH was buried at High Littleton on 31st March 1829 aged 75. He married in 1777 Betty LANSDOWN, who died on 25th March 1826 aged 70 and had 10 children, Thomas (baptized 1778, who was presumably the father of John Wood and James Thomas BUSH, born Maidstone, Kent c.1802/3), Joseph (1779), Martha (1782, who married in 1826 George BLINMAN), John (1784), George (1787), Betty (1789, buried 1 Jan 1790), James (1789, died 1791), Betty (1791, who married --- JACKSON), Mercy (1793) & Mary Lyons (1795). James lived at Pembroke House, which he probably built in the year he married.]

Will (Nuncupative) of **Robert CERTAYNE** of High Littleton.

In the Name of God Amen, the Eleaventh day of November in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred forty nyne, Robert CERTAYNE of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, husbandman, being sicke of body but of perfect memory, made his last Will and Testament Nuncupative the day before his death and at other times speakinge to his wife, expressed himselfe in theis words, Edith should have the (goods?), the boy and the maid a Ewe and a lambe a peece, (meaning Joseph BOSCOMB and Mary CHAMBERS) beinge in the howse, All the rest of the goods doe you take and dispose of them as you (hest?). And the said Edith his wife should be his Executrix; theis words he spake in the hearing of Michael WEEKES, John HARRIS and others.

Probate granted at PCC London to Edith CERTAYNE, relict and Executrix named in the Will, 23 February 1649/50.

(Q.21 PROB11/211 f.158)

[A Robert SMITH alias SERTAIN had a son Richard in 1612. James SARTAYNE died in 1611 as did a Robert SERTAYNE alias SMITH in 1616.]

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Josiah CHIVERS** of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Coal Miner,

I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son James CHIVERS of High Littleton aforesaid, Coal Miner, All that Cottage or Dwelling House, wherein I now reside, together with the Garden ground and all and singular other the Hereditaments and Premises thereto belonging and which I hold under and by virtue of an Indenture of Lease heretofore granted unto me by Dame Eliza JONES, late of Stowey in the same County, for the Term of Ninety nine years and which is now determinable with the Lives of my said Son James CHIVERS and my Son Joseph CHIVERS, which said Cottage, Hereditaments and Premises are situate, lying and being in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, To hold unto my said Son James CHIVERS, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns for and during all my Estate, Term and Interest therein, Subject nevertheless to the full Payment and discharge of all Principal and Interest Monies, which shall or may be due and owing thereon at the time of my decease, Upon and by virtue of a certain Mortgage, executed by me unto James DUDDEN of Temple Cloud in the Parish of Camely in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, and to the Payment of all other my just Debts. Provided always, and it is my Will and I do hereby direct that all, any or either of my Children shall, at any time or times after my decease, have the liberty of building a Cottage or place of Residence, on such part of the said Plot of ground as my said Son James CHIVERS shall approve of, and he is hereby enjoined and directed, on such applications being made to him, to mark out and set apart such part and parts of the said ground for each and every and such of my said Children who shall or may be enabled to build thereon, not exceeding Eighteen Feet in length and Twelve in breadth, for that purpose, such Child or Children paying a fair proportion of the Lord's Rent and other outgoings for the same and also a fair proportion of all Fines and Expences attending the Renewing of the same Premises, as the Steward for the time being of the Lord of the same Premises shall direct.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said Son, James CHIVERS, sole Executor of this my last Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Tenth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Nine. The X Mark of Josiah CHIVERS.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Testator Josiah CHIVERS, 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. R'd LANGFORD, Ja's Eyre SALMON, Cl'k to Mr LANGFORD.

Probate of the Will of Josiah CHIVERS deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 21st February 1829 to James CHIVERS of High Littleton, Collier, the sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Josiah CHIVERS, late of High Littleton, Collier, who died about 16 years since. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. James CHIVERS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 82 No. 163)

[Josiah CHIVERS was buried at High Littleton on 6th June 1810. He was baptized on 22nd January 1745/6 the son of John CHIVERS and Elizabeth (nee CARTER). He married in 1775 Ann (Nancy) HOLBROOKE, who died in October 1801 and they had at least 9 children, Elizabeth (born 1775), Ruth (1777), Dinah (1779), James (1781/2), Jane (1783), Dorcas (1785, died 1786), Dorcas (baptized 1788), Joseph (1793), Josiah (1798) and possibly others. Josiah held a lease for 99 years or 3 lives, dated 25th November 1799, from Dame Elizabeth JONES, on a Cottage and 2 gardens and a Garden called Fair Close at The Batch.]

Extract of Will of **Elizabeth CHOKKE** of Publow, wydow, dated 27th December 1535.

Apart from bequests of her best kyrtell and girdell and a ryng of silver, the testatrix left to her daughter Johan DANDOW of Pensford a cow called "prinkled".

To W'm DANDOW the smyth 3s. 4d.

To Marget DANDOW a neckercheff.

To John DANDOW a posnet.

Mentions her son John DANDOW of Hallowtrowe.

Residue to W'm DANDOW her sonne.

Proved at Wells 3rd February 1535/6.

(SRO D/D/ct.)

COLLIER see also JONES

Will of **Elizabeth COLLYER (COLLIER) alias JONES** of High Littleton.

Probate granted at Wells 18 July 1597. T. paid by Richard WILLSHEARE, steps., executor. Inventory £30. (Probates & Admons. 1564-1611, 733)

Joan JOANES alias COLLIER of Hallatrow, died intestate.

Admon. granted at Wells 13 May 1636 to Francis JONES als. COLLIER, son natural. Inventory £23.
(Probates & Admons. 1617-1665)

Will of **John COLYER (COLLIER) otherwise JONES** of Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1542.
(Index of Wells Wills, 1529-1585 - SRS Vol. 62)

Will of **William COLER (COLLIER)** of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1578.
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Extract of Will of **Simon COTTON**, Vicar of High Littleton, Clerk, being very aged and weak in body.
To my son in law Joseph DANDO - 20 shillings.
To my kinsman Edmund DRIVER of the City of Bristol, mariner - 20s.
To my kinsman Edmund MITCHELL of Bedminster, shoemaker - 20s.
To my kinsman Thomas BRENCH - 20s.
To my grand dau'r Sarah COLES, wife of William COLES - 20s. to buy her a gold ring with death head on it.
To Edeth SMITH, wife of Thomas SMITH - 20s.
To Mary TYLER my servant maid - 20s.
To the poor of the Parish of High Littleton - 13s. 4d.
To the poor of the Parish of Dundry - 13s. 4d.
Residue to William COLES of Hassage in the parish of Wellow, Executor.
Dated 13th November 1683.
Witnesses - Edward JONES, Robert LANGFORD, James CARTER.
Proved 6th May 1684 by William COLES, Executor. Bishops' Court, Wells 1684, 33.
(SRO DD/MGR)

Inventory [*of Simon COTTON dec'd*] taken 23rd April 1684 by Tho's HODGES and Edward JONES includes:
Wearing apparell, plate, ready money & moneys on bonds £200,
His studdy of books £6,
Sum £241. 3. 6.

[Simon COTTON was Vicar of High Littleton from 1639 till his death, but his office was suspended during the Commonwealth. He married Rachel, who died in 1679 and had at least 1 child, Christian COTTON, who married in 1657 Joseph DANDO, had 3 children, Sarah (born 1658, who married in 1680 William COLES and had Sarah), Joseph (born and died in 1659/60) and Simon (1661, died 1668/9) and died in 1661.

Will (Nuncupative) of **Joane DAMER** of High Littleton, widow.

Memorandum - That on the moneth of October in the yeare of our Lord one Thousand six hundred Fifty Seaven, On or about the three and twentieth day of the same moneth, Joane DAMER of High Littleton in the County of Somersett, widdow, deceased, beinge about two dayes before her death, of perfect minde and memory and haveinge then a serious intent and purpose to settle and dispose of her Estate, did by word of mouth utter and declare her last will and Testament nuncupative in these or the like words in effect followinge (that is to say):
First, shee bequeathed her Soule to God, and her body to the earth.
Alsoe, shee gave to her brother John SMITH Three poundes.
And all the rest of her goods shee gave to her cosen William BAYLIE,
which words or the like in effect, shee spake in the presence of those witnesses hereunder mentioned, (viz't), The marke of Mary BAYLIE, the marke of Anne BAYLIE.

The Fowerth day of the moneth of Jan'y in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand Six hundred Fifty and Seaven (English stile) Issued forth Letters of Administration with the will annext unto William BAYLIE, the residuary Legatee, as named in the last will and Testament of Joane DAMER, late of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, widdowe, deceased, To administer all and singular the goods, Chattles and debtes of the said deceased, accordinge to the tenor and effect of the said will, For that noe executor is therein named, hee, the said

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William BAYLIE, being first sworne in due forme of lawe by vertue of a Commission, well and truly to administer the same.

(Q.24 - PROB11/272 f.189)

[Jone DAMER died on 25th October 1657 and was buried at High Littleton on 29th October.]

Will of **Ann DANDO**.

Representatives - Thomas JAMES, maltster of High Littleton and Elizabeth ASHMAN.

(Vestry Minutes of 14th March 1765 desire Mr Jacob MOGG to have Ann MARSHALL alias DANDO's Will proved *[at Wells]* before Easter Monday next)

[Anne DANDO was buried at High Littleton on 3rd March 1765. She was the daughter of George Marshall DANDO.]

Extract of Will of **George DANDO** of Hallatrow dated 2nd December 1736.

Gave 2 acres of ground at Hallatrow called South Slade to his daughter Ann DANDO.

(Mentioned in Assignment of land in 1796 - SRO DD/GL37)

[George Marshall DANDO died 23rd February in his 97th year and was buried at High Littleton on 25th February 1738/9. His widow Sarah died in January 1739/40. George was son and heir of George DANDO. The land, also known as Marshall's Paddock, was sold by Ann DANDO to the Churchwardens and Overseers of High Littleton in 1740.]

Will of **Johane DANDO** of Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1544.

Will of **John DANDOWE** of Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1544.

Will of **John DANDO** of Hallotroe.

Proved at Wells 1582.

Will of **John DANDO** jun'r of Hallatrow.

Gives several legacies.

Gives residue to his wife Hester, with full power to dispose of as she thinks proper.

Appoints wife Hester sole Executrix.

Proved c.1740.

(Mentioned in case for Counsel, concerning 1719 Marriage Settlement - SRO DD/X/PPA)

[John son of Mr John DANDO died 20th December 1739 and was buried at High Littleton on 24th December. He was born on 2nd February 1686/7, the eldest son of John (died 1743) and Sarah DANDO (died 1742/3). He married in 1719 Hester LANSDOWN of Camerton, a widow, who as Hester MORRIS married in 1706 John LANSDOWN, gent. of Camerton, who died in 1718. John and Hester DANDO had no issue and when she was about 70 in 1747 she married thirdly Robert COOPER, gent. of Farrington, who was aged about 50. John DANDO the elder settled some 78 acres of land in Hallatrow on John the younger as part of a Marriage Settlement in 1719.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John DANDO** of Hallatrow within the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Cordwainer.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my Grand son John DANDO, eldest son of my son John DANDO, All that my leasehold Messuage or Dwelling house, and Blacksmith's Shop, now occupied by James HARDING, Blacksmith, situate at Hallatrow aforesaid, together with a Moiety or equal half part of the garden ground thereto adjoining and fronting the same, To have and to hold the said Messuage or Dwellinghouse, blacksmith's Shop, garden ground, hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances unto the said John DANDO, his heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for all my estate, term and Interest therein.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son, Peter DANDO, all that my other leasehold Messuage or Dwellinghouse, now in my own occupation, situate at Hallatrow aforesaid, together with the other moiety or equal half part of the said garden ground, also thereto adjoining and fronting the same, To have and to hold the said Messuage or Dwellinghouse, garden ground, hereditaments and premises, unto the said Peter DANDO, his heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for all my estate, term and Interest therein, subject and liable nevertheless to the payment by the said Peter DANDO of the Annuity or yearly sum of fifteen Shillings, which I hereby give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary, Wife of George WEEKS of Hallatrow aforesaid, Coalminer,

her Executors, Administrators and Assigns and also subject and liable to the payment by the said Peter DANDO of the further Annuity or yearly sum of fifteen shillings, which I hereby give and bequeath unto my Daughter Harriet, Wife of Joseph NORRIS of Hallatrow aforesaid, Coalminer, her executors, Administrators and assigns.

And I hereby declare my Will to be that they, the said John DANDO and Peter DANDO, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns, shall pay and be subject to the payment of all the rates, taxes, Assessments & charges in any wise affecting the Messuages or Dwelling Houses, blacksmith's Shop and garden ground, hereditaments and premises, hereinbefore respectively bequeathed to them in equal shares and proportions.

I give, devise and bequeath unto Ann NORRIS, Daughter of the said Harriet NORRIS, all and every my Household Goods and furniture, plate, linen and China and all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate and effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, To have and To hold the same unto and to the use of her the said Ann NORRIS, her heirs, executors, administrators and Assigns absolutely, according to my estate and interest therein.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Peter DANDO Executor of this my Will, And I hereby revoke and make void all former Wills and Codicils, by me, at any time heretofore, made and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said John DANDO, have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in two sheets of Paper, set my hand and Seal, that is to say, my hand to the first sheet, and my hand and Seal to this second and last sheet of Paper, this eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. John DANDO.

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the said Testator John DANDO, 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. J. REES MOGG, Cholwell, Somerset, W'm REES MOGG, Cholwell, Somerset, Allan LOVELL, Clerk to Mr REES MOGG.

Probate of the Will of John DANDO deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 15th July 1840 to Peter DANDO of Hallatrow, Coalminer, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of John DANDO, late of Hallatrow, Cordwainer, who died on or about 10th January 1840. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. The Mark of Peter X DANDO.

(SRO ED Wills Box 169 No. 605)

[John DANDO was buried at High Littleton on 23rd January 1840 aged 86. He was baptized in 1753, son of John DANDO and Ann MARTIN and married in 1789 Isett GOULD, who died in June 1806. They had 5 children, John (baptized 1790, who married in 1812 Sarah BARTON and had several children including John Barton DANDO baptized in 1815), Mary (1792, died 1797), Harriet (1794, who married in 1818 Joseph NORRIS and had 6 children including Ann NORRIS in 1818), Mary (1798, who married in 1819 George WEEKS) and Peter (1800). Round about 1797 John took a lease for 3 lives, from the Lords of the Manor of Hallatrow, of some waste ground in Hallatrow, on which he built a house, where he lived for the rest of his life, almost opposite Osmunda. By 1825 John was the lessee of 2 houses and a bakehouse on the site.]

Extract of Will of **Thomas DANDO** the elder, Sutton Wick, Chew Magna, gent., dated 9 June 1724.

Trustees - his brothers in law Thomas HODGES Esq. of High Littleton and Caleb PARSONS of Bristol.

Mentions son Simon (under 23) and son Thomas.

Children Richard, George, Martha and Sarah (under 21).

Wife Sarah appointed Executrix.

Witnesses - Martha HODGES, James WEBB, Nathaniel CARELES.

Proved at Wells 8th January 1725.

(SRO DD/X/SR4)

[Thomas DANDO was buried at Chew Magna on 20th Nov 1724. As a gent. of Hallatrow he married Sarah HODGES (licence 6 Feb 1704/5. They settled at Sutton Wick and had at least 8 children Simon (baptized at Chew Magna 1706 ?died 1737/8), Thomas (1707 ?died 1752), Martha (1709 ?married -- JAMES), Sarah (1709 died 1709), unknown (died 1714), Sarah, Richard and George. Sarah, Thomas' widow was buried at Chew Magna in 1733. She was baptized on 2 Oct 1683 one of the many children of Thomas and Sarah HODGES of High Littleton. Her brother Thomas HODGES of High Littleton was baptized in 1668/9 and her sister Grace (baptized 1681) married Caleb PARSONS of High Littleton (Licence 19 Dec 1719).]

Will of **Thomas DANDO** of Hallatrow, Tanner, dated 30th June 1770.

Proved at Wells 15th October 1771.

(Mentioned in Deed of Covenant of 1821 - SRO DD/RM6)

[Thomas DANDO died unmarried on 16th September aged 65 and was buried at High Littleton on 19th September 1771, "the last of the race" according to a monumental inscription. He was the son of William DANDO (died 1723 aged 71), a tanner, and Mary.]

DASHFIELD alias SMYTHE - see also SMYTHE

Will of **Richard DAISHEFYLD** (DASHFIELD) of Littleton

Proved at Wells 1547.

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[Richard DAISHFIELD was probably the father of John DAISHFIELD alias SMYTHE, whose son John DAISHFIELD junior married Katherine. They leased for lives a tenement and 14 acres from the Manor of High Littleton.]

A true and Perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, rights and credits of **Richard DOWLING**, late of the parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset, deceased, which since his death have come to the hands, possession or knowledge of Thomas DANDO of the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, principal creditor and administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, taken and appraised by us, whose names are hereunto subscribed, the 29th day of January 1735/6.

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|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| First - Wearing apparel and money in Purse | 1 | 5 | - |
| Five hogshead and half of ale | 13 | 10 | - |
| One hogshead and half of ale | 3 | - | - |
| Five hogsheads | 3 | - | - |
| One Terst | 10 | - | - |
| Two half hogsheads | 15 | - | - |
| Two eight quart Bottles | 2 | - | - |
| One kilderkin and two horses | 6 | - | - |
| Four tubs and a small horse | 16 | - | - |
| Two chairs and two pails | 3 | - | - |
| Luggs and Faggots | 10 | - | - |
| Debts [<i>£1. 7/- on draft, £1. 1/- on final copy - adds correctly as £1. 7/-</i>] | 1 | 7 | - |
| | <u>25</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>-</u> |

(sgd) John PURNELL, John JAMES, Appraisers.

This inventory was exhibited the 31st day of January 1735 by Thomas DANDO, principal creditor and administrator, of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and credits of Richard DOWLING, late of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, deceased, for and as in full a true and perfect Inventory etc. etc.

(SRO D/D/ct.)

[Richard DOWLING's wife Betty died in 1737/8.]

Will of **William DRURY** of High Littleton, Yeoman.

In the Name of God Amen, I William DRURY of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, being in good Health of Body and of sound and disposing Mind, Memory and Understanding, blessed be God for the same, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

First, I give to my Dear Wife Susannah DRURY All that Cottage or Tenement, lying and being in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset and any part of my Household Furniture as my Dear Wife shall think proper to have, to and for her natural Life.

Also I give to my Dear Wife, for her natural life, the Interest of all my Estate and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, to be paid her half yearly by my Executors hereinafter mentioned and, after the Decease of my said Wife, I give, devise and bequeath unto my Son John DRURY the aforesaid Cottage or Tenement, to and for his natural Life.

Also I give to my Son John DRURY the Interest of three hundred Pounds, to be paid him half yearly by my Executor[s] herein after mentioned and, if my Son John DRURY should Die leaving any Child or Children lawfully begotten of his Body, I give, devise and bequeath unto such Child or Children the Sum of three hundred

Pounds, to be divided between them, share and share alike and, if my Son John DRURY should Die leaving no Issue lawfully begotten, then I give, devise and bequeath unto my Grand Children, William DRURY, John DRURY and James DRURY, the Sum of one hundred pounds a piece, to be paid them by my Executors, in twelve Months after the Decease of my Son John DRURY.

And as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, I give, devise and bequeath the same unto my Son James DRURY, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns for ever.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint, my Friend Mr Thomas Ames HILL and my son James DRURY, Executors of this my Will and hereby revoke all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven. W'm DRURY.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator William DRURY, 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 subscribed as Witnesses. Caleb PARSONS, Martha LIGHT.

Probate of the Will of William DRURY deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 12th February 1825 to Thomas Ames HILL of Paulton, Innholder and James DRURY of Farmborough, Yeoman, the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of William DRURY, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died in the Month of February 1824. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £450. Thomas Ames HILL, James DRURY.

(SRO ED Wills Box 53 No. 213)

[William DRURY was buried at High Littleton on 1st March 1824 aged 88. He married in 1762 Mary EVANS, who died in December 1767. They had 3 children, John (baptized 1763), James (1765, who married at Farmborough in 1790 Nancy PARSONS and had 6 children, including William, baptized 1791, John Parsons 1792 and James 1802, who died in 1814) and Anne (1766, died 1767). William married secondly at Stowey in 1768 Susannah WITHY, who died in May 1823 aged 92. William lived at Southover House for many years, which he leased from the JONES (afterwards BURDETT) Estate, farming some 65 acres from there until retiring in 1809, although he continued to live in the farmhouse at Southover thereafter.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Thomas Collier DUDDEN** of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

First, I direct that all my just debts (except Mortgage debts), Testamentary and funeral expenses shall be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, out of my personal Estate, within six months after my decease and I charge the deficiency, if any, upon my real estate hereinafter devised.

I give and devise the messuage or Dwelling house with the Garden thereunto adjoining and belonging, situate at Hallatrow aforesaid and now in the occupation of Judith DANDO, unto and to the use of my Daughter Anne, her heirs and assigns for ever.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Anne All my Goods and Furniture, Plate, Linen, Books, Pictures, China and other household effects, which I shall be possessed of at the time of my decease, absolutely. But, in case I shall die before my said Daughter Anne shall have attained the age of twenty one years, I hereby authorize and empower my Trustees hereinafter named, in their discretion, to sell and dispose of the same (except the Plate) and to lay out the proceeds of such Sale upon Government or real security and improve the same as an accumulation fund, varying the investment from time to time, as they shall think proper, until my said Daughter shall attain her said age of twenty one years and, upon her attaining such said age, Then I direct them, my said Trustees, to transfer and to pay over the said money and securities unto her my said Daughter, for her own use and benefit absolutely. And, in case of the decease of my said Daughter, before she shall have attained such said age, without leaving lawful issue, I direct that such said effects and the proceeds of such part or parts thereof as shall be sold, shall fall into and be considered as part of my residuary estate and shall be held and disposed of by my Trustees hereinafter named, Upon the like trusts as are contained and declared of the moiety of my said residuary estate, for the benefit of my Grandchildren.

All the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate and effects, whatsoever and wheresoever situate, I give and devise unto John REES MOGG of Cholwell in the County of Somerset, Gentleman and Andrew JAMES the Younger, of Clutton in the said County of Somerset, Miller, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, according to the several natures, tenures and qualities thereof, Upon trust, as to one moiety or half part thereof for the sole use and benefit of my said Daughter Anne, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns absolutely and to convey, assign, transfer and pay the same accordingly, when and as she shall attain her full age of twenty one years and in the mean time to pay and apply the rents, interest, proceeds and annual profits thereof, at their discretion, to and for the maintenance and education of her my said Daughter. Provided, in case she, the said Anne DUDDEN, shall happen to depart this Life under the age of

twenty one years, without leaving lawful Issue her surviving, then I direct them, my said Trustees, to stand possessed of and interested in, the said moiety of my estate, In trust for all and every my Grandchildren hereinafter named and described, their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, in manner and form and subject to the like provisoes in all respects, as are and is hereinafter contained of and concerning the other moiety of my said Estate, And as to the other moiety or half part thereof, In trust for the four Children of my Deceased Son Thomas Collier DUDDEN, namely Thomas Collier DUDDEN, Harriet DUDDEN, Martha DUDDEN and Betty Anne DUDDEN, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to be divided between them in equal shares and proportions, as tenants in Common and not as joint tenants, and to convey, assign, transfer and pay the same accordingly, when and as they shall severally and respectively attain their full ages of twenty one years and in the mean time to pay and apply the rents, interests, proceeds and annual profits thereof (at their discretion and in such shares and proportions as they shall think fit) to and for the maintenance and education of them, my said Grandchildren repectively, subject nevertheless, as to the said Moiety so given unto or in trust for my said Grandchildren as aforesaid, with the payment of the annuity or clear yearly sum of Six pounds, which I hereby give and bequeath unto Harriet DUDDEN, the Widow of my said Deceased Son Thomas Collier DUDDEN, for and during the term of her natural life, to be paid and payable half yearly in equal moieties, the first half yearly payment thereof to be made at the expiration of Six Calendar months from the time of my decease. Provided, and in case any or either of my said Grandchildren, the said Thomas Collier DUDDEN, Harriet DUDDEN, Martha DUDDEN and Betty Anne DUDDEN, shall die under the age of twenty one years, without leaving lawful issue living at their, his or her decease, then I direct them, my said Trustees, to stand possessed of and interested in the share or shares of such Child or Children so dying, In trust for the other or others of my said Grandchildren, their, his or her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in like manner (as before mentioned), as Tenants in Common or solely as the case may be. But, if neither of my said Grandchildren shall live to attain the age of twenty one years, then In trust for my said Daughter Anne, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns absolutely.

I direct my said Trustees or Trustee to accumulate the unapplied surplus (if any there shall be) if [*?of intended*] the annual income of my said Estate, by investments conformally to the power for investment hereinbefore contained as to the proceeds of the sale of my said Household Furniture and to stand possessed of such said investments and accumulations for the benefit of such one or more of my said Daughter and Grandchildren, in respect of whose share the same shall, from time to time, be made, upon the like trusts and with the like powers as are hereinbefore contained with regard to the original estates, shares and interests of my said Daughter and Grandchildren respectively. Provided, and I hereby declare that it shall be lawful for my said Trustees or Trustee to apply, at their or his discretion, in or towards the apprenticing, advancement in life or establishment in business of each Child entitled as aforesaid, any part of the Capital of his or her share or to charge his or her said share, estate and interest under this my said Will, with the repayment with lawful interest of any sum or sums of money, which may be advanced for the like purpose, such said advances or charges not exceeding, in the whole, one moiety or half part of the value of the respective shares of such Child or Children.

I direct my said Trustees, the said John REES MOGG and Andrew JAMES, to pay the rent, at a rate not exceeding the sum of Five pounds per annum, for any house which may be taken and occupied by the said Harriet DUDDEN, in case she shall cease to reside with my said Daughter and Grandchildren or some or one of them, after their attainment of their full ages respectively of twenty one years, for and during the term of her natural life and I charge such said rent upon the moiety of my said Estate so hereinbefore given and devised In trust for my said Grandchildren.

I direct and declare that, all the devisees [*?devises intended*] and bequests herein contained, shall be deemed and considered to be, and shall operate and enure as, vested interests of the several persons, in whose favour or in trust for whom, the same are made respectively. And I hereby further declare that, the receipt or receipts of my said Trustees or the survivor of them or the Heirs, executors or Administrators of such survivor, shall in all cases be a good and effectual discharge or discharges for all moneys therein acknowledged to have been received and the person or persons paying any sum or sums of money to my said Trustees, by virtue of this my Will, shall not afterwards be obliged to see to the application thereof or be in any manner answerable or accountable for the loss, misapplication or nonapplication of the same or any part thereof. Provided always and I do hereby declare that it shall and may be lawful, to and for my said Trustees or Trustee for the time being, to pay and reimburse themselves and himself respectively, with or out of my Estate, all such Costs, charges and expenses as they or any or either of them shall pay, bear, sustain or be put unto, in or about the execution of the trusts of this my Will or any matter or thing relating thereto. And I also authorize any and every person, who for the time being shall be a Trustee of my said Will and who shall be a Solicitor or other professional person, to retain and repay himself all reasonable professional fees, charges and expenses, for business transacted by him, in and about the execution of my said Will, notwithstanding he shall be such Trustee as aforesaid, And that they, my said Trustees, shall not be charged or chargeable with or for any more of my monies and estate than they shall respectively actually receive, nor for any loss or damage that may happen thereto without his or their wilful

neglect or default, And that the one shall not be answerable or accountable for the acts, deeds, receipts or defaults of the others or other of them, but each of them for his own acts, deeds and defaults only. Provided lastly and I hereby declare that, on the death, refusal or incapacity to act of either of them, the said John REES MOGG and Andrew JAMES or of any Trustee or Trustees to be appointed in his or their place or stead, it shall be lawful for the acting Trustee or Trustees for the time being of this my Will or the heirs, executors or administrators of the last acting Trustee, to appoint a new Trustee or Trustees in the place or stead of such Trustee or Trustees so dying, refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid, And thereupon the said trust estates and premises shall be conveyed and assured, so that the same may vest in such new Trustee or Trustees or solely as the case may require and in his and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, Upon the trusts and for the ends, intents and purposes hereinbefore expressed and declared of and concerning the same.

And lastly I do hereby appoint them, the said John REES MOGG and Andrew JAMES, joint Executors of this my Will and, together with the said Harriet DUDDEN, the said Widow of my said Deceased Son Thomas Collier DUDDEN, the three Guardians of the persons and estates of my said Daughter and Grandchildren and I hereby revoke all other Wills, by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said Thomas Collier DUDDEN, have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in five sheets of paper, set my hand and seal, that is to say, my hand to the first four sheets and my hand and seal to this fifth and last sheet of paper, this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. Tho's C. DUDDEN.

Signed and sealed by the said Thomas Collier DUDDEN, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who, at his request, in his presence and the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. W'm REES MOGG, Sol'r, Cholwell, Somerset, A. DYSON, Clutton.

Probate of the Will of Thomas Collier DUDDEN deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 20th July 1841 to Andrew JAMES of Clutton, Miller, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Thomas Collier DUDDEN, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 3rd July 1841. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £450. Andrew JAMES. (SRO ED Wills Box 177 No. 511)

[Thomas Collier DUDDEN was buried at High Littleton on 6th July 1841 aged 71. He married in 1810 Betsey BRODRIBB, who died on 6th December 1837 aged 53, and had 2 children, Thomas Collier (born 1811) and Ann (1830, who married Richard George REYNOLDS of Warminster). Thomas lived opposite Tennis Court Farm and farmed approximately 26 acres in Hallatrow, most of which he owned. Thomas Collier DUDDEN, his son, married in 1829 Harriet JONES, had 4 children, Thomas Collier (born 1830, died 1847), Harriet Jones (1832, died 1852), Martha Griffith (1835) & Betty Anne (1836, died 1848) and died in 1838. His widow Harriet died in 1856 aged 58, having married secondly Edward DOWLING (died 1851 aged 57), and kept a beer house opposite Tennis Court Farm.]

Will of **Thomas DURY** of High Littleton, Coal Miner.

In the Name of God Amen, the Twe[n]ty ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, I Thomas DURY of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Coal Miner, being in good bodyly Health and perfect in mind and memory, thanks be given unto God therefore, calling unto 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 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 Executors as is herein after named, 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 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, by this my last Will and Testament, to my Wife Ann DURY, all that Freehold House or Tenement, with the piece of Garden Ground thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, to have and to hold it, without let or molestation, during the Term of her natural Life; it is further my last Will and Testament that my Wife Ann DURY shall take possession of and enjoy all moneys out at use, either on Mortgage, Bond, note of Hand or in the Public Funds, to her own use, during the Term of her Natural Life, then to be disposed of as is hereinafter mentioned.

It is further my last Will and Testament that, my Wife Ann DURY shall cause my Body to be decently buried (or just under Ground) in a plain and becoming manner, the Expence attending my Funeral, Doctor's Bills etc. etc. to be paid by my said wife Ann DURY, out of such money as shall or may be left in my House (or otherwise) at the time of my Demise and as soon after my Demise as possible and not to exceed three months. And at the Demise

of my Wife Ann DURY, I do give and bequeath, by this my last Will and Testament, unto my Son John DURY and unto my Daughter Martha SMITH and unto my two Grand Children Samuel and Martha, the Son and Daughter of George and Betty PERRY, That is to say, unto John DURY my Son I give and bequeath one Third Part or share of the before mentioned Freehold House or Tenement, with the Piece of Garden Ground thereunto belonging, as before mentioned, and to my Daughter Martha SMITH I give and bequeath another one third Part or share of the before mentioned Freehold House or Tenement, with the Piece of Garden Ground, as before mentioned, and to my Grandchildren Samuel and Martha, the Son and Daughter of George and Betty PERRY, the other one third part of the before mentioned Freehold House or Tenement, with the Garden Ground, as before mentioned; this one third share is to be equally divided between them and, in order to please all and every of the parties above named, it is my Will, at the time of Demise of my Wife Ann DURY, that the before mentioned Freehold House or Tenement, with the Garden Ground thereunto belonging, shall be properly valued as to it's worth P'r Year to Rent and, according to the amount of the Rent, to be divided into Three equal parts, one part or share to be received by my Son John DURY, the second part or share to be received by my Daughter Martha SMITH, the third part or share of such Rent to be equally divided between my Grand Children Samuel and Martha PERRY.

It is further my last Will and Testament that, after the Funeral Expences, Doctor's Bills and all other Expences, that may be due or owing at the time of the Demise of my Wife Ann DURY, is paid and it is my Will they shall be paid within Three Months after her Demise, Then it is my last Will and Testament that, my Son John DURY, my Daughter Martha SMITH and my two Grand Children Samuel and Martha PERRY, shall have equally Divided amongst them, share and share alike, all the Household Furniture, Money in the House or Monies out at use, either on Mortgage, Bond, notes of Hand or in the Public Funds, that my Wife Ann DURY be possessed of at the time of her Demise, Except one Bed, which I do give and Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Martha PERRY.

It is further my last Will and Testament that, should my Son John DURY be dead at the time of the Demise of my Wife Ann DURY, then, in that case, the one third part or share of the before mentioned Freehold House or Tenement, with the Garden Ground thereunto belonging, shall be given in equal share and shares between Martha SMITH and Samuel and Martha PERRY and, in case my Daughter Martha SMITH be Dead at the time of my Wife's Demise, then, in that case, her one third share of the Freehold House or Tenement, with The Garden Ground thereunto belonging, shall be given to her Child or Children, share and share alike, if only one Child, to that only Child and, should one or both of my Grandchildren be Dead at the time of the Demise of my Wife, then, in that Case, the part or share, [of] he or she being Dead, shall be given to his or her Child or Children, if only one Child, to that only one Child. But, should it so happen that, my Son John DURY, my Daughter Martha SMITH and my two Grand Children Samuel and Martha PERRY, should all be Dead and having no Child or Children at the time of the Demise of my Wife Ann DURY, Then, in that case, I give and bequeath, by this my last Will and Testament, the before mentioned Freehold House or Tenement, with the Garden Ground thereunto belonging, with the Household Goods, Money etc. etc. after all outstanding Debts, such as the Funeral Expences, Doctor's Bills etc. etc., as before mentioned, are paid, to the nearest of my Surviving Relations.

It is likewise my last Will and Testament That I do give and Bequeath all and every part of my wearing apparel, that shall or may be left at the time of my Demise, to my son John DURY, for his own private use; it is further my last Will and Testament that, at the Demise of my wife Ann DURY, that her wearing apparel shall be equally divided between my Daughter Martha SMITH and my Grand Daughter Martha PERRY, share and share alike, but, should it so happen that my Daughter Martha SMITH and my Grand Daughter Martha PERRY should be both Dead at the time of my Wife's Demise, then, in that case, her Cloaths shall be equally Divided between the Eldest Daughters of the before said Martha SMITH and Martha PERRY, should she be married and having a Daughter, share and share alike.

And I do, by this my last Will and Testament, Nominate and appoint to be my Executors, George PERRY and James SMITH my two Sons in Law, to see to(o) and Execute every part and parts of this my last Will and Testament, to the best of their Power, as they will have to answer before God at the last Day, not so to do. And I do declare this to be my last Will and Testament, disan/n'juling all and every Will, that shall or may have been made by me before, and I do declare all former wills to be null and void. Therefore I say and do Declare this to be my last Will and Testament, as written on those Four Sheets of Paper, to which I have separately and jointly signed my Hand and sett my Seal accordingly, this Twenty ninth Day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred Twenty five and in the sixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the fourth, in the Presence of. Signed - The Mark of X Thomas DURY.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Thomas DURY as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us, the Subscribers. James CHIVERS, Abra'm COLLIER, Tho's FLOWER.

HIGH LITTLETON WILLS, ADMINISTRATIONS and INVENTORIES & INDEX

Probate of the Will of Thomas DURY deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 11th June 1827 to George PERRY of Clutton, Accountant, and James SMITH of Timsbury, Coal Miner, the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Thomas DURY late of High Littleton, Coal Miner, who died on 28th December 1825. Sworn that Personal Estate before deducting debts, was under £200 and that the deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. George PERRY, The Mark of X James SMITH.

(SRO ED Wills Box 66 No. 946)

[Thomas DURY was buried at High Littleton on 1st January 1826 aged 72. He was baptized in 1754, son of James and Ann DURY, married in 1776 Ann JONES and had 4 children, John (baptized 1777), Martha (1780, who had an illegitimate child, Charles Lovell, in 1800, married in 1804 James SMITH, had 7 children and died in 1833), James (1782, died 1782) and Betty (1784, who married at St. James, Bristol in 1802 George PERRY, had Martha, baptized 1803 and Samuel, 1807 and died in 1815). The widowed Ann DURY moved to Clutton and died in 1831 aged 74. The cottage which Thomas DURY owned was part of the complex adjoining the High Littleton Inn.]

Extract of Will of **Josiah FEARE** of Paulton.

2 Messuages and Lands in High Littleton (originally demised by Thomas HODGES to Josiah FEARE for the lesser of 99 years from 27 June 1727 and the lives of Josiah and his sons Lyne and Solomon) devised to his daughter Hepzibah for life and after her death to his son Solomon FEARE.

Probate granted at Wells 17 Sep 1734.

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds SRO DD/MGG 3)

[Hepzibah FEARE married Thomas GIBBS between 1734 and 1740 and died before 1751.]

Extract of Will of **Mary FLOWER** of High Littleton.

To Son Samuel EVANS, Leasehold Dwelling House, with Garden and Appurtenances, at High Littleton (now in the occupation of William WALL and John EVANS, as Tenants) for life and, after his death, to his children Mary and John EVANS. If either die before attaining the age of 21, then to the Survivor.

To Grand Daughter the said Mary EVANS (Daughter of the abovementioned Samuel), a Feather Bed Bolster, a pair of Blankets, a pair of Sheets, a pair of Bolster Cases, a Quilt with the Bedstead thereunto belonging.

To Daughter Mary FLOWER, a silver Tea Pot and Stand, a silver Cream Jug, silver Gravy Spoon, silver Sugar Tongs and a mahogany Tea Tray with silver handles.

To Son Thomas FLOWER, a large Looking Glass with gilt frame.

To Daughter Anna FLOWER, a silver Tankard, a pair of silver Salts, a silver Pepper Castor, Japan'd Tea Tray, Silver Punch Ladle and 3 Silver Table Spoons.

To Daughters the said Mary FLOWER and Anna FLOWER, the Residue equally.

Probate of the Will of Mary FLOWER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 24th April 1806 to Jeremiah EMORY and Thomas FLOWER, the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Mary FLOWER, late of High Littleton.

Estate under £200.

(SRO IR 26/291 87)

[Mary FLOWER was buried at High Littleton on 22nd January 1806. She was 56. Born Mary EMERY, she married in 1768 John EVANS, who died in 1777, and had 4 children, Ann (died young in 1769), Samuel (baptized 1770), John (1773) and James (1776). Mary married secondly in 1779 Thomas FLOWER, by whom she had Mary (1781, who married at St. James, Bath in 1808 Joseph BUSH), Thomas (1783) and Anna (1786, who married at St. Mary's Chapel, Walcot in 1805 James BUSH). Thomas FLOWER predeceased his wife.]

Thomas **FRAUNCIS [FRANCIS]** of High Littleton, husbandman, died intestate.

Admon. granted at PCC London 1650.

(PROB6/25 f.60)

Extract of Will of **Joan FRY** of Hallatrow in High Littleton, Somerset, spinster, dated 20th December 1734.

Having a great affection for Mr John PURNELL of Hallatrow and finding him to be a kind husband to his wife, who is my kinswoman, I give all my lands in Midsomer Norton to him and all my lands in Child Compton. Joan FRY.

Proved at PCC 13 September 1737.

(FRY collection Box 2, Special Collections Store A at SOG)

[Mrs Joan FRY was buried on 8 July 1737. She was probably a sister or daughter of Samuel FRY, tinplate worker of Bristol, who married in 1712 Charity (born c.1682/3), daughter of John and Ann HILL. Charity's sister, Ann (born 1690/1) married firstly in 1710 Charles HUMPHREYS and secondly in 1713 John PURNELL of Hallatrow.]

Will of **John GILFORD alias PAYNTER** of High Littleton.

In the name of God, amen, the vith of the month of April in the yeare of our lord a thousand fyve hundreth eyghtie & eyght and in the year of our moste Gracious Soverayne ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of god, *[of]* Englande, France and Irelande Queene, defender of the fayth the 30th, I John GYLLFORDE als. PAYNTER *[PAYTER in one copy]* of High Littellton, being of whole mynde, laude and prayse be unto Allmyghtie god, macke and ordayne this my presente Testamente *[containinge]* herein my laste wille in maner and forme followinge.

Fyerste, I comende my Soulle unto allmightie god my mayker and Redemer and my bodye to be buryed in the parish Church of or Churchyard of High Litellton in the dioces of Baythe and Welles.

I geve and bequethe to the Cathyrall Church of Welles 4d.

I geve and bequethe Littellton 7d.

the Residue of all my goods not bequethe, my deth and funerall performed, movabell and unmovabell I geve and bequeth unto Elizabeth my wife and Eydethe my daughter, whom I doe constitute and ordayne to be my joynte and wholle Executorices to dystribut and dyspose for the wellthe and Sallvation of my Soule as yt shall be most beaste & meyttest by there discretion.

In witnesseth hereof John PITMAN of Wokeye, John PHILLPES.

Probate granted at Welles 31st January 1588/9 to Elizabeth his relict.

Debtes upon the sayde testator:

Imprimis to John DANDO - 16d.

Item to John NOURTH - 12d.

Item to Ge. RICARDE - 4/6.

Item to John COLLYER - 12d.

Item to John PHILLPES - 20d.

Debtes due to the sayde testator:

Imprimis John DASHEFYLDE the elder - 5s. 4d.

Item John DASHEFYLDE the younger for oblationes - 8d.

Item John HODGES for oblationes for four yeares, with all his houseolde.

Item John HODGES for kyne, caulfes and teything haye for foure yeares.

Item Thomas TYLER two yeares accomptit unpayde.

(D/D/ct. 112 & 115 - 2 versions with small variations, 1 copy torn and bits missing)

Extract of Will of **William HARDING** of High Littleton.

I, William HARDING of High Littleton, Somerset, horse driver, make my last will.

To my wife - my dwelling house I live in, my brew house and garden and my dwelling house in the possession of John DANDOE and my household goods.

To my son James - 1/-

To my son William - the dwelling house, now in possession of John DANDOE, after my wife's death.

To my three daughters Mary, Eleanor and Betty HARDING - the house I now live in and household goods, after my wife's death.

To my wife - my goods and Importances belonging to her, and I make her Executor.

The mark of William HARDING. 13th March 1768.

Signed and sealed in the presence of John DANDOE and John HART.

Proved before the Rev'd Morgan COX by the Executrix.

(HARDING file in Newton WADE Collection Box 2, SOG Upper Library)

[William HARDING was buried at High Littleton on 16 March 1768. He married in 1742 Mary ROBINS and had at least 6 children, James, William (died 1744), William (baptized 1746), Mary (1749), Eleanor (1753) and Betty (1756). Mary subsequently married John HOOK, after being a widow for a mere 7 weeks and died in 1780. The 2 houses mentioned above, which appear to have been around Church Barton, were leased for lives from the JONES estate. John and Mary HOOK lived in one and sublet the other. A new lease of the 2 cottages and garden was entered into in 1773 for the lives of Mary HOOK, late HARDING, James HARDING, her son, and Mary BUTCHER, late HARDING.]

Will of **Cornelius HARRIS** of High Littleton, Yeoman.

In the name of God Amen, I Cornelius HARRIS of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following, (that is to say):

I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary HARRIS, All and singular my Freehold, leasehold and personal Estates and also all other the estate and effects, whereof I may be seized or possessed at the time of my decease, To hold the same and every part thereof unto her, my said Wife Mary HARRIS and her Assigns, for and during the term of her natural Life. And from and after her decease, then, I give, devise and bequeath the same and every part thereof, unto my Daughter Sarah MILES and my Grand daughter Christian MILES, To hold unto them, the said Sarah MILES and Christian MILES, their heirs, executors, administrators and Assigns for ever, or for all my Estate and Interest therein, according to the nature or respective natures thereof, Upon the Trusts nevertheless and to and for the intents and purposes following, (that is to say), Upon trust, to let and set the same estates and receive and take the Rents, issues and profits thereof and to give good and sufficient discharges therefore and to pay and apply the same rents, issues and profits, to and for the sustentation and maintenances of my Daughter Elizabeth HARRIS, for and during the term of her natural Life, And of whose person and fortune, I hereby appoint my said Daughter Sarah MILES Curatrix and Guardian. And from and after the decease of my said Daughter Elizabeth HARRIS, then, I give and devise unto William BROOKES of Kingsmill [*Kingwell intended*] in High Littleton aforesaid, Yeoman, All that Messuage or Tenement, with the Garden thereto adjoining and belonging, situate at the East end of three several Tenements at Kingsmill aforesaid and now in the Occupation of John FIELDING, To hold the same and every part thereof unto the said William BROOKES and his Assigns for life. And after his decease, then, I give and devise the same Messuage or Tenement, unto his Son John BROOKES, his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give, devise and bequeath All the rest, residue and remainder of my Real and Personal estate and effects unto my said Daughter Sarah MILES, To hold the same and every part thereof unto her, the said Sarah MILES, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever, or for all my estate and interest therein, according to the respective natures or qualities thereof.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said Daughter Sarah MILES and my said Granddaughter Christian MILES, joint Executrixes of this my Will. And, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, I declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Eighth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seven. C. HARRIS.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in the presence of each other, in his presence and at his request, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses. W'm THOMAS, Solicitor, Bristol, Sarah THOMAS, his wife, B. GRINDON, Clerk to Mr THOMAS.

Probate of the Will of Cornelius HARRIS deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 5th May 1817 to Sarah MILES of Englishbatch, Englishcombe, Widow, one of the Executrixes named in the last Will and Testament of Cornelius HARRIS, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on [blank] December 1812. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £300. Sarah MILES.

(SRO ED Wills Box 23 No. 419)

Cornelius HARRIS was buried at High Littleton on 25th December 1812. He married at Cameley in 1762 Mary PURNELL (baptized at Stowey 1742) and had 5 children, Sarah (baptized 1763, who married at Englishcombe in 1783 George MILES and had Christian and other children), Mary (1765, who married in 1782 William BROOKS, had 11 children including John BROOKS c.1794/5 and died in 1803), Elizabeth (1771), Christian (1780, died 1783) and Martha (1784, died 1785). Cornelius lived at Rugbourne from where he farmed approximately 125 acres, which was leased from the JONES Estate. He also occupied land near Kingwell under a lease dated 20th June 1773 for lives and owned Kingwell Cottages and gardens. Cornelius first paid Poor Rates in 1761 on land previously belonging to Thomas HARRIS. Mary HARRIS, Cornelius' widow, died in 1826 aged 83.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John HARRISON** of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Beer Seller.

I devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate and effects unto and to the use of my Wife Hannah HARRISON and my son Thomas HARRISON, for and during the natural life of her my said Wife, Upon trust, to permit and suffer her to receive and enjoy the rents, issues, interest and annual profits thereof, without impeachment of waste and, from and after her decease, I dispose of the same as follows, viz't:

I give and bequeath to each of my sons, Thomas and Edward, the legacy or sum of twenty five pounds.

I give and bequeath to each of my daughters, Betsey MATTHEWS, Ann NAYLOR and Sarah BELL, the legacy or sum of ten pounds, to be paid to them respectively or the respective executors, administrators or assigns within twelve months after the death of my daughter Mary HARRISON (if she shall survive my said Wife) and I charge the same upon my freehold property devised to my four sons, in manner hereinafter mentioned.

I devise and bequeath to my said daughter Mary HARRISON the annuity or periodical sum of four shillings weekly, during the term of her natural life, for her sole use and benefit, free and discharged from the control, debts or engagements of any husband whom she may marry and I expressly declare and direct that her receipts alone, under her own hand, shall be the sufficient discharges for the same, when and as, from time to time, it shall have become due and payable and that she shall [*have - omitted*] no power of anticipation or charge thereof, And that, in case she shall attempt by any means to anticipate the same or any part thereof or to charge or incumber, assign, transfer or dispose of the same or any part thereof, in any way whatsoever, then and from thenceforth such said annuity or periodical payment shall cease and become absolutely void and I charge the same upon my freehold property devised to my said sons, in manner hereinafter mentioned. And I give to my said daughter the like powers of distress and entry, upon the respective properties, upon which the same is hereby charged, for recovery thereof from time to time, according to the proportions wherein the same is so charged, as are possessed by Landlords for recovery of rent in arrear.

I bequeath to my Executors hereinafter appointed the sum of ten pounds, now standing in my name in the Bath Savings Bank, Upon trust, to accumulate the same in the nature of Compound interest, on it's present security, with power to transpose the same, in case it shall become necessary for any urgent cause, from the time of the decease of my said Wife, until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven and then to pay the same, with it's accumulations, unto my Grand daughter Martha Beak HARRISON, if she shall then be living and, in case of her decease, Then Upon trust for all and every her Child and Children, if more than one, to be equally divided between them and, in default of such issue, then upon trust for her Mother, if she shall then be living but, in case of her decease, then Upon trust for all my Grandchildren, who shall be then living, in equal shares.

I devise part of the dwellinghouse and premises, which I now occupy, that is to say, the Kitchen and Pantry adjoining thereto and so much of the Garden as is walled in, lying on the Northward side of the path that leads to the privy, unto and to the use of my son Thomas HARRISON and his heirs absolutely, provided he shall be living at the death of my said Wife but, in case he shall be then dead, I devise the same unto his present wife Mary HARRISON, for her life, in case she shall so long continue his Widow and, after her decease or marriage or if either of the said events shall then have happened, I devise the same unto and to the use of the eldest or only son of my said son Thomas HARRISON (as the case may be), who shall then be living, his heirs and assigns for ever but, if there shall be no son then living, I devise the same unto and to the use of the eldest or only daughter of my said son Thomas HARRISON (as the case may be), her heirs and assigns for ever but, in case there shall be no Child then living, I devise the same unto all my Grandchildren, who shall be then living, and their heirs, in equal shares as tenants in common. I charge the same (from the death of my said Wife) with the payment of the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings, being one fourth part of the total of the before mentioned legacies of ten pounds each, bequeathed to my said three daughters, when and as the same shall become payable, and with the payment of one shilling per week to my daughter Mary HARRISON, being one fourth part of the before mentioned annuity or periodical sum hereinbefore devised to her.

I devise the other part of the dwellinghouse and premises, which I now occupy and used as the Shop, together with the little room at the back part thereof and the Shed and back premises belonging thereto, unto and to the use of my son Edward HARRISON and his heirs absolutely, if he shall be living at the death of my said Wife but, if he shall be then dead, I devise the same to his Wife, sons and daughters successively (as the case may be) and, in default of such, to my Grandchildren, in precisely the same manner and for the like estates and subject to the like charges, being one other fourth part of the said legacies and of the said annuity, as I have lastly hereinbefore directed as to the part of my dwellinghouse and premises devised to my said son Thomas HARRISON and the other persons in such devise specified.

I devise all that my dwellinghouse, with the two pieces of Garden Ground in front, now occupied by George YOUNG, unto and to the use of my son George HARRISON and his heirs absolutely, if he shall be living at the time of the death of my said Wife but, if he shall be then dead, I devise the same to his Wife, sons and daughters successively (as the case may be) and, in default of such, to my Grandchildren, in precisely the same manner and for the like estates and subject to the like charges, being one other fourth part of the said legacies and of the said annuity, as I have hereinbefore directed as to the part of my dwellinghouse and premises devised to my said son Thomas HARRISON and the other persons in such devise specified.

I devise all that my dwellinghouse and premises, now occupied by William ASHMAN, together with the plot of Ground that lies on the Northward side of the house and extending to the path leading to the privy and adjoining to Richard TUCKER's Ground, unto and to the use of my son William HARRISON and his heirs absolutely, if he shall be living at the death of my said Wife but, if he shall be then dead, I devise the same unto his Wife, sons

and daughters (as the case may be) and, in default of such, to my Grandchildren, in precisely the same manner and for the like estates and subject to the like charges, being the remaining fourth part of the said legacies and of the said annuity, as I have hereinbefore directed as to the part of my dwellinghouse and premises devised to my son Thomas HARRISON and the other persons in such devise specified.

I devise and bequeath all estates vested in me, as mortgagee or Trustee, unto my said son Thomas HARRISON and his heirs, subject to the conditions and upon the trusts whereon I shall hold the same at the time of my decease and I direct that the monies secured by such Mortgages shall be deemed and taken as part of my personal estate.

I devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects unto all my Children, their heirs and assigns, in equal shares and proportions as tenants in common.

I appoint my said Wife and my said son Thomas HARRISON, Executrix and Executor of this my Will and I hereby revoke all other Wills by me made and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof, I have to this, my last Will and Testament, contained in four sheets of paper and affixed together to the first three sheets thereof, set my hand and, to this fourth and last sheet thereof, my hand and seal, this twenty second day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty four. John HARRISON.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator John HARRISON, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us present at the same time, who, in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses. John REES MOGG, Sol'r, Cholwell, Som't, Thom. MELLHUISEH [*MELHUISEH intended*], Clerk to Messrs J. & W. REES MOGG, Sol'rs, Cholwell, Som't.

Probate of the Will of John HARRISON deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 3rd April 1848 to Thomas HARRISON of High Littleton, Butcher, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of John HARRISON, late of High Littleton, Beer Seller, who died on 11th October 1847. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. Thomas HARRISON.

(SRO ED Wills Box 227 No. 278)

[John HARRISON was buried at High Littleton on 18th October 1847 aged 79. He was born at Westbury upon Severn on 1st September 1768, son of Edward and Betty HARRISON, married in 1799 Hannah TUCKER (born 1780) and settled in High Littleton, working as a cordwainer before becoming a shopkeeper. He had 9 children, Betsey (born 1800, who married --- MATTHEWS and died 1880), Mary (born 1802, described in one Census as an imbecile who died in 1887, having had an illegitimate daughter Martha Beak HARRISON, born 1835, described as an idiot from birth, who died in Clutton Workhouse in 1893), Ann (1803, who married at St. James, Bath in 1828 Joseph Thomas NAYLOR and died 1852), Thomas (1806), William (1808), Sarah (1811, who married at St. James, Bath in 1829 Abraham BELL), George (1813), John (1816) and Edward (1818). John's 3 houses (including the shop) were at The Batch, High Littleton. Hannah HARRISON, John's widow, died on 30th September 1848 aged 68.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me, **Joseph HART** of High Littleton, in the County of Somerset, Carpenter.

I give, devise and bequeath the whole of my property, estate and effects unto and to the sole use and behoof of my Wife Mary HART and her assigns, for and during the term of her natural life, and from and after her decease I give, devise and bequeath the same unto and to the use and behoof of my son Samuel HART, his Executors, Administrators and assigns, for and during and unto the full end and term of four years or for such longer time or term as shall be requisite and necessary for the performance of the trusts hereby in him reposed and hereinafter declared, of and concerning the said term (that is to say), Upon trust, To receive and take the rents, issues and proceeds of such of my said estate as shall consist of Messuages or dwellinghouses and Gardens or otherwise savour of reality and pay and apply the same, when so received, for and towards the sustenation and reparation of my Cottages and premises and the liquidation and payment of all my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses of what nature and kind soever.

And, from and after the expiration of the said term of years and the full payment and liquidation of my said debts, I give, devise and bequeath my said property, estate and effects as follows (that is to say):

I give, devise and bequeath unto my Son John HART, my Cottages, gardens and premises, respectively occupied by myself, William HARRIS, James HARRIS and John WHATLEY, the first mentioned of such said Cottages and Gardens being held by Lease for the lives of myself and my Son John HART, and the three other of such said Cottages and premises being held by lease for the lives of my said Sons, John HART and Samuel HART, and Joseph TUCKER, To have and to hold the same Cottages, gardens and premises, with such rights of way as now appertain to and are enjoyed therewith respectively, unto my said Son John HART, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for all my Estate and Interest therein respectively.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my said Son Samuel HART my Cottages, Gardens and premises, respectively occupied by George COLES, Samuel BULL and William PERRY, the first mentioned two of such said Cottages and Gardens being held by Lease for the lives of myself and the said John HART and the other of such said Cottages and premises, being held by Lease for the lives of my said Sons John HART and Samuel HART and the said Joseph TUCKER, To have and to hold the same Cottages, Gardens and premises, with such rights of way as now appertain to or are enjoyed with the same, unto my said Son Samuel HART, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, for all my estate and interest therein respectively.

I give and bequeath unto my Grandchildren as follows (that is to say):

to Maria Susannah WINDMILL Three pounds,
to Selina EVANS Ten Shillings,
to Mary EVANS Ten shillings,
to Sarah EVANS Ten shillings,
to Samuel EVANS One shilling,
and to Charles EVANS Ten shillings.

I also give and bequeath to my said Son John HART my mahogany Table and a silver Table Spoon.

I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, estate and effects, unto and to the use of my said Son Samuel HART, his heirs, executors and administrators absolutely and I appoint the said Samuel HART sole Executor of this my Will.

I hereby revoke all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said Joseph HART, have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in two sheets of paper, set my hand and seal, that is to say, my hand to the first sheet and my hand and seal to this second and last Sheet of Paper, this thirtieth day of October One thousand eight hundred and forty one. Joseph HART.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Joseph HART, 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 Withesses. John REES MOGG, Solicitor, Cholwell, Som't, Hugh JAMES, High littleton, Farmer.

Probate of the Will of Joseph HART deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 22nd January 1842 to Samuel HART of Farmborough, Carpenter, the sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Joseph HART, late of High Littleton, Carpenter, who died on 3rd November 1841. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £200. Samuel HART.

(SRO ED Wills Box 187 No. 36)

[Joseph HART was buried at High Littleton on 7th November 1841 aged 76. He was baptized in 1765, son of John and Betty HART, married in 1789 Mary FLOWER and had 6 children, Sarah (baptized 1790, who married at St. Mary Redcliff in 1815 Samuel EVANS), John (1792, died 1794), Julia (1794, died 1794), John (1795), Mary (1797, died unmarried 1838) and Samuel (1799). Joseph's widow Mary HART died in 1845. Joseph's cottages were leased for lives from the JONES (later BURDETT) Estate and were around Church Barton; the earliest lease, from Lady JONES, dated 31st May 1787, for the lives of John HART & his sons Joseph and Samuel, was for a cottage and garden, but Joseph subsequently acquired leases of the adjacent property and erected more cottages, ending up with 7 in total.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann HASSELL [HAZELL] of the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Spinster.

I give, devise and bequeath unto William HASSELL of Chewstoke in the County of Somerset (Grandson of my late Brother John HASSELL) and my Niece Ann LYDE, Widow of High Littleton aforesaid (Daughter of my late Brother William HASSELL), their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all and every my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever (not hereinafter specifically disposed of), Upon trust, that they, the said William HASSELL and Ann LYDE and the Survivor of them and the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, do and shall, with all convenient speed after my decease, sell, dispose of and convert into money so much thereof as shall be in it's nature saleable and collect, get in and receive the residue thereof and, with and out of the said Monies, do pay, satisfy and discharge all and every my just debts, Funeral and Testamentary Expences and, in the next place, do pay and discharge the several Legacies next hereinafter given and bequeathed, (that is to say):

Upon trust, to pay the Child or Children of the late John HASSELL, the son of my said late Brother John HASSELL, the sum of Forty pounds sterling, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in Common, to be paid and payable when and as they shall respectively attain their full Ages of twenty one years but, in case at my death the said Children of the said John HASSELL shall not all have attained the full age of twenty one years, then Upon trust, as to the Share or respective Shares of such Child or Children as shall not have attained such age, to lay out and invest the same, in their, his or her own names or name, in the parliamentary Stocks or public Funds of Great Britain or at Interest upon Government or real Securities in England or Wales or in any Saving

Bank and from time to time, when and as occasion shall require, to alter, vary and transfer the same Stock, Funds or Securities for or into other Stocks, funds or Securities of the like nature and, until such Child or Children shall respectively attain the full Age of twenty one years, Upon further trust, to receive the yearly dividends, Interest and annual produce of the Share or respective shares of such Child or Children and the Stocks, funds or Securities on which the same shall be from time to time invested and the Interest, dividends and annual produce thereof and accumulate the same in the nature of compound Interest and do and shall alter and vary the said Dividends, Interest and annual produce and the accumulations for or into any other Stocks, Funds or Securities of the like nature, at their or his discretion, and when, and as soon as, such said Child or Children shall respectively attain the said Age of Twenty one Years, then Upon trust, to pay the same unto such Child or Children, his, her or their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns.

And upon trust to pay to the said William HASSELL of Chewstoke and other the Child or Children of the late William HASSELL, the Son of my said late Brother John HASSELL, the Sum of Forty pounds Sterling, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in Common, to be paid and payable as to Minors, when and as they shall respectively attain their full ages of Twenty one years.

And upon trust to pay to the Child or Children of the late John HASSELL, the Son of my late Brother Charles HASSELL, the sum of Forty pounds Sterling, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in Common, to be paid and payable when and as they shall respectively attain their full age of twenty one years.

And also upon trust to pay to the Children of Sarah WALKER, the deceased Sister of the said Ann LYDE, the sum of ten pounds Sterling, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in Common, to be paid and payable as to Minors, when and as they shall severally attain the full age of twenty one years.

And also upon trust to pay to Mary BROAD, the illegitimate Daughter of Charles HASSELL, Son of my late Brother William HASSELL, the sum of Five pounds Sterling.

And also upon trust, immediately after my decease, to deliver my Bible and Tea Chest to Hester VEALE, Grand-daughter of my late Brother Charles, and one of my three Gold Rings to her Sister Ann HASSELL, and one other of my Gold Rings and one of my two pair of Silver Links to Sarah WALKER, daughter of the before mentioned Sarah WALKER.

And upon Trust to pay and deliver all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects, unto the said Ann LYDE, her Executors, Administrators and Assigns.

I direct that all Legacies, hereinbefore given to or directed to be paid to Minors, shall become Interests vested in them immediately upon my decease, although the payment thereof is postponed until the said Legatees respectively attain the age of twenty one years, And all other Legacies, hereby given, shall be paid and payable at the expiration of twelve Calendar Months from my decease. And I also direct that my said Trustees shall pay and apply the share of the said Ann LYDE, if married before the final distribution of my Estate, and the shares of any other married Female Legatees under this my Will, to and for the separate use of such Legatees and as they shall direct, apart from their Husbands and free from their controul, debts or engagements. And that, as to the respective shares of all such persons as shall be entitled to any sum of money, by virtue of this my Will, And who shall not at the time of my death have attained the full age of Twenty one years, my said Trustees shall lay out, invest and accumulate the same in like manner, to all intents and purposes, as is hereinbefore contained and expressed, of and concerning the share or respective shares of the Child or Children of John HASSELL, Son of my late Brother John HASSELL and shall, when and as such Child or Children, whose shares shall be so invested as aforesaid, shall respectively attain the full age of twenty one Years, pay the same unto such Child or Children, his, her or their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns. And, the better to enable my said Trustees to perform the Trusts hereby reposed in them, I do hereby declare that the receipt or receipts of my said Trustees, or the Survivor of them, or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor, for all Monies paid or Securities given, under or by virtue of this my Will, shall, in all cases, be a good and effectual discharge or discharges for all monies or Securities thereby acknowledged to have been received or given and the person or persons paying any sum or sums of money to my said Trustees, by virtue of this my Will, shall not afterwards be obliged to see to the application thereof or be in any way answerable or accountable for the loss, misapplication or nonapplication of the same or any part thereof. Provided always and I do declare that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Trustees and Trustee for the time being, to pay and reimburse themselves and himself respectively, with or out of my Estate, all such Costs, charges and Expenses as they or any or either of them shall pay, bear, sustain and incur in or about the Execution of the Trusts of this my Will or any matter or thing relating thereto. And that they shall not be charged or chargeable with or for any more of my Monies and Estate than *[than - intended]* they shall respectively actually receive, nor for any loss or damage that may happen thereto, without their respective wilful default and that the one shall not be answerable or accountable for the Acts, Deeds, receipts and defaults of the others or other of them, but each of them for his own Acts, deeds, receipts and defaults only. Provided lastly and I do hereby declare that, on the death, refusal or incapacity to act of either of them, the said William HASSELL and Ann LYDE or of any Trustee or Trustees to be appointed in his, her or their place or stead, it shall be lawful for the acting Trustee or Trustees, for the time being, of this my Will

or of the heirs, Executors or Administrators of the last acting Trustee, to appoint a new Trustee or Trustees, in the place or stead of such Trustee or Trustees so dying, refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid and thereupon, the said Trust Estates and premises shall be Conveyed and Assured, so that the same may vest in such new Trustee or Trustees jointly with the surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees or solely, as the case may require, and in his or their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Upon the Trusts and for the ends, intents and purposes, hereinbefore expressed and declared, of and concerning the same.

And lastly, I do hereby appoint them, the said William HASELL and Ann LYDE, joint Executor and Executrix of this my Will And I hereby revoke all other Wills, by me at any time heretofore made, and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said Ann HASELL, have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in four Sheets of Paper, set my hand and Seal, (that is to say) my hand to the first three Sheets and my hand and Seal to this fourth and last Sheet of Paper, this fourth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. The Mark and Seal of X Ann HASELL.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Ann HASELL, the Testator, as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, at the same time, who, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other altogether, have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto. W'm WILLIAMS, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't, Henry FERBRACHE, Clerk to Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't.

Probate of the Will of Ann HASELL deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 23rd February 1841 to William HAZELL (in the Will written HASELL) of Chewstoke, Butcher, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Ann HASELL late of High Littleton, Spinster, who died on 2nd February 1841. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £200 and that the deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. William HAZELL.

(SRO ED Wills Box 179 No. 208)

[Ann HAZELL of Farmborough was buried at High Littleton on 9th February 1841 aged 90. Her niece Ann HASELL married at Chew Magna in 1818 James LYDE and the other niece Sarah HAZELL married at Long Ashton in 1803 James WALKER. In 1825 Nanny (Ann) HASELL was renting a cottage and garden opposite High Littleton Churchyard from the MOGGs.]

Will of **Edith HILL** of High Littleton.

In the nam of god, Amen, the 21st day of March in the year of our Lord god accordinge to the computation of the church of England 1616, I Edde HILL of the parish of High Litlton in the dioces of Bathe & Wells, widowe, beinge sicke in bodie but of perfecte minde and memorie, praise bee to god allmightie, dooe make and ordaine this my last wille and testament in maner & forme following:

First I comit my soule toe Almighty god my maker and Redemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of High Litlton aforesaide.

Item I giv and bequeth unto my daughter Brughet my beste goune.

Item I giv and bequeth unto my daughter Elzebeth on peticote.

Item I giv and bequeath unto my to younger daughters the rest of my wearinge apparell.

Item I giv and bequeth to my five daughters five sheets.

Item I giv and bequeth three dubell cherchars to Brughet, Elzebeth and Marie.

Item I giv and bequeth fowere pilltours onto Jone, onto Brughet, onto Elzebeth, onto Marie.

Item I giv and bequeth to my daughter Marie my cowe.

Item I giv and bequeth to my sonne John HILL my yearling calfe.

Item I giv and bequeth to John and Brughet my to sheepe.

Item I giv and bequeth to Williame HAKENS the younger my half coulte.

Item all the reste of my goods, movable and unmovable, not geven nore bequethed, I give and bequeth to my sonne Williame HILL and Flower HILL my daughter, whome I doe mak my executors iointly to this my laste wille and testament, to receave my debts and to pay my debts and to see my bodi brought to the earth.

Item I doe apoint my well beloved friends Williame DANDO and Thomas TILLIER my overseers to this my last wille and testament.

In witnes whereof John BLANDON and John BEDFORD.

Proved at Wells 26th April 1616 by Robert HILL, brother. Inventory £18.
(SRO D/D/ct.)

Extract of will of **Isote HILL** of High Littleton, widow, dated 18th December 1562.
Bequest to the mother church of Wells 2d.
Bequest to the church of High Littleton 14d. and to the church of Paulton 8d.
My estate in equal shares to Robert HILL, son of John HILL dec'd & Isabel GRESTE.
Executors said Robert HILL & Isabel GRESTE.

£10. No proof given.
(SRO DD/X/BUL)

Extract of will of **John HYLL** (HILL) of Littleton dated 19th June 1545.
Mentions sons Robert & John HILL,
Bequest to the Cathedral of Wells.
John SMITH, executor.

Proved at Wells -- 1545 by John SMITH.
(SRO DD/X/BUL)

Extract of will of **John HILL** of High Littleton dated - November 1558.
Mentions brother Robert HILL,
Bequests to the churches of Keynsham and High Littleton.
Robert HILL, executor.

Proved at Wells-- 1558 by Robert HILL.
(SRO DD/X/BUL)

Extract of will of **John HILL** of High Littleton dated 4th February 1567/8.
Mentions son Richard HILL's eldest son John HILL.
Son Richard HILL, executor.

Proved at Wells 18 May 1568.
(SRO DD/X/BUL)

Extract of will of **John HILL** of High Littleton dated 26th July 1591.
Mentions daughters Joan, Agnes & Edith.
Henry BENNY, Tho's HODGES & Robert HILL, overseers.

Proved at Wells 3rd November 1591 by Edith HILL, relict, executrix named. T. paid by Edith HILL, executor.
Inventory £14.
(SRO DD/X/BUL)

Will of **John HILL** of High Littleton.

Probate granted at Wells 7th March 1609/10. T. paid by Edith HILL, relict, Executrix. Inventory £59.
(Probates & Admons. 1564-1611)

Will of **John HILL** the elder of High Littleton.

In the name of God, Amen, The Eight and Twentieth day of January in the yeare of our Lord God 1614, I John HILL th'elder of High litleton in the dioces of Bath and Wells, yeoman, being sicke in bodie but of perfect mynde and memorie, prayse be to the Allmightie, doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge.

First, I comitt my Soule to Allmightie God, my maker and Redeemer And my body to be buried in the Church or Churchyard of (of) High litleton aforesaid.

Item - I give and bequeath to the poore of the said parish of High litleton £5, to remayne a stocke to the use of the said poore for ever, the which stocke shall remayne from tyme to tyme in the hands and custodie of John BRYTTON and John NOORTHE or such as they shall thinke fitt, And the use yearly, that is to saye 10s., to be bestowed upon the said poore at the discretion of the said keepers of the stocke and the Collectors for the poore, the one halfe at Easter and the other half at Crismas, continually every yeare.

Item - I give and bequeath to the poore of Pensford 20s. to be devided at the discretion of the Collectors for the poore there and some substantiall men of the said Pensford.

Item - I give and bequeath unto Maude my wife, the two bedds that she doe lie uppon, w'th a boulder, a paire of the best sheetes in the house, the best paire of blanketts and the best Coverlidd, my best brining pann, my best Crocke and two platters.

Item - I give and bequeath to my kinsman Beniamy KINGE £40.

Item - I give and bequeath to my kinswoman Besse KING £40.

Item - I give and bequeath to my kinswoman Maude KINGE £40.

Item - I give and bequeath to my kinsman Alexandder their brother £40.

Item - I give and bequeath to my sister Joane STOCKE her children £40 a peece.

Item - I give and bequeath to my sister Edieth DANDO her daughter £40.

Item - *[I]* give and bequeath to my man Anthony SPURLOCKE £6.13. 4d.

Item - I give and bequeath to my servant Joan DRYALL £6.13. 4d.

Item - I give and bequeath to Thomas KEYFORD, that was my man, £6.13. 4d.

Item - I give and bequeath to Ellnor LIPPIETT the best cover that I have.

Item - I give and bequeath to Thomas JONES, the vicar of High littleton, 20s.

Item - all the rest of my goods, Cattells, Chattles and Credits, movable and unmovable not given nor bequeathed, I give and bequeath unto my fower sisters Ellnor, Joane STOCKE, Edieth and Agnes, whom I doe make my full and whole Executrixces ioyntly to this my last Will and Testament, to receive my debts and paye my debts and to see my body brought to the earth.

Item - my will is that if my sister Agnes will not be ordered and directed in making of her match for mariage by my Overseers and the rest of her sisters, that then shee shall have noe benefitt by her executrixshipp.

Item - my will is that if either of *[my]* sisters Ellnor, Joane STOCKE, Edieth, or Agnes shall or doe strive, contend or offer to go to lawe about the partinge or devidinge of my goods or my land, that then shee which soever of them shall soe doe, shall have no part of the goods or the land, but her part to be divided equally amongst the rest.

Item - I doe apoint my welbeloved freinds, Thomas HILL the elder of High littleton and Robert HILL of Farmborow, my Overseers to this my last Will and Testament, and they to have for their faithfull paines £5 a peece.

Item - I doe nominate and appoint my good freinds John BRITTON, John SMITH, Barnabe HODGES, John HILL, the sonne of Robert HILL of Tymsborow, Thomas *[? G obscured by blot]* and Anthony GARDNER to carry my bodie to my grave and they to have for their paines a french Crowne Apeece.

And in witnes hereof I have, with my owne hand, Sealed and signed this my last Will and Testament, in the presence of John HILL, Rob't HILL, Tho. JONES.

Proved at PCC London on 25th August 1617 by Elianor THOMPSON, Joan STOCKE, Edith DANDO and Agnes HILL.

(Q.80 PROB11/130 f.129-30)

Extract of will of **John HILL** of High Littleton dated 18th May 1692.

Gave several legacies to wife Ann, on condition that within 6 months of his death she releases to John's heirs & trustees all her title of dower and thirds thereto; but if she claims her dower & won't release, then the legacies are void and remain to Richard the son.

Lands given on trust to Henry HOLE, Thomas FRY and John DANDO for 100 years, for maintenance & education of Deborah, daughter of John's 1st marriage, son Richard and 4 daughters of John's second marriage & for raising out of the rents of the lands, £110 for Deborah and £100 a piece for the other 4 daughters. If any daughter dies before the age of 23 or if all die, such legacies remain to Richard.

Son Richard HILL made residuary legatee and executor.

Admon. (with Will) granted at Wells 12th February 1695 to Thomas FRY (Henry HOLE and John DANDO renouncing).

[John HILL, the son of Richard & Charity HILL married firstly Mary SHUTER and had 1 daughter, Deborah (baptized 1672/3, who married Francis BENDALL of Chewton Mendip, had Mary and died aged 22). Mary HILL died and John married Ann, by whom he had at least 5 children, Mary (born 1680, who married in 1711 James COWARD), Charity (born c.1682/3, who married in 1712 Samuel FRY), Richard (baptized 1686/7, died aged 13 or 14), Sarah (baptized 1690/1, who married in 1712 John LEACH) and Ann (born 1690/1, who married firstly in 1710 Charles HUMPHREYS and secondly in 1713 John PURNELL).]

Extract of last will and testament of **Richard HILL** the elder of Hallatrow, yeoman, made 4th April 1687.

1. I bequeath to son John HILL all monies due and owing from John LOCKIAR the elder and John LOCKIAR the younger, as by Bond appears.

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2. I give to daughter Joane, now wife of Benjamin PERRATT 5s.
3. I give to Jane PERRATT my grand daughter £20, to be paid to Benjamin PERRATT her father for her use by Thomas BIGGS in lieu of money disbursed for him according to an order of sessions.
4. I give to said grand daughter Jane PERRATT £20 to be paid likewise to Benjamin PERRATT her father for her use by said Thomas BIGGS out of the mortgage I have of his estate.
5. Whereas my son in law John TRIPP owes me £17, I give his wife Deborah, my daughter, 5s. of this and the rest to Mary TRIPP, Jacob TRIPP and Henry TRIPP, sons and daughter of my said daughter Deborah TRIPP.
6. I give to my daughter Ann HILL one of my feather beds with the bolster and all the furniture thereunto belonging.
7. I give to Deborah HILL my grand daughter £40 to be paid by the said Thomas BIGGS out of the mortgage I have on his estate.
8. I give to Thomas SANDERS and Elizabeth SAUNDERS my kinsfolk 5s. each.
9. I give to my grandson Richard HILL, son of my said son John HILL (after determination of the leases thereof granted) all my lands and appurtenances in Hallatrow and Ston Easton together with the residue of my estate. I make said Richard HILL, my grandson, sole executor and appoint as overseers of my will friends Henry HOLE of Farrington, Thomas FRY of Downside and John DANDO, son of William DANDO of Hallatrow, tanner. (sgd.) Richard HILL. Witnesses William DANDO jun'r, Thomas JAMES, Rich. CHALONER.

Admon. granted at Wells 21st May 1687 to John HILL.
(SRO DD/GL/131)

Inventory of Richard HILL dec'd, late of Hallatrow, taken 4 May 1687.

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| Wearing apparel & money in purse. | 15. 0. 0 |
| <u>In the hall</u> - 3 chairs, 1 table boards & frame, 6 joint stools, 1 brass candlestick, 2 brass pots, 2 brass kettles, 1 brass pan, 12 pewter platters, 1 pewter flagon, 1 brass chafing dish, 1 spit, 1 chest, 1 fowling piece with other lumber in the same room. | 5. 0. 0 |
| <u>In the parlour</u> - 1 table boards & frame, 1 carpet thereunto belonging, 1 side board, 1 cupboard with other lumber in same room. | 1. 0. 0 |
| <u>In the hall chamber</u> - 1 bed, 1 rug, 1 blanket, 3 coffers, 1 chest & 2 boxes with other lumber. | 5. 0. 0 |
| <u>In the kitchen chamber</u> - 2 feather beds, 1 flock bed with furniture to them belonging, 1 bedstead with other lumber. | 5. 0. 0 |
| <u>In the parlour chamber</u> - 1 bedstead, 1 chest & 1 trunk with other lumber. | 1. 0. 0 |
| 1 dozen table napkins & board clothes. | 1. 0. 0 |
| 1 ox, 2 cows, 1 yearling bull & 1 yearling steer. | 12. 0. 0 |
| 1 gelding colt. | 3. 0. 0 |
| 1 of several bonds & mortgage from Thomas BIGGS. | 160. 0. 0 |
| 1 Bond from Mr John TRIPP. | 17. 0. 0 |
| 1 Bond from John LOKIER the older & John LOKIER the younger. | 18. 0. 0 |
| 1 other Bond from John LOKIER the elder. | 13. 0. 0 |
| 1 small chattle held under the yearly rent of 2s. | 1. 0. 0 |
| 1 Mowstadle with some old tubs, parts & wooden things in and about the house. | 6. 0 |
| For things forgotten & not herein mentioned. | 6. 0 |
| Total | <u>257.12. 0</u> |

(sgd.) Rich. CHALONER, William DANDO, John DANDO jun'r, John HILL jun'r, Richard FRY.

[Richard was the son of Richard HILL and a member of Hallatrow Quaker Meeting for many years. He married Charity, who died in 1675 and had at least 6 children, George (who married c.1656 and died without issue), possibly Richard (who died young), Joan (who may have married firstly John BUSH before marrying Benjamin PERRATT and had Jane), Deborah (born 1658, who married John TRIPP and had Mary, Jacob and Henry), Ann and John (who married firstly Mary SHUTER, had Deborah and married secondly Ann and had Richard and others). Richard lived for many years at Hallatrow and inherited two thirds of the Lordship of the Manor of Hallatrow from his father. During the 1650s he was a yeoman in Farrington Gurney, leased the Manor of Burnett c.1670 and latterly lived in Hallatrow again.]

Extract of will of **Robert HILL** of High Littleton dated 18 March 1606/7.

Mentions son John HILL,
Grandson Robert HILL,
Son Thomas HILL's son John HILL,
His children John, Joan, Bridget & Elizabeth.

Thomas JONES & Anthony KINGSTON, executors.

Proved at Wells -- 1607.
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Will of **Robert HILL** of Hallotrow.

In the Name of God Amen, The Eighth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Seaven, I Robert HILL of Hallotrow within the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Clothier, being aged and weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thankes be given to Almighty God, And calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life and certainty of death and that all Flesh must yeild thereunto when it shall please God to call, And being willing to settle and dispose of such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased the Lord to bestow upon mee, doe therefore make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, Revokeing and hereby adnulling all former and other Will and Wills, Testament and Testaments heretofore by mee made, either by word of Mouth or in writing, And this only to be taken for my last Will and Testament and none other.

And first I Will that all those debts and dutyes, which in right or conscience I owe unto any person or persons whatsoever, shall be well and truely paid and satisfied by my Executrix herein after named, within convenient time after my decease. And after my debts are paid and funerall expences discharged (which I leave to the discretion of my said Executrix), I give, devise and bequeath as followeth, viz't:

Imprimis, I give, devise and bequeath unto my Brother in Law John MILLS of the parish of Stanton Drew in the County of Somerset, yeoman, All those my Tenements, with all and singular the Lands, Meadows, pastures and closes of ground and appurtenances whatsoever to them belonging, situate in Belluton within the parish of Stanton Drew aforesaid and called or knowne by the names of Daye's and Sage's Tenements, To hold to him the said John MILLS and his Assignes, from and imediately after my decease, for and dureing the terme of his naturall life. And from and after his decease, I give, devise and bequeath the said tenements, Lands and premisses with the appurtenances, unto all and every the Child and Children of the said John MILLS, as shall be liveing at the time of his decease, equally amongst them, share and share like, To hold to them, their heires and Assignes for ever, provided alwayes neverthesse, And it is the true intent and meaning of this my Will, That he, the said John MILLS and his Assignes dureing his life and all and every such his Child or Children as shall be liveing at the time of his decease, their Heires or Assignes, doe and shall from time to time, yearely, well and truely pay or cause to be paid (out of the rents, Issues and profitts of the Tenements, Lands and premisses herein before given to them), these certaine Annuitys or rent charges following, viz't:

Unto my welbeloved wife Mary or her Assignes, one Annuity or yearely rent charge of Sixteene pounds per Annum of lawfull English money, to be paid her by quarterly payments in each and every yeare, for and dureing soe long time as she shall remaine a Widdow after my death, and noe longer, to be reckoned and accounted from the time of my said decease.

And to my Sister Mary MILLS, wife of John MILLS aforesaid, or her Assignes (if she shall survive and overlive her said Husband), One Annuity or yearely rent charge of six pounds per Annum of like lawfull money, payable also quarterly in each and every yeare, for and dureing soe long time as she shall remaine a Widdow after his decease and noe longer, to be reckoned and accounted from the time of her said Husband's decease. And my Will and meaning is, That the said John MILLS, doe and shall, within the space of one yeare next after my decease, by such wayes and meanes in the Law as Councell shall advise, settle and assure the said Tenements, Lands and premisses, with the Appurtenances and every part thereof, To, for and upon the severall uses, intents and purposes aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of this my Will.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Brother John HILL's two Children, of Beckington in the said County of Somerset, viz't: John and Elizabeth HILL, the summ of Three score pounds a peice, To be paid unto them within the space of eighteen moneths after my decease or at their respective attainments of the age of one and Twenty yeares, which shall first happen, but in case I shall overlive their said attainments of the age of one and twenty yeares, Then to be paid unto them within the said space of Eighteen Moneths after my decease, by my said Executrix. And in case my said wife shall intermarry with any other person after my decease, Then I doe give and bequeath unto my said Cozens [*nephew and niece*], John and Elizabeth HILL, the sume of Forty pounds a peece more of lawfull English money, to be paid them, by my said Executrix, imediately after such intermarriage and not otherwise.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said Brother John HILL, the sume of Six pounds of lawfull English money, which he oweth mee on bond, with all the Interest therefore due and to be due. And alsoe the summe of Ten pounds more of like lawfull money, to be paid unto him or his Assignes, within one yeare after my decease, by my said Executrix.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my fower Cozens, (viz't) John, Nathaniel, William and Grace HODGES, all of the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, the sume of Forty shillings a peice, to be paid unto them and each of them, by my said Executrix, within one yeare after my said decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto John SINGER (that was formerly my Apprentice), the sume of Tenn pounds of lawfull English money, To be paid to him or his Assignes, by my said Executrix, within two yeares after my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my servant Mary SINGER, the sume of Three pounds of lawfull English money, to be paid her by my said Executrix, within two yeares after my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth SAUNDERS of Hallotrow aforesaid the Sume of Twenty shillings, To be paid her by my said Executrix, within one yeare after my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the poore of the parish of Paulton in the said County of Somersett, Forty ells of lynnene Cloth of the price of one shilling per ell, To be distribute to and amongst them of the said poore as my Overseers herein after named shall thinke fitt.

Item, I give and bequeath to, and amongst, the family of my said late Apprentice John SINGER, Tenn yards of woollen Cloth of the price of two shillings per yard.

And to the poore of the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, Twenty yards more of woollen Cloth of the price of Two shillings per yard, To be distributed to and amongst such of the said poore as my said Overseers shall thinke fitt.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary HILL, All that my parcell of Land, with the Appurtenances, called by the name of Poole Parrock, situate, lying and being within the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, To hold to her, her heires and Assignes, for ever.

Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my said wife Mary, All that Messuage or Tenement, wherein I now dwell, with the Gardens, Orchards, Lands, Meadows, pastures and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being within the parish of High Littleton aforesaid and which I hold by Lease for the remainder of a certain terme of Ninety and Nine years, determinable on the deaths of mee, the said Robert HILL, the said Mary my wife and the said John SINGER, To hold to her, the said Mary and her Assignes, for and dureing soe long time of the said terme as she shall happen to live. And from and after her decease (if the said John SINGER shall be then liveing), I give, devise and bequeath the same last mentioned Messuage, Tenement and premisses, with the Appurtenances, unto John MILLS and Mary MILLS, Children of my said Brother [*in law*] John MILLS, by Mary his said wife, To hold to them, their Executors, Administrators and Assignes, for and dureing all the then residue and remainder of the said terme of Ninety and Nine yeares, determinable as aforesaid.

Item, I give and bequeath unto John MILLS, of Belluton in the parish of Stanton Dru in the County of Somersett, the sume of Three pounds per Annum dureing the naturall life of my Sister Anne POW, wife of James POW of Yatton in the said County of Somersett, to be paid quarterly, upon Trust and confidence, that the said John MILLS, his Executors and Assignes, doe and shall from time to time pay the same to, or for the use of, my said Sister Anne POW or her Assignes, dureing the said terme of her naturall life and noe longer, The first payment thereof to be made and begin at the end of Nine Moneths next after my decease. And my Will is that the said sume of three pounds per Annum [*shall be paid*] by my said Executrix, out of the goods and Estate hereby given her.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Anne POW, the sume of Twenty shillings.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Sister Frances HILL, the sume of Five pounds of lawfull English money per Annum dureing her life, or her maintenance in lieu thereof, which I leave at the discretion and choice of my said Executrix.

All the rest and residue of my goods, Chattells and Estate, both reall and personall, not herein before given, devised or bequeathed, I give, devise and bequeath unto my said loveing wife Mary HILL, To hold to her, her Heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, for ever.

And I doe make and ordaine my said wife Mary, whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, desireing and appointing my loveing freinds, John POOLE of Clutton in the County of Somersett aforesaid, yoman, Robert LANGFORD of Hallotrow aforesaid, gent., William PAYNE of Litton in the same County, yeoman, and Joseph CLARKE of the Citty of Bristoll, gent., to be overseers of this my Will and to be ayding and Assisting to my said Executrix and other the Legatees herein named, that the same may be fully performed in all the parts thereof. And for their care and paines therein, I give unto each of them a pair of gloves, as a token of my love, to be bought by my said Executrix.

In Witnesse whereof I, the said Robert HILL, have to this, my last Will and Testament, conteyned in these two sheets of paper, att the topp affixed, putt my hand and seale to each of the said sheets, dated the day and yeare att the topp of the first sheet written. Robert HILL.

Sealed, published and declared (after interlineing these words (viz't) "Robert LANGFORD of Hallotrow aforesaid, gent." in this last sheet above interlined) in the presence of John SINGER, Edmund NAISH, Stafford SNOWE, John PURNELL.

Probate granted at PCC London on 15th November 1687 to Mary HILL, relict of the said Robert deceased and Executrix named in the Will.

(Q.138 PROB11/389 f.47-8)

[A monumental inscription in High Littleton Churchyard records that Robert HILL died on 12th October 1687, that his wife Mary died on 2nd November 1702 and son Jacob died 25 years before.]

Extract of Will of **Thomas HILL** sen'r of High Littleton dated 10 April 1610.

Mentions wife Elizabeth, son Thomas, daughter Wellthian.

Walter HODGES & John NOORTH, executors.

Proved at Wells 5th May 1610. T. paid by Thomas HILL junior, Executor. Inventory £43.

[Elizabeth HILL, Thomas' widow, married Nicholas READE on 26th November 1611]

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HODGES alias MILWARD - see MILWARD.

Will of Mr **George HODGES** of High Littleton dated 19th August 1759.

Considering with myself the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being in good health and of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, I George HODGES of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Esquire, Do make, Publish and declare my last Will and Testament in manner following:

I give and devise unto my good Friends Slade BAKER of the City of Bristol, Linnen Draper and John HOOPER of the same City, Haberdasher, All and Singular my freehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments situate, lying and being in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, To, for and upon the several Uses, Trusts, Intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared concerning the same, (that is to say), All Coalmines, Veins of Coal and Coalworks in, upon or under the same excepted, and which are disposed of in manner hereinafter specified, In Trust that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them and the Heirs of the survivors of them, do and shall permit and suffer my loving Wife Martha HODGES and her Assigns to hold and enjoy and receive and take the Issues and Profits of the Dwelling house wherein I now live, together with the Stables, Coachhouses, Outhouses and Gardens thereto belonging and also the several Messuages or Tenements (being part of my Estate in High Littleton), now inhabited by Daniel PICKFORD, Samuel CHIVERS, John LYONS, Sarah DANDO, George WILKINS, William SPARKS and Isaac BATH, for and during the term of her natural life. But my Will is, and I hereby require that, as touching and concerning the several last mentioned Messuages or Tenements, Inhabited as aforesaid, my said Wife do and shall expend and apply the Rents and Profits thereof in the Purchase of Medicines, Physick and other necessarys for the use of such poor persons, dwelling within the said Parish of High Littleton, whom she shall deem worthy of Charity and, as for the Residue of my said Freehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, In trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them, do demise and let the same, for any Term or terms, determinable upon the death of my son John HODGES, and the Rents and Profits thereof pay and apply in manner following, (that is to say), the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, part thereof yearly and every year unto my said Son, during the Term of his Natural life, to be paid by Quarterly Payments, (that is to say), the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, the Birth of our Lord Christ, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, by even and equal portions, the first of the said Payments to begin and be made at and upon which of the said Feast Days shall happen first next after my Decease and, that when and as often as the same sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, or any part thereof, shall be behind and unpaid for the space of twenty eight days next after any of the said Feast Days on which the same ought as aforesaid to be paid (being lawfully demanded), that then and so often and at any time or times thereafter, it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Son, into and upon the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises above mentioned, the several Messuages and Premises before given to my said Wife only excepted, or any or either of them and or any part or parts thereof, to enter and distrain and such distress and distresses to detain, keep and dispose of, as he shall think fit, untill he shall be fully satisfied and paid all such arrearages, with the Costs and Charges in and about the making, keeping and disposing thereof. But my will and meaning is that, if my Son do or shall bring or commence or cause to be brought or commenced any Suit or Suits, Action or Actions in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, whereby to claim any Right or Title to my said Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments or to any part thereof, Then the said Annuity of one hundred and fifty pounds unto my said Son shall cease and be void, and in such Case I hereby will and direct that the same Yearly sum of one hundred and fifty pounds shall be applied to and upon the same use and uses, which are hereinafter declared of touching and concerning the Overplus of the

profits of such residue of my said Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, subject and chargeable in the first place with or towards the payment of the Annuity of one hundred pounds per annum, hereinafter mentioned, unto my said Wife and also with or towards the satisfaction of the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds payable as hereinafter is specified, In Trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them, the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the Survivor of them, do and shall from time to time, as the same shall come to his or their hands, or so soon after as possibly may be, put and place out at Interest upon Government or other safe security or securities, and the produce thereof pay and provide unto and equally amongst the child or Children begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my Daughter Sarah MOGG, until a Child or Children shall be lawfully begotten by my said Son and then, immediately thereupon, do and shall pay and divide the Interest of such monies unto and equally amongst such Child and Children during my said Son's life and, after his decease, do and shall pay and divide unto and equally, amongst such Child and Children of my said Son, such principal monies, together with the then accrued Interest, or else transfer and assign unto him, her or to some person or persons he, she or they shall approve of, for his, her and their use, the security or securities taken for the same. But in case no Child or Children shall be lawfully begotten by my said Son, Then In Trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER or the Survivor of them and the heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivors of them, do and shall pay and divide such principal Monies, together with all accrued Interest, unto and equally amongst the Child and Children begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my said Daughter, who shall be living at my son's decease and, in case no such Child or children of my said Daughter shall be then living, do and shall pay such principal Moneys, together with all accrued Interest, unto my daughter Ann HARDING, if she shall be living at the time of my said Son's decease and, in case she shall happen to die in the life time of my said Son, Then do and shall pay such principal Monies and all the accrued Interest unto the Child and Children lawfully begotten on the body of my said Daughter Ann HARDING, share and share alike and, in default of such Issue, then do and shall pay and divide unto and equally amongst all or such of my Kinsmen and Kinswomen hereinafter named, (to wit), Robert COOPER of Farrington Gurney in the said County of Somerset, Gentleman, Sarah COOPER of the same place, Spinster, Martha TROTMAN of the City of Bristol aforesaid, Widow, Mary HODGES of the same City, Spinster, and George JAMES of Clutton in the County of Somerset aforesaid, Gentleman, who shall be living at my said Son's decease and, from and after the death of my said Son, I give and devise such residue of my said Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments (subject and chargeable also in the first place, by the Issues and profits thereof, with or towards the payment of the yearly sum of one hundred pounds and the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds hereinbefore and hereinafter mentioned) unto and equally amongst the Child and Children lawfully to be begotten by my said Son, during his, her or their life and lives [and,] from and after the decease of such Child and Children, I give and devise the same unto the lawful Issue of such Child and Children, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their Heirs, as Tenants in Common without survivorship and, in Default of such Issue, I give and devise such residue of my said Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments unto and equally amongst the Child and Children begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, during his, her and their life and lives and, from and after the decease of such Child and Children, I give and devise the same premisses unto the lawful Issue of such Child and Children of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their Heirs, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship, and, in default of such Issue, I give and devise the same Premisses unto my said Daughter Ann HARDING, during the term of her natural life and, from and after her decease, I give and devise the same Premisses unto and equally amongst the Child or Children lawfully to be begotten on the Body of the said Ann HARDING, during his, her and their life and lives and, from and after the decease of such Child and Children of the said Ann HARDING, I Give and devise the same Premisses unto the lawful Issue of such Child or Children of the said Ann HARDING, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their Heirs, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship and, in Default of such Issue, I give and devise the same Premisses unto the said Robert COOPER, Sarah COOPER, Martha TROTMAN, Mary HODGES and Geo. JAMES and their Heirs as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, And, as touching and concerning the several Messuages, Lands, and Tenements above given to my said Wife, I hereby Will and direct that the same shall, from and after the death of my said Wife, stand to be limited to and for the same use and uses that are above declared concerning the residue of my said Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments and to and for no other use or uses whatsoever.

Also, I give and devise unto the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER all and singular my several Freehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, situate, lying and being in the several Parishes of Mark, East Brent, South Brent, Compton Bishop and elsewhere in the County of Somerset aforesaid (All Coal mines, Veins of Coal and Coal works in, upon or under the same excepted and which are disposed of in manner hereinafter specified) not hereinbefore disposed of (subject and Chargeable also first of all, by the Issues and Profits thereof, with or towards the payment of the yearly sum of one hundred pounds and the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds hereinbefore and hereinafter mentioned), In Trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them, do and shall equally

pay and apply the Issues and Profits thereof towards the support and maintenance of the Child and Children begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, during his, her and their life and lives and, from and after the decease of such Child and Children, I give and devise the same last mentioned Freehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments unto the lawful Issue of such Child and Children of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their heirs, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship, and, in default of such Issue, I give and devise the same last mentioned premisses unto and equally amongst the Child and Children, lawfully to be begotten to my said Son, during his, her and their life and lives and, from and after the decease of such Child and Children, I give and devise the same last mentioned Premises unto the lawful Issue of such Child and Children of my said Son, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their Heirs, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship and, in default of such Issue, I give and devise the same last mentioned Premises unto my said Daughter Ann HARDING, during the Term of her natural life and, from and after the death of the said Ann HARDING, I give and devise the same last mentioned Premises unto and equally amongst the Child and Children lawfully to be begotten on the body of the said Ann HARDING, during his, her and their life and lives and, from and after the decease of such Child and Children of the said Ann HARDING, I give and devise the same last mentioned Premises unto the lawful Issue of such Child and Children of the said Ann HARDING, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their Heirs, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship and, in default of such Issue, I give and devise the same last mentioned Premises unto the said Robert COOPER, Sarah COOPER, Martha TROTMAN, Mary HODGES and George JAMES and their Heirs, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants.

Also, I give and bequeath unto the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER all and singular my Copyhold and Leasehold Estates (except my leasehold or copyhold Estate in the Parish of Timsbury in the said County of Somerset, which I hereby Will and direct shall be annexed to and held and enjoyed with my said Freehold Premises in the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, during all my Interest therein, for and upon the same use and uses that are above declared concerning the said Residue of such Freehold Premises in High Littleton aforesaid), situate in the several Parishes of Farrington Gurney, Mark, East Brent, South Brent, Biddisham and elsewhere in the County of Somerset, subject and chargeable likewise first of all, by the Issues and Profits thereof, with or towards the payment of the yearly sum of one hundred pounds and the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds herinbefore and hereinafter mentioned, In Trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of the survivor of them, do and shall equally pay and apply the Issues and Profits thereof towards the support and maintenance of the Child and Children begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, during his, her and their life and lives, if my Estate and Interest therein shall so long continue and, from and after the decease of such Child and Children of the said Sarah MOGG, I give and bequeath the same last mentioned Premises unto the lawful Issue of such Child and Children of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, To hold unto such Issue, his, her and their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship, for and during all the rest and residue of my Estate and Estates, Interest and Interests, Term and terms which shall then to come, And, in default of such Issue, I give and bequeath the same last mentioned Premises unto my said son and daughter John HODGES and Ann HARDING, To hold unto the said John HODGES and Ann HARDING, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, as Tenants in Common without Survivorship, for and during all the residue and remainder, which shall be then to come, of my Interest and Interests, Term and Terms.

Also I give and devise unto the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER All Coalmines and veins of Coal that are lying and being and that can or may be found, discovered and had or wrought in or under my Freehold Estates abovementioned or any part thereof, In Trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them, shall and lawfully may demise and lease all or any part of the said Coalmines and Veins of Coal, to any person or persons, for any Term or number of years, reserving upon every such Lease or Leases during the Continuance of the same respectively, the best and most Free share in Money that can be gotten for the same and, so as such Lease or Leases be not made dispunishable of or for wast and such free share (subject and Chargeable also in the first place with or towards the payment of the yearly sum of one hundred pounds and the said sum of one thousand five hundred pounds hereinbefore and hereinafter mentioned), I hereby will and direct shall be applied for and upon the same use and uses, that are above declared of and concerning my said Copyhold and Leasehold Estates above mentioned, and to be for no other use or uses whatsoever.

Also I give and bequeath unto the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER my Share and Shares, Interest and Interests of and in all Coal mines, Veins of Coal and Coal Works now in Work in the said County of Somerset, To hold unto them, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to, for and upon the same use and uses, that are above thereof declared of and concerning my said Copyhold and Leasehold Estates abovementioned (But subject and chargeable likewise first of all by the produce arising therefrom with or towards the payment of the yearly sum of one hundred pounds and the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds hereinbefore and hereinafter mentioned and to and for no other use or uses whatsoever).

Whereas in and by a certain Indenture or Deed of Settlement, made before my intermarriage with my said wife, bearing date the fourth day of October, which was in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six and also by a Bond of the same date, I have covenanted that my Heirs, Executors or Administrators should, in case the said Marriage took Effect and the said Martha HODGES (then Martha COOPER) survive and outlive me, pay or cause to be paid unto her Assigns, for and during the term of her natural life, One Annuity or yearly Sum of one hundred pounds, at the four most usual Feasts or Terms in the year, (that is to say), the feast of Saint John the Baptist, St. Michael the Archangel, the Birth of our Lord Christ and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, by even and equal portions, clear of all Rates, Taxes and Assessments whatsoever. Now therefore, I give and bequeath unto my said Wife a Clear Annuity or yearly sum of one hundred pounds per annum, during the Term of her natural life, to be issuing and payable out of all and singular the Premises before mentioned to be chargeable therewith, any or either of them or any part or parts of them, the sum to be paid unto my said Wife or her Assigns by four Quarterly equal payments, the first of the said payments to begin and be made at and upon which of the feast days of St. John the Baptist, St. Michael the Archangel, the Birth of our Lord Christ and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary shall happen next after my decease. But, it is my Will and meaning and I hereby direct that the said Annuity of one hundred pounds per annum unto my said Wife shall be in full recompense and satisfaction of the said yearly sum of one hundred pounds mentioned in the above, in part recited, Deed of Settlement and Bond or either of them, And also in full Lieu and Barr of all dower and thirds at common Law, which she may claim at any time out of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, that I shall [*be possessed*] of at the time of my decease or during the Coverture between us, and my Will and meaning further is that, when and as often as, the same Annuity of one hundred pounds per annum or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of twenty eight days next after any or either of the said Feast Days on which the same ought as aforesaid to be paid (being lawfully demanded), that then and so often and at any time or times then after, it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Wife and her Assigns, into and upon All and singular the premises abovementioned to be chargeable therewith or any or either of them or any part or parts thereof, to enter and distrain and such distress and distresses to detain, keep and dispose of, as she shall think fit, until she shall be fully satisfied and paid all such Arrearages, with the Costs and Charges in and about making, keeping and disposing thereof.

Also I give and bequeath unto my son in law John HARDING the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, to be issuing and payable out of [*all*] and singular the Premises beforementioned to be chargeable therewith, any or either of them or any part or parts thereof (the said Annuity of one hundred pounds to be first of all raised thereout and paid unto my said Wife). Provided nevertheless and the above bequest to the said John HARDING is upon this Condition that, he the said John HARDING, do and shall, within three months next after my decease, secure or cause to be secured, by such Ways and Means in the law as my Trustees and the survivor of them shall approve of, an Annuity of three hundred pounds per annum to be paid unto my Daughter the said Ann HARDING (the present Wife of the said John HARDING) and her Assigns, during the term of her natural life, in case she should happen to overlive and survive her said Husband and, if the said John HARDING shall neglect or fail so to secure or cause to be secured such Annuity of three hundred pounds per annum, within the time above limited for the doing thereof, then, the above bequest to him of the said one thousand five hundred pounds, I hereby Will and direct shall be absolutely void and, in case of such neglect or failure, it is my meaning and I hereby Will and direct that, my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them, do and shall raise the said sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, by and out of the all and singular the Premises abovementioned to be chargeable therewith, any or either of them or any part or parts thereof (the said Annuity of one hundred pounds to be first of all raised thereout and paid unto my said Wife and her Assigns) and put and place the same out at Interest on Government or other safe security or securities, for and upon the use and uses hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say), In trust, that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER and the survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them, do and shall pay and equally divide the produce and Interest thereof unto and amongst the Child and Children, his, her and their Executors and Administrators, begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, untill the death of the said John HARDING and, from and after his decease, in Case the said Ann HARDING shall happen to overlive and survive her said Husband, do and shall pay the Principal sum of one thousand five hundred pounds unto the said Ann HARDING or also assign to her the security or securities taken for the same. But in case my said Daughter Ann HARDING shall happen to die in the lifetime of her said husband, Then, I will and direct that my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them, do and shall immediately thereupon or so soon after as may be, pay and divide the said sum of one thousand five hundred pounds unto the Child and Children, his, her and their Executors and Administrators, begotten and to be lawfully begotten on the Body of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, share and share alike.

Also I give unto my said Wife the sum of fifty pounds, to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, one of them, immediately upon or so soon after my decease as may be; also I give unto my said Son John HODGES and

[*blank*] his present Wife the sum of twenty pounds a piece; also I give unto my said Daughter Ann HARDING and the said John HARDING the like sum of twenty pounds a piece; also I give unto my said Daughter Sarah MOGG and my son in law Jacob MOGG the like sum of twenty pounds a piece; also I give unto the said Robert COOPER and George JAMES the sum of ten pounds a piece. All which said Legacies (except the Legacy bequeathed unto my said Wife) I desire the several Legatees last above named will expend in buying Mourning.

Also I give unto the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER the sum of thirty pounds a piece, as a small recompense for the trouble and pains they may be respectively put unto in the Execution of the trusts hereby in them reposed.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Wife, during the Term of her Natural life, the use of my Household Goods, Furniture, Plate and Pictures, whatsoever and wheresoever, and, from and after the decease of my said Wife, I give and bequeath the same Household Goods, Furniture, plate and Pictures unto and equally amongst my said Son and Daughter, the said John HODGES and Sarah MOGG, their Executors and Administrators.

Also my Will is that my said Wife do, within six months after my decease, deliver or cause to be delivered a true, exact and perfect Schedule or particulars in writing, under her hand, to each of them, the said John HODGES and Sarah MOGG, his, her and their Executors or Administrators, of all the Household Goods, Furniture, Plate and Pictures, which by Virtue of this my Will, she is, as aforesaid, to have the use of during her life, with the exact weight (as near as may be) of every such piece of plate engraved thereupon and that she do in such time also enter into an Obligation unto the said John HODGES and Sarah MOGG, in the penalty of one third more than the Value of the said Household Goods, Furniture, Plate and Pictures shall amount unto, Conditioned for the leaving of such Household Goods, Furniture, Plate and Pictures to the said John HODGES and Sarah MOGG, their Executors and Administrators, at the time of the decease of my said Wife, in as good Condition as they respectively then are (Involuntary Accidents, necessary use and wearing only excepted) and that, if she fails in giving such particular and Bond, my bequest to her of and for her using or having such household Goods, Furniture, Plate and Pictures, in such manner as is aforesaid, shall be absolutely void, and then, in such Case, I give and bequeath such Household Goods, Furniture, Plate and Pictures unto the said John HODGES and Sarah MOGG, their Executors and Administrators, share and share alike.

Also, all the rest and residue of my Goods, Chattles and personal Estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, I give and bequeath unto the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER, In Trust, that they, the survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of the survivor of them, do and shall, as soon as possibly may be after my decease, dispose of the same and the Produce arising therefrom (after payment of my Just Debts, funeral Expences and the above bequeathed legacies) apply and add to the Monies arising from the Premises abovementioned to be chargeable with or towards the payment of the said Sum of one thousand five hundred pounds, in order and to the intent that the same sum of one thousand five hundred pounds may be the more speedily raised, for and upon the Use and Uses that are above declared of the said sum of one thousand five hundred pounds and the overplus of the produce arising from the disposal of my said Residuary Estate (if any) do and shall pay unto the Child and Children of my said Daughter Sarah MOGG, his, her and their Executors and administrators, share and share alike.

And also my Will and meaning is that, neither of them, the said Slade BAKER or John HOOPER, nor either of their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, shall be answerable or accountable for the act, deed, Receipt or default of the other of them, his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, but each for himself and his own Heirs, Executors and Administrators, nor shall any of them be answerable for any Money but what shall be actually received by them or by their order respectively and also that they, the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER, their Heirs, Executors and administrators, shall and may, by and out of the Moneys which shall be in their hands, have, take, receive, deduct, retain and keep, all such Costs and Expences, Sum and Sums of Money, which they or any of them shall or may respectively disburse or be put unto, for or concerning the several Trusts hereby in them reposed.

Also I constitute and appoint the said Slade BAKER and John HOOPER Executors of this my Will and lastly I revoke all former and other Will and Wills by me heretofore made and declare this and this only to be my true last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have, to this my last Will and Testament, contained in these nineteen half sheets of Paper, to the eighteen first whereof I have put my hand and, to this last, my hand and Seal, this Nineteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine. George HODGES.

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the Testator, the above named George HODGES (all the above Interlineations, Erasures and Blottings out being first made), as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, in his presence and at his request, have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto. Phil. WHITAKER, Sarah BEGG, Sam'l WEST.

A Certificate at the end reads - This is a true Copy examined this 19th day of June 1762 by us, Henry STEPHENS, Geo. BIGGS.

Another copy of the Will was certified - This is a true copy examined with the Original Will this 20th day of March 1762 by us, John TAYLOR, Henry STEPHENS.

(SRO DD/MGG 2)

[George HODGES was buried at High Littleton on 9th September 1761 aged 53. He was born on 31st March 1708 the son of Thomas HODGES and Ann HARDING and married at Devizes in 1726 Mary FAITFORD, who died in 1745/6 and by her had 5 children, Ann (born 1729, who married in 1753 John HARDING), Sarah (born 1730/1, who married in 1756 Jacob MOGG), Martha (born and died 1732) and John (born 1733, who died without issue in 1765). George married secondly in 1756 Martha COOPER, who died in 1775. In 1761 John HODGES wrote to his father's Executors and stepmother Martha and referred them to his great grandfather Thomas' deed of 3rd October 1665, by which he conveyed property to trustees for the use of his grandfather Thomas and his heirs, and, referring to his father's Will, said that George was only tenant in tail and had no right to devise the property.]

Will of **John HODGES** of High Littleton.

In the name of God amen, the 13 day of August AD 1558, I John HODGE[S] of the parish of High Littleton in the county of Somerset, being of whole mind and of good remembrance, praise be to God, make and ordain this my last will.

First I commend and commit my soul unto almighty God my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the churchyard of High Littleton.

Item I give to the mother church of Wells 4d.

Item I give to the high altar 3d.

Item I give to the Church of High Littleton one bushel of wheat, to be prayed for.

The residue of all my goods and chattels I give and bequeath unto John HODGE[S] my father, trusting that he will be a good father unto my poor wife and children, as his faithful promise is unto Miles BYCKARDICKE and William BRITTAIN; the said Jone my wife and my children, be same then living, that is to say, meat and drink and other necessaries of my father, my will is that Joane my wife shall have all my goods and chattels and she to depart it according to her discretion some part of my goods to my children.

John HODGE[S], my father, I make my executor.

These bearing witness, Miles BYCKARDICK [*Vicar of High Littleton*], clerk, William BRITTAIN, John COLLIER, the day and year abovesaid.

Probate granted at Wells 21 January 1558/9.

(SRO D/D/ct. 3/61)

Will of **Richard HODGES** of High Littleton.

In the name of god amen, The Fourthe daye of Marche one thousande five hundred seaventene nine [*1579/80*], I Richarde HODGES of littleton in the countie of Somerss. beinge sicke in bodie but of good and perfecte Remembrance, thanks be given to god, doe make and ordaine this my presente Testamente and last Will, in manner and forme as followethe:

Firste, I comende my soule unto almightie godd and my bodie to the earthe, to be buried at the discrecon of my Executrix.

Item, I give to the churche of Welles 6d.

Item, I give to Collzton haven in the countie of Devon 2d.

Item, I give to the poore men's boxe of Littleton 3d.

Item, I give to John my sonne the some of seaventie poundes of lawfull money of Englande, whereof I will that Fiftie poundes be taken and put oute to th'use, proffitt and comodity of my said sonne untill he come to lawfull age. And that the residue of the said some, being Twentie poundes, shall remayne in my wive's handes untill he come to th'age of one and Twentie yeares. And my will is that my ov'seers shall see it to be done.

Item, I give to Johan my daughter the some of thirtie pounce of lawfull money of Englande, to be delivered unto her at her daye of marriage or at her lawfull yeares of discrecon. And my will and minde is that if it fortune that the saide John my sonne to die before the time appoynted, Then shall the seaventie poundes Remaine to Johan my daughter And to the childe that my wiffe nowe goethe w'thall, if it fortune to live after it is borne, equallie to be devided betwene them. And if it fortune the saide Johan doe die before her lawfull yeares of discrecon or marriage, Then my will is that her parte and porcon, soe beinge deceassed, shall Remaine to my saide sonne John And to the saide childe that my wiffe nowe goeth withall, equallie to be devided betwene them.

Item, I give unto the saide childe that my wiffe nowe goeth w'thall, thirtie poundes of lawfull money of Englande, if it fortune to live and come to lawfull age or marriage. And if it fortune to die before the saide time appointed, Then my will is That the saide thirtie poundes beinge given to the saide childe and remaine unto my sonne John and Johan my daughter as aforesaide, equallie to be devided betwene them.

Alsoe my will and minde is that whiche twoe of my saide three children, if it shall please god to call oute of this mortall life before the time above specified, Then th'other childe of the saide three children then livinge shall have and possesse the partes and porcons of their saide legacies before given. And if it shall please god to call them, my saide children, oute of this mortall liffe before they accomlishe the time and age before specified, Then my will is that their saide legacies shall Remayne whollie to Isabell my wiffe.

And Further my will is that if my wiffe doe marrie, my overseers hereafter named shall by force of this my last will and Testamente see to the savegarde of my saide children's porcons, And th't my saide wiffe shall stande bounde unto them for the deliverie of their saide porcon, accordinge to the true meaninge of this my Testamente.

Item, I give to John BROWNE foure pence.

Item, I give to Richarde HODGES a Chelver hogge.

Item, I give to Agnes HODGES a chelver hogge.

Item, I give to John NOWRTHE a chelver hogge.

Item, to Johan HODGES a chelver hogge.

Item, I give to Walter ALLEN his twoe eldest sonnes, to eche of them a chelver hogge.

The Reste of all my goodes, cattelles and debtes, after my debtes and legacies paied, I give and bequeathe to Isabell my wiffe, whome I make my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

Item, I doe appointe and make my overseers John JEAMES, John HODGES, John COLLIER the younger and Thomas HODGES. And I give to evrie of them for their paynestakinge a shepe.

Witnesses hereunto John GYLFFORDE als. PAYNTER, vicar there, John DANDO th'elder and John NORTHE.

Proved at PCC London on 22nd April 1580 by Isabell, relict and Executrix named in the Will.

(Q.14 PROB11/62 f.110)

Thomas HODGES of High Littleton died intestate.

Admon. granted at PCC to George HODGES, his natural and lawful son, 4th November 1738.

[Thomas HODGES died on 7th August 1738 and was buried at High Littleton on 11th August. He was baptized in 1668/9 the son of Thomas and Sarah HODGES and married in 1698 Ann HARDING, by whom he had 9 children, Hannah (baptized 1698/9, died without issue), Thomas (1700, died young), Thomas (1701/2, died without issue), Ann (1703, who married in 1729 Thomas BAKER), John (1704, died young), John (1705, died young), George (born 1708, who married firstly in 1726 Mary FAITFORD, who died in 1745/6 and by whom he had 5 children), John (born 1709, died 1729) and William (died 1728 aged 17).]

Will of **Stephen HUTTON** of High Littleton.

Considering the certaintie of Death and the uncertaintie of the time thereof, I Stephen HUTTON of Heigh Littelton in the County of Summerset, Yeoman, being Weak in Bodey but of sound and Disposing Mind and Understanding, do make and decler my last Will and Teatment in Maner and farm following.

I gave and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Heaster HUTTON, all and singular my Monies and securities for Money, Stock, Cattol, Horses, Sheep, Corne and Hay and allso all my Dairy Utensils and Impelments of Hosbandry, togeather with all my household Furniture, Pleate, linan, China and all and singular Other my Estats and Effects, whatsoever and Whearsoever, and of What nature, kind, quality, discripti'n soever and wheresoever situated and being, To hold, Use, posses and enjoy the same and every part thereof unto her my said Wife, for and duering the Time of her natural life and, from and immediately after her decease, I gave and bequeath Tho same Estate and Effects unto my two Daughters, Cristian COOK, the Wife of David COOK, and Sarah KEMBRY, the Wife of Robard KEMBRY, Equally to be devided between them, shear and shear alike, Subject and liable Nevertheless, in the first place, to the Payment of the hereinafter, by me given and bequeathed, that is to say,

The sum of four Hundred Pounds, Whitch I hereby Gave and bequeath unto my Daughter Daughter (*sic*) Ann EMERY, the Wife of Stephen EMEARY, To be put out at Intrest on Good Secuiaty and for my said Daughter to Receive the Intrest Arising from the four Hundred Pounds, And it is my Will that no One Els shall have no benifit from that four hundred Pounds, But for her Own Sole Youse and Benifit and, after her decease, it is my Will that her Children shall have the four hundred Pounds, to be parted between them, shear and shear a like.

I hereby Give and bequath unto Sarah GIBBONS, A further Sum of Fiftey Pounds, Daughter of Hen'y GIBBONS. Further it is my Express Will and Desier that the said Legacies to Sarah GIBBONS shall be paid Twelve monts after my Decease.

Laust, I do hereby Nominate, constitute and apoint Henry FLOWER, Son of James FLOWER of Timesbury, and William GIBBONS, Son of Henery GIBBONS of Comtondando, Executrix [*? intended to appoint wife*] and Executors jointly of this my Will, hereby revoking all former and other Wills, by me at aney time heretofor made

and declaring this to be my only Last Will and Testament, Contained in two Sides of one Sheet of Paper, set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty. Stephen HUTTON.

Sined, sealed, Published and Declared by the said Testator Stephen HUTTON, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us, who in his Presence and of each other, have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses. Benj'in PEARSON, George SPREAT.

Probate of the Will of Stephen HUTTON deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 30th November 1832 to Henry FLOWER of Timsbury, Yeoman and William GIBBONS of Walcot, Yeoman, the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Stephen HUTTON, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 3rd June 1832. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £2,000 and that the deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. Henry FLOWER, William GIBBONS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 108 No. 714)

[Steven HUTTON of High Littleton was buried at Farmborough on 8th June 1832 aged 67. Stephen was born c.1764/5 the son of Richard and Catherine HUTTON. He married at Timsbury in 1799 Hester FLOWER, and had at least 3 children, Christian (baptized 1799, who married at St. James, Bristol in 1817 David COOK), Sarah (who married in 1822 Robert KEMBERY) and Ann (who married at Walcot in 1826 Stephen EMERY). From c.1818 Stephen lived at Rugbourn Farm, which he leased from William Jones BURDETT and farmed approximately 118 acres. After Stephen's death, Hester lived in a rented cottage on the south side of Pembroke House in the High Street and died in July 1847.]

Extract of Will of **John IRISH** of Wells, Somerset, gentleman.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my now wife, her Executors, Adm'rs and Assignes, All that my Leasehold Estate of Cole Workes lying at High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, for all the terme and Estate which I have therein

I give to my wife Elizabeth, my dwelling house in Wells now in possession of my Nephew Edmund IRISH, held by Lease of the Deane and Chapter of Wells for the remainder of a terme of 40 yeares, as long as she shall live, and after her decease, to my daughter Grizell.

I give to my said wife that Coppyhold Tenement in Sandford in the parish of Winchcombe [*Winscombe*], held of the Deane and Chapter of Wells for the lives of me, my wife and daughters Grizell and Elizabeth, for her life and after her decease, to Grizell for her life and Elizabeth for her life.

I give to Robert LANGFORD the elder, Thomas BUTLER, W'm NASH, George IRISH and William COLES, my Lands and Tenements in Wells, lately purchased of William SANDES Esq. upon trust, for my wife for her life, then Grizell for life and her heirs.

I give to my wife that messuage or Tenement and Lands at Cameley, held of Preston HIPPISELEY Esq. by lease for 99 years determinable on 3 lives, untill my daughter Grizell is 18 or be married.

I gives to my wife, my Tenements and grounds at Westbury in Somerset, held by Lease of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, lately purchased of John HICKES and Thomas HICKES, untill my daughter Grizell is 18 or be married.

I gives to my wife, 2 acres of ground in the parish of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, held by Lease of Mr William HARRISON for 99 years, determinable on 3 lives, untill my daughter Grizell is 18 or be married.

Whereas I have by Deed settled my Lands and Tenements at Godney in Somerset to myself for life, then to my wife for life and then to our issue, I now devise the same to my daughter Grizell, to enjoy the property after my wife's decease, to her sole use, exclusive of my daughter Elizabeth, notwithstanding the Deed of Settlement by me made.

Whereas I have lately purchased a Coppyhold Tenement at Horington in St. Cuthbert's, Wells belonging to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, for the lives of me, my wife and two daughters, I give the same to my daughter Grizell after her mother's death, for her life and the life of my daughter Elizabeth.

Whereas I have lately purchased a Tenement in St. George's in the parish of B(r)anwell in Somerset, belonging to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, by Lease, for the lives of me, my wife and of Edmond IRISH and whereas I have since agreed to exchange the life of Edmond for my daughter Elizabeth, And whereas I have alsoe purchased another Coppyhold Tenement at St. George's, belonging to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, for the life of me, my wife and Thomas BUTLER, from whom I have a Bond to surrender to my use as I direct and in the meantime to allow him me to enjoy the same, And whereas I have alsoe purchased two other Coppyhold Tenements at Barton in Winchcombe, of the Deane and Chapter of Wells, for severall lives still in being, And alsoe another Coppyhold Tenement in Winchcombe in Reversion for several lives after the death of one WOOLFE, And alsoe the Reversion of one Coppyhold Tenement in Winchcombe, after the decease of the widdow ATWELL, for my life and the lives of my wife and two daughters, And whereas I have alsoe purchased two other Coppyhold Estates at Burnham, held of the Deane and Chapter of Wells, for my life and the lives of

my two daughters, I now give all these last mentioned Tenements to my daughter Elizabeth, after the decease of my wife, for her life and alsoe of the said Thomas BUTLER and Edmund IRISH and the other lives mentioned in the respective Coppys of Court Roll and that the said lives shall stand intrusted to my daughter Elizabeth..

I give to the said Robert LANGFORD, Thomas BUTLER, William NASH, George IRISH and W'm COLES, one parcell of ground at Barton, which I purchased of Mr John BABER and alsoe those Lands and Tenements in Burnham, which I purchased of Josias WRYDE, Henry BEAUCHAMP and Henry AUSTIN Esq. and alsoe those Lands and Tenements in Week St. Lawrence, which I purchased of Mr Matthew BENNETT, upon trust, for my wife untill my daughter Elizabeth is 18 or be married.

I give to my daughter Elizabeth those two Tenements and Lands at Burnham, held of Warwick BAMPFEILD Esq. by two Indentures of Lease, for 99 yeares determinable on 3 lives.

I give to my daughter Elizabeth that Tenement and Lands at Woolford's Hill in Banwell, held by Lease of the Bishop of Bath and Wells for 3 lives, which I purchased of Mrs MATTOCK.

I give to my daughter Grizell £100, at the age of 18 or marriage.

I appoint my wife to be Guardian of my said children untill they are 18 or be married.

Whereas I am obliged to pay my mother in law Mrs Martha JONES £25 p.a. to make up her Cobbyhold Estate at Burcott, [to] £80 p.a. dureing her life, my wife shall pay the same till my daughters are 18 or married, when it shall be paid by my two daughters equally.

I give three Guineas apiece to each of my Trustees for their paines.

I give my nephew Edmund IRISH £25, on condition he surrender his Interest in the Cobbyhold Tenements hereinbefore mentioned.

I give my niece Theophila, now wife of Mr Thomas WALLTER, £10 on the same condition as Edmund IRISH.

I give the poor of the parish of Camely 40 shillings.

I give to the poor of the parish of St. Cuthbert's £5.

I give to every servant that shall be liveing with me at my decease, ten shillings apiece

Whereas I have agreed to grant John SAGE a Lease of a house in Camely, a parcell of the premises abovementioned, for £20, of which I have already received £10, I now give the same to John SAGE, he paying the other £10 to my Executrix.

The residue I bequeath to Elizabeth IRISH my wife, whom I alsoe make full and sole Executrix.

I appoint Robert LANGFORD, Tho. BUTLER, William NASH, George IRISH and William COLES to be Overseers.

Signed Jno. IRISH, 12th December 13 William III, A.D. 1701. Witnesses Pe. DAVIS, Charles BACON, John PAINE Jun'r.

Post script to will, dated 17th December 1701.

Gives profits of his estates to wife, to dispose of as she thinks fit, until daughters are 18 or marry.

The marke of John IRISH.

Witnesses Charles BACON, John PAINE jun'r, Jacob HILL.

Proved at PCC London on 20th February 1701 English style [1701/2] by Elizabeth IRISH, relict and Executrix named in the Will.

(Q.24 - PROB11/463 f.185-9)

[The Coal works at High Littleton came into IRISH's possession through his wife Elizabeth THOMAS nee JONES, whom he married in 1685. Elizabeth inherited them from her father Edward JONES, who came into possession through his marriage to Mary BRITTEN in 1658, she having inherited them from her first husband John BRITTEN. Mrs Martha JONES, mentioned in the Will, was Elizabeth's stepmother, being the second wife of Edward JONES, whom she married as Martha LONGMAN (probably nee BOWDICH).]

Extract of Will of **Charles JAMES**, late of New Inn, St. Clement Danes, Middx and of Upper Wimpole St., St. Marylebone, dated 12th August 1809 and Codicil of 2nd October 1811.

Devises his freehold estate in Hallatrow (and land elsewhere) to his three sisters Sarah JAMES, Ann WEBB and Elizabeth JAMES, as tenants in common.

Appoints his wife Ann sole Executrix.

Probate granted on 16th December 1818 to Ann JAMES, relict and Executrix.

and on 9th May 1832 to Charles Thelwell ABBOTT and Abel JENKINS.

(Mentioned in an Abstract of Title SRO DD/GL 41)

[Charles JAMES died without issue in July 1818. He was the son of George JAMES and Elizabeth WEBB, who married at Chew Magna in 1759. George inherited the Hallatrow land on the death of his mother Martha JAMES (nee DANDO). He survived his wife, died intestate and the fee simple in the Hallatrow land then

descended to his only son Charles. Of Charles' three sisters, Sarah married at St. James, Bristol in 1798 Thomas Day JAMES, had 6 children and died in 1815 aged 46, Anne married John WEBB and Eliza (or Elizabeth) died unmarried in 1819. As Sarah (Mrs Thomas Day JAMES) predeceased her brother Charles, her one third interest in the Hallatrow land fell to her eldest son Charles Needham JAMES. Thomas Day JAMES subsequently entered into possession of the Hallatrow land on behalf of all the interested parties. After the death of Charles' widow, Charles Thelwell ABBOTT, A.S. LAING and Abel JENKINS were appointed Executors of his Will.]

Extract of Will of **Elizabeth (or Eliza) JAMES**, spinster, dated 23rd March 1819 and Codicil dated 19th April 1819.

Devises all her real, copyhold and leasehold property (including share of Hallatrow land) to Charles Thelwell ABBOTT and Thomas Day JAMES, gent. of Chew Magna, in trust for her nephews and nieces, the younger children of Thomas Day JAMES, namely John Webb JAMES, Henry George JAMES, Tho's Day JAMES, Fred'k W'm JAMES and Ann Eliza JAMES as tenants in common.

Probate granted at London on 12th June 1829 to Thomas Day JAMES.

(Mentioned in an Abstract of Title SRO DD/GL 41)

[Eliza JAMES died unmarried in May 1819. She was the daughter of George JAMES and Elizabeth WEBB. Thomas Day JAMES' eldest child, Charles Needham, had already inherited his mother's interest in the Hallatrow property, so was left nothing by his aunt.]

Extract of Will of **John JAMES** of Hallatrow, Tanner, dated 15th February 1791.

Devised certain properties in Hallatrow to Stephen JORDAN, tanner of Hallatrow, Simon HILL, malster of Paulton and Thomas HILL, currier of same, as joint Executors in Trust for his 2 sons, Thomas JAMES and John Hill JAMES during their minority.

Probate granted at the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells.

(Mentioned in Assignment of Mortgage SRO D/D/SOG 449)

[John JAMES died on 12th April and was buried at Farrington Gurney on 16th April 1791. He was baptized in 1764 son of Thomas JAMES and Martha JORDAN, married at Paulton in 1786 Susannah HILL and had 3 children, Thomas Dando (born and died in 1787), Thomas (born 1788) and John Hill JAMES (baptized 1790). John's widow Susannah JAMES died in 1810 aged 45.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me, **John Hill JAMES** of Hallatrow, in the parish of High Littleton, in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, made this sixteenth day of May One thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Whereas I am seized and possessed for an Estate of Inheritance in fee simple (as to one Moiety, under my late Father's Will and as to the other moiety, as Heir at Law of my late Brother Thomas JAMES) of a certain Messuage or Tenement called the Brick House, situate at Hallatrow aforesaid, with the Barn, Stable, Outbuildings, Closes, pieces or parcels of Land, Hereditaments and premises thereto adjoining or belonging, And also of the Tithes, as well of the said Lands, as of other Tithes, arising from other Lands and other things of, or belonging to, any person or persons whomsoever and situate, lying and being or taken, used, known or reputed to be in or within the Village, Hamlet, Fields, Grounds, Closes, Liberties and precincts of Hallatrow aforesaid, as part of and belonging to the Rectory and Church of Littleton, otherwise High Littleton aforesaid, and to the Monastery [*Abbey*] of Keynsham heretofore belonging or appertaining, and which said Messuage, Closes, Lands, Tithes and Hereditaments are now in Mortgage to the Representatives of the late Mr John GALE of Beckington in the County of Somerset, deceased, for securing payment of the sum of Two thousand pounds, under certain Indentures of Lease and Release, bearing date respectively on or about the twenty sixth and twenty seventh days of June One thousand eight hundred and twelve, made between Henry BROWN of the Parish of Brislington in the said County of Somerset, Gentleman, of the first part, my late Brother Thomas JAMES deceased and myself of the second part and the said Thomas GALE deceased of the third part, One thousand two hundred pounds of which Mortgage money were received by my Brother and applied by him for his own use and Four hundred pounds, making One thousand six hundred pounds, was paid in discharge of his portion of an original Mortgage of Eight hundred pounds, raised by my Father on the said Messuage and Hereditaments. And Whereas I am also seized, as to one Moiety under my Father's Will and as to the other moiety, as Heir at Law of my said late Brother, of Eight Freehold Cottages at Hallatrow aforesaid, seven whereof were converted from a Malthouse and the other was the Dwellinghouse belonging to the said Malthouse, now in Mortgage to Peter GALE of Bath for two hundred pounds, raised thereon by my late Brother for his own use. And I am also seized, as Heir to my said Brother, of a Freehold Reversionary Interest in a paddock of Land at Hallatrow called Cheshills, sold to my Brother by Mr Jones BURDETT. All which Messuage, Closes, pieces or parcels of Land,

Cottages, Tithes, Hereditaments and premises, hereinbefore mentioned and referred unto, with their respective rights, members and Appurtenances, I give, devise and bequeath to William STODDART of Kidderminster in the County of Worcester, Carpet Manufacturer, and William STOTHERT of the City of Bath, Ironmonger, and their Heirs, To, for and upon such uses and upon such trusts and for such intents and purposes, as are hereinafter mentioned and declared thereof, that is to say, Upon Trust, that they, the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT and their Heirs, do and shall receive the yearly rents, issues and profits thereof. And after paying the Interest on the before mentioned Mortgages, the repairs and Insurance of Buildings from loss by accidental Fire, do and shall pay to my dear Wife, an Annuity of One hundred and twenty pounds for her life, by half yearly payments, for the purpose of maintaining herself and our children during their respective Minorities, such Annuity to commence and become payable on the first half yearly day of payment of my rents, which shall happen after my decease. And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall, during my Wife's life and after her decease, till my youngest child for the time being shall Attain the Age of Twenty one Years, if the same can in either case, in the Opinion of my Trustees, with reference to the number and requisitions of my children, accumulate the surplus of such rents, for the purpose of reducing the before mentioned Mortgage debts, And, if the surplus rents be necessary for the maintenance of my family, then Upon Trust, that my said Trustees shall so apply them, And subject to the said Annuity before provided for my Wife and to the accumulation of the surplus Rents during her life and during the minority of my youngest child for the time being, for diminishing the before mentioned Mortgages, except as before mentioned, I direct my said Trustees to stand seized of the before mentioned Messuage, Lands, Cottages, Tithes and Hereditaments, To the use of all my children, as well those now Born, as hereafter to be born, who shall be living at the time of the decease of my Wife and who shall live to attain the Age of Twenty one Years or be married, their Heirs and Assigns, as joint Tenants. And in case there shall be only one of my children, who shall survive my wife and attain the said Age of Twenty one years or marry, then To the use of such one child, his or her heirs and Assigns for ever, Provided Always that, in case either of my Children shall die in my lifetime or in the life time of my Wife, leaving any child or children and such child or children shall survive my Wife and shall live to Attain the Age of twenty one years or Marry, Then I direct that my said Trustees shall stand seized of the before mentioned Messuage, Lands, Cottages, Tithes, Hereditaments and premises, To the use of such Grand Child or Grand Children and his, her or their Heirs and Assigns, jointly with my own children, such Grand Child or Grand Children being, to be considered in the participation as representing his, her or their parent or parents.

And I give and bequeath to my said Trustees, their Executors and Administrators, All my undivided parts and shares in the Paulton and Radstock Coal Works, Upon trust, if necessary, out of the Yearly Issues and produce thereof, to make up any deficiency there may otherwise be in raising the Annuity of One hundred and twenty pounds a year to my Wife and, subject thereto during so much of my Term and Interest, either under the present Leases or any renewed Leases thereof, as my Wife shall live and as shall expire during my youngest child's (for the time being) minority, subject however to the option of my Trustees applying such surplus for the maintenance of my Wife and children, if they deem it necessary, as before mentioned in reference to the surplus rents of my Freehold property, to accumulate such issues and produce towards raising a fund for diminishing the before mentioned Mortgage debts and, from and after my wife's decease, I direct that my said Trustees shall stand possessed of such Shares in the said Coal Works, Upon such trusts, for the benefit of my said children living at my Wife's decease, as joint Tenants and Grand Children as representing their respective parents as hereinbefore declared, in respect of my before mentioned Messuage, Lands, Cottages, Tithes and Hereditaments, or as near thereto as the Rules of Law and equity will permit or allow.

And I give and bequeath the use of my plate, to my Wife during her life, but afterwards, I give it to the eldest of my Sons living at her death, if he attain twenty one or marry, otherwise to the next Son living at my Wife's death, if he attain that Age or marry.

Also I give to my Wife my Household Furniture and Implements of Household and other personal Effects in and about my Dwellinghouse and premises, together with my wearing Apparel and such ready money as I may die possessed of, not exceeding Twenty pounds, for her absolute use.

And inasmuch as my Trustees and Executors may deem it advisable to place out my Children as Apprentices or otherwise requiring an advance of money, I do hereby authorise them from time to time so to do, either from the accumulations hereinbefore directed to be made from the rents, issues and profits of my property or from the surplus accruing, rents, issues and profits thereof, after providing for my Wife's Annuity, as they shall from time to time see fit. And I further authorise and empower my said Trustees, in the event of my Wife dying during the minority of either of our Children, to apply the Interest and proceeds of any child's presumptive share in the said Hereditaments and premises, hereby given for his or her maintenance, education and support during his or her minority. And I further authorise and empower my said Trustees, in the event of the firstly before mentioned Mortgage debt being called in, to raise another sum for discharging the same, as often as occasion shall require and to defray the costs and charges thereof, out of such monies as shall come to their hands under the Trusts of this my Will.

And I further authorise and empower my Trustees and Executors to concur with the other proprietors and Owners of the before mentioned Coal Works, in all Acts, Matters and things which may be necessary for the managing and carrying on the same Coal Works or in obtaining new Leases thereof or in disposing of, either by Sale or Exchange, my Interest therein respectively, the receipts of my said Trustees to be sufficient discharges to any purchaser, who shall not be liable to see to the application of their purchase monies.

And I further authorise and empower my said Trustees for the time being, if there shall be a difficulty in transferring the firstly mentioned Mortgage, rather than subject the Mortgaged premises to the expense or risk of a Foreclosure suit in equity, to sell and dispose of a sufficient part thereof, as will defray the principal and Interest money charged thereon, together with all costs and charges consequent on any Sale or Sales. And I direct that, in case any such Sale or Sales shall be effected, the receipt or receipts of my said Trustees or Trustee for the time being, shall be a sufficient discharge or sufficient discharges to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, for his, her or their purchase money and which purchaser or purchasers shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the Application of such purchase money. And I further direct, that any surplus money arising from such Sale or Sales, shall be held by my said Trustees, Upon trust for my Wife for life and afterwards to be equally divided between such of our children as shall be living at her decease and the issue of any deceased child, such issue taking the parents' part, if, when and as they shall respectively attain their respective Ages of Twenty one years or be married or unto the Survivors of such children or Grandchildren attaining the said Age, the Interest in the mean time being applied for their maintenance. Provided always, and I do hereby declare it to be my Will, that when the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT or either of them or any future Trustee or Trustees to be appointed, as hereinafter is mentioned, shall depart this life or be desirous to be discharged from the said Trusts hereinbefore declared or contained or shall refuse, decline or be rendered incapable to act therein, before the same shall be fully performed or satisfied, then in every such case and as often as the same shall happen, the surviving or continuing Trustee for the time being or his Executors or Administrators, as soon as conveniently may be, shall, by some writing or writings under his, her or their hand and Seal or hands and Seals and to be Attested by two or more credible witnesses, from time to time nominate, substitute and Appoint some other person or persons to be a Trustee or Trustees in the stead or place of him, her or them so dying or desirous of being discharged or refusing, declining or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid, so that, during the life of my Wife, every such Appointment shall be made with her consent, to be testified by some writing under her hand and that, when and as often as, any new Trustee or Trustees shall be so nominated and appointed, all the Trust Estates, monies, securities and effects, which shall be then vested in the Trustee or Trustees so dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing, declining or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid, shall thereupon, with all convenient speed, be conveyed, assigned and transferred or otherwise assured, so and in such manner, that the same may be legally and effectually vested in such new Trustee or Trustees jointly with the surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees or solely as the case may require, Upon the Trusts hereinbefore expressed and declared, concerning the same or such and so many of them as shall be then subsisting and capable of taking effect and that every such new Trustee shall and may act in the management and execution of the said Trusts, to which he, she or they shall be so appointed, in conjunction with the then surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees (as the case shall require), by himself, herself or themselves, as fully and effectually and to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever and with all such powers and authorities, as if he, she or they had been originally appointed by this my Will. And I do hereby declare, that the said Trustees hereby appointed and to be appointed as aforesaid and each of them, shall severally be charged and chargeable only for such monies as they respectively shall actually receive, by virtue of the Trusts hereby in them reposed, notwithstanding their or any of their giving or signing or joining in giving or signing any receipt or receipts for the sake of conformity. And that any one or more of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the other or others of them or the Acts, Deeds, receipts or defaults of the other or others of them, but each of them only for his or her own acts, deeds, receipts or defaults respectively and that they, or any of them, shall not be answerable or accountable for any Banker, Broker or other person with whom or in whose hands any part of the said Trust monies shall or may be deposited for safe Custody or otherwise in the Execution of the Trusts hereinbefore contained and that they or any of them shall not be answerable or accountable for any other loss or damage, which shall or may happen in the Execution of the aforesaid Trusts (except the same shall happen by or through his or their own wilful default respectively) and, in that case, each person respectively shall alone be answerable for such loss or damage as shall arise from his or her own default. And further, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees named in this my Will and for such future Trustee or Trustees to be appointed as aforesaid and each of them, their and each of their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, by and out of the Monies, which shall come to his, her and their respective hands, by virtue of the Trusts in this my Will, to retain to and reimburse himself and themselves respectively. And also to allow to his, her and their Co-trustee and Co-trustees All Costs, charges, damages and expenses, which he, she or they respectively shall suffer, sustain or expend, in or about the execution of the aforesaid Trusts or in relation thereto.

And I nominate, constitute and appoint the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT Executors of this my Will. And I give and commit to my Wife and to the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT and to the Survivors and Survivor of them, the Guardianship, care, tuition and management of the persons and property of such of my children, as at my death, shall be under the Age of 21 Years and unmarried.

In Witness whereof I have, to this my last Will and Testament, contained in Six Sheets of paper, set my hand and Seal, the day and year first before written. John Hill JAMES.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator John Hill JAMES, 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. Benj'n GABY, Sol'r, Bath, Ja's WEBBER, Will'm WIGENS, his Clerks.

Codicil

Whereas I, John Hill JAMES of the Parish of High Littleton, in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, have duly made and published my Last Will and Testament in Writing and the same bears date the sixteenth day of May One thousand eight hundred and thirty five, Now, I do hereby declare this to be a Codicil to my said Will and I direct the same to be Annexed thereto and taken as part thereof.

And Whereas I have by my said Will given, devised and bequeathed Sundry Messuages, Closes, pieces or parcels of Land, Hereditaments, Cottages, Tithes and premises with their Appurtenances to William STODDART of Kidderminster in the County of Worcester, Carpet Manufacturer and William STOTHERT of the City of Bath, Ironmonger and their Heirs, Upon certain Trusts, as therein mentioned. And I have nominated the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT Executors of my said Will and, jointly with my Wife, Guardians of my infant children.

Now, I do hereby revoke and make and declare to be absolutely null and void all such devises and bequests to the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT, and such Appointment of them as my Executors and Guardians of my said children and, in lieu thereof, I give, devise and bequeath, all and every the said Messuages, Closes, pieces or parcels of Land, Cottages, Tithes, Hereditaments and premises, with their respective rights, members and appurtenances, unto John REES MOGG of Cholwell in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, Joseph HILL of Paulton in the same County, Gentleman and my Wife Mary JAMES, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Upon such and the same Trusts, nevertheless to all intents and purposes, as are declared and contained thereof, in and by my said recited Will.

And I also revoke and make void the bequests, to the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT, of my undivided shares in the Paulton and Radstock Coal Works and, in lieu thereof, I give and bequeath the same to the said John REES MOGG, Joseph HILL and my said Wife Mary JAMES, their Executors and Administrators, upon the like Trusts, to all intents and purposes, as are declared thereof by my said Will.

And I hereby declare that all powers, authorities and indemnities given by my said Will to them, the said William STODDART and William STOTHERT, shall be applicable to and exercised and enjoyed by them, the said John REES MOGG, Joseph HILL and my said Wife Mary JAMES, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if they had been originally named Trustees in such my Will.

I nominate, constitute and appoint them, the said John REES MOGG, Joseph HILL and my said Wife Mary JAMES, joint Executors of this my Will and Guardians of the persons and property of my infant Children. And I confirm my said Will, except as the same is hereby altered.

In Witness whereof I have to this Codicil to my last Will and Testament, contained in two Sheets of Paper, set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of April One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven. The mark and Seal of X John Hill JAMES.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John Hill JAMES, as a Codicil to 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, The said Testator being unable from illness to write his name, but testifying his Assent thereto and affixing his mark. Benjamin HILL, Paulton, Somerset, William PRESS, Farrington Gurney, Somerset, John BLINMAN, Hallatrow, Somerset.

Probate of the Will of John Hill JAMES deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 3rd February 1838 to John REES MOGG of Cholwell, Gentleman, Joseph HILL of Paulton, Gentleman and Mary JAMES of High Littleton, Widow, the joint Executors substituted by the Codicil to the last Will and Testament of John Hill JAMES, late of High Littleton, Gentleman, who died on 26th April 1837. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £1,500. John REES MOGG, Joseph HILL, Mary JAMES.

(SRO ED Wills Box 155 No. 187)

[John Hill JAMES was buried at Farrington Gurney on 2nd May 1837 aged 47. He was baptized in 1790, the younger son of John JAMES and Susannah HILL and married firstly in 1813 Elizabeth LANSDOWN, who died

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in 1819 aged 32, without bearing any children. John then married Mary STODDART by whom he had 4 children, Thomas (born 1832, married twice, had 7 children and died 1908), John Hill (1834, died unmarried in Tasmania 1869), Robert (1835, married and died without issue 1908) and Sarah (1836, died 1852). John lived for much of his life at Brick House, Hallatrow, but moved into what is now Osmunda for a time, then went to Temple Cloud before returning to Brick House, where his widow Mary remained until her death in 1877.]

Will of **Susannah JAMES** dated 4th November 1809.

Proved at Wells on 28th July 1810.

(Mentioned in Deed of Covenant SRO DD/RM 6)

[Susannah JAMES died on 2nd February aged 45, was brought from Paulton and buried at Farrington Gurney on 8th February 1810. She was baptized at Paulton in 1765, the sixth child of John HILL (died 1789) and Elizabeth (died 1806), married at Paulton in 1786 John JAMES of Hallatrow and had 3 children, Thomas Dando (born and died in 1787), Thomas (born 1788) and John Hill JAMES (baptized 1790). John JAMES died in 1791 aged 26.]

Extract of Will of **Thomas JAMES** of Hallatrow, Malster, dated 5th June 1776.

Devised to Joseph BRODRIBB, clothier of Hallatrow, Stephen JORDAN, tanner of Hallatrow and John PILL, as Executors in Trust for his son John JAMES, during his minority, all his Freehold property in Hallatrow and also all the Tithes of Hallatrow, subject to the following legacies:

Wife Ann JAMES - an Annuity of £26 for life.

Daughter Sarah JAMES - the sum of £380 at the age of 21 or earlier marriage.

Daughter Mary JAMES - the sum of £380 at the age of 21 or earlier marriage.

He empowered his Executors to sell the property or tithes in order to raise money for the payment of the legacies.

(Mentioned in Assignment of Mortgage SRO D/D/SOG 449)

[Thomas JAMES died in 1776. He was born on 28th May 1737, son of John JAMES (died 1753) and Joyce DANDO (died 1766), married in 1761 Martha JORDAN, who died in 1767 and had 3 children, Sarah (baptized 1762), Mary (1763, died unmarried before 1793) and John (1764, who married Susannah HILL). Mary JAMES, having attained the age of 21, died unmarried and in her Will left her legacy of £380, which was still unpaid, to Sarah and John in equal shares. John eventually raised £800 in 1793, by mortgaging the property, in order that the legacies could be paid.]

Thomas JAMES of High Littleton died intestate,

Admon. granted on 26th February 1835 to Martha JAMES, widow of Thomas JAMES of High Littleton.

| <u>Residuary Estate of Thomas JAMES, late of High Littleton</u> | | £. | s. | d. |
|--|---|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Cash in the House | | 22. | 18. | 11 |
| Cash at the Bankers | | 4. | 2. | 0 |
| Sold by Auction 10/11 March 1835 | Household Goods and Furniture | 120. | 18. | 0 |
| | Plate, Linen and China | 25. | 0. | 0 |
| | Books, Prints and Pictures | 7. | 19. | 0 |
| | Farming Stock & Implements of husbandry | 26. | 6. | 0 |
| Horses sold by Private Contract | | 45. | 0. | 0 |
| Wines & Liquors | | 29. | 2. | 0 |
| Moiety of an eighth of two thirds of an eighth and one thirty second and in an eighth of a third of another eighth and thirty second Share of and in sundry coal works at Radstock and Paulton | | 700. | 0. | 0 |
| ½ year's rent due at deceased's death from Freehold Estate at High Littleton | | 44. | 5. | 0 |
| Deceased's Salary as Clerk of Radstock Coal Works | | <u>260.</u> | <u>12.</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | | 1286. | 2. | 11 |
| Payments | Probate etc. | 58. | 4. | 6 |
| | Funeral Expenses | 34. | 11. | 1 |
| | Executorship Expenses | 56. | 16. | 5 |
| | Debts on simple contract etc. | 1064. | 10. | 11* |
| | Interest | <u>72.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0*</u> |
| Net Amount of Property | | <u>1286.</u> | <u>2.</u> | <u>11</u> |
| | | | | Nil |

* Details of Thomas JAMES' debts:

Messrs PERRIN & Co. - Grocers £14.13s. 98d., Andrew JAMES - Miller for bread etc. 7s. 3d., James MOORE - Shoemaker 4s. 8d., William HICKS - Collar maker 5s. 6d., H. GAIT - Blacksmith 8s., Messrs DAVIS & Co. - Chemists 7s., James HOOPER - Hatter £1. 8s., Sarah Langford GALE - for Int't on Mortgage Debt £67.10s., Churchwarden of Hallatrow - for church rate £1. 4s. 6d., Jacob COLLINS - Tallow chandler £1.10s., Wellsway Coal Company 13s. 4d., Edward DOWLING - for butter £3. 9s. 2d., Charles DOLMAN - for milk £1. 2s. 1d., Charles KINGSTON - Maltster £7. 5s., Mr William CRANG - Surgeon £7.17s., John SPEAR - Plumber for work £1. 0s. 4d., Assessed Taxes £1.14s. 7d., J. BARBER - Servant's wages £1. 1s., 3 poor rates £7. 7s. 3d., John HILL - Victualler for repairs to a gig £1.11s. 6d., Peter GALE - for Interest on Mortgage £4.10s., Paid Mr Thomas PARSONS in part of his debt of £1,300 [see explanation below], by his taking Coal Works at £700 and the rest in Cash, made up partly by deponent and partly by deceased's heir at law; that part paid by Deponent being including the £700 for the Coal Works £1,011. 1s. - Total £1,136.10s.11d.

(Affidavit made by Martha JAMES 2 June 1836 SRO DD/RM 6)

[Thomas JAMES died on 10th January 1835 aged 46 and was buried at Farrington Gurney. He was baptized in 1787, son of John JAMES and Susannah HILL, married in 1808 Martha LANSDOWN and died childless. Martha his widow died in 1846 aged 63. Thomas, who was a tanner for a time, lived at Brick House, Hallatrow. Thomas JAMES and Thomas PARSONS were Executors of the Will of Thomas Ames HILL of Paulton, who died in 1827. PARSONS left the administration to Thomas JAMES and after the latter's death it was discovered that Thomas had "borrowed" £1,762.17s. 5d. from HILL's estate. Thomas JAMES owned half of the Brick House estate and other property in Hallatrow, which was fully mortgaged in the amount of £2,000 to Sarah Langford GALE and £200 to Peter GALE. To avoid litigation, it was agreed that Thomas' brother, John Hill JAMES, would take the Hallatrow property with the mortgages and pay his brother's widow Martha an Annuity of £25. It was also agreed that, as Thomas JAMES' estate was insolvent, Thomas PARSONS on behalf of HILL's beneficiaries, would accept £600 in Cash and JAMES' shares in The Radstock Coal Company, The Paulton Coal Company and The Wellsway Coal Work, together valued at £700, in full settlement of the debt of £1,762.17s. 5d. with John Hill JAMES and Martha JAMES underwriting the amount of £1,300.]

Extract of Will of Thomas Day JAMES dated 21st April 1857.

Gives to his son Henry George JAMES, his interest in lands at Hallatrow and Paulton Field, in trust for his wife Sophia and then his son.

Proved at Doctors' Commons on 8th July 1857.

(Mentioned in an Abstract of Title SRO DD/GL 41)

[Thomas Day JAMES died on 7th May 1857 and was buried at Chew Magna on 15th May. Born c.1772/3, he married firstly at St. James, Bristol in 1798 Sarah JAMES, who died in 1815 and secondly at Bath Abbey in 1825 Sophia POOLE, who died on 21st March 1866. By Sarah he had 6 children, Charles Needham (who married at Clifton in 1833 Ann MERRYFIELD, had 4 children and died in 1847 aged 48, having left a Will dated 3rd June 1847), John Webb (died intestate in 1835, leaving a son Henry George JAMES), Henry George, Thomas Day (died 1869), Frederick William (died intestate in 1831; Admon. granted to his father Thomas Day JAMES on 3rd December 1832) and Ann Elizabeth (who married at Mangotsfield in 1825 Charles Cox EYRE, died 1855, had several children including Charles and died in 1841).

Will of William JAMES of Hallowtrowe.

In the name of God, Amen, I William JAMES of Hallowtrow in the parish of High Littleton and Countie of Somersett, yeoman, being sick and weake in bodie but of good and perfect memorie (blessed be God) doe make and ordayne this my last will and Testament in writing.

First of all I bequeath and comitt my soule into the Hands of God that gave it and my bodie unto christian buriall.

Item - I give unto my sone Thomas JAMES the summe of Twentie shillings, to be paid unto him when he shall accomplish th'age of one and Twentie yeres.

Item - I give unto my wife Christian JAMES the whole use of all my Tenement wherein I now live, during and untill my said sone Thomas shall come to the foresaid age of one and Twentie yeres and then the third part onlie unto the said Christian and the two other parts unto my sone Thomas (the whole equallie to bee devided into three parts), the said Third part to be and remaine unto my said wife, for and during her naturall life, and, after her decease, that said third part, with th'other two, to disend & come unto my said sone Thomas, his Executors, Administrators & Assignes forever.

Item - I give unto my daughter Jone JAMES the summe of Three score and Fifteen pounds, to be paid unto her or her Assignes, when she shall accomplish th'age of Twentie yeres.

Item - I give unto my daughter Martha JAMES the summe of Five and Fiftie pounds, when she shall Likewise come to and accomplish the same age of Twenty yeres.

Item - I give unto my said daughter Martha my chattle Lease of the ground called Grinstone, for and during the said terme yet to come & unexpired.

The rest of my goods, Cattle and chattles, not disposed of as aforesaid, I give & bequeath unto Christian my said wife, whom I doe make my whole and sole Executrix.

And I doe hereby intreat Thomas ROGERS of Ever-crutche & Henrie ROGERS of Preston in the Countie aforesaid, yeoman, Overseers of this my will, to take care that it may, in all particulars, accordinglie be performed, To whom I give and bequeath two shillings a peece.

In Witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale The sixteenth daie of May in the yere of our Lord God One Thousand Six Hundred Fiftie foure. The mk. of William JAMES.

Signed and sealed in the presence of Simon COTTON, The mk. of John HODGES, Charles MAYNE X.

This Will was proved at London before the Judge for Probat of Willes and granting of Administrations, The Twentie Ninth daie of Aprill one thousand Six Hundred Fiftie five By th'oath of Christian JAMES, the deceased's Relict and sole Executrix named in his will, To whom Administration of all and singular the goods, chattles and debts of the said deceased was committed, She being, by virtue of a Commission, first sworne well and trulie to Administer the same.

(PRO PROB11/249)

[William JAMES of Hallatrow died 19th May and was buried at High Littleton 21st May 1654. He married in 1634 Christian RO(GERS) and had at least 3 children, Thomas, Jone and Martha. Christian married secondly in 1657 William ALLON.]

JONES alias COLLIER - see COLLIER

Will of **Edward JONES**, yeoman of High Littleton

In the name of God, Amen, The six and twentieth day of July in the six & thirtieth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith And in the yeare of our Lord God, According to the computation now used in England, one thousand six hundred & eighty & four, I Edward JONES of High Littleton in the County of Somersett, yeoman, being sicke & weake in body (but blessed be God) of perfect mind & memory, calling to mind the frailty & uncertainty of the mortall life and being very sensible of the infallible messengers and evidences of my approaching dissolution, doe [] thereunto make this my present testament, conteyning herein my last will in manner & forme following.

And, first and principally, I commend & bequeath my soule to God my father who created it And to Jesus Christ my Saviour who redeemed it, being fully persuaded by the testimony of the holy Gost my Comforter, who sanctified me that of his sure grace and mercy in & through Christ, he will imediately after it's separation from the earthly, deliver it and receive it unto his eternall kingdome.

Next, I committ my body to the earth to be decently & in christian like manner interred, being assured by the vertue & power of spirit's resurrection, it shall be raised at the last day [an] imortall, incorruptable and spirituall body, And being united to my soule & shall in both for and [] in the kingdome of heaven, And as touching my worldly estate, the which the Lord in mercy hath lent his and made me steward of, I give, devise & bequeath thereof as followeth.

Imprimis, I give & bequeath unto my wife Martha, my second best peice of old gold of one pound value and one onlie five shilling peice of gold and ten pounds in money. And whereas I have lately purchased and settled my said wife's life in my copyhold tenement, formerly my father, situate att Burcott within the Mannor of Wells and considering it not sufficient for her future livelihood, maintenance & supporte, upon condition therefore, that if my said wife Martha & her trustees heretofore nominated on her behalfe doe & shall within six months next after my decease deliver up, acquite & release unto my executrix hereinafter nemed, all such Bonds and other Assurances formerlt by me entered into, touching the maintenance & joynture of my said wife, Then my will & mind is that my said wife, for her better livelyhood and subsistence shall hold, enjoy & receive the Rents, Issues & profits of my seaventeene acres of land lying at Barkeweare within the Mannor of Gordney for & during the terme of her naturall life, And alsoe have & take to her self all such plate & other goods which was her's att the time of our Marriage, each with other. And furthermore, as touching the said seaventeen acres of land, my will is that after my wife's decease, my daughter Elizabeth THOMAS shall have, receive & take as well the Rents, Issues & profits of the said seaventeen acres of land during her naturall life as alsoe, after my decease the Rents, Issues & profitts of all other my lands lying & being within the Mannor of Gordney aforesaid, likewise during the naturall life of her the said Elizabeth THOMAS. And after the severall deceases of my said wife & daughter I give & devise the said lands unto the heares male of the said Elizabeth THOMAS, lawfully to be begotten on

her body, for ever. And for want of such issue on her body lawfully to be begotten, then to the only use, benefit and behoofe of Edward JONES of Colchester, my brother George JONES his sonne, and his heires for ever.

Item, I give & bequeath unto the said Edward JONES, my brother's sonne, after my decease, my tenement lying at Burcott aforesaid, late Mr John MARTYN's, dureing the terme & interest which shalbe then to come of the grant thereof to me made. And whereas to fill upp the copy appertaining to that coppeyholde tenement before mentioned, lately by me purchased as aforesaid, I have putt in 7 nominated the lives of Richard THYAIR of Publoe my kinsman and Thomas DANDO of High Littleton aforesaid, as after states in the said copy whereupon they have engaged by their Bonds att any time upon request hereafter to be made unto them by me, mine executors or assignes, to surrender upp their estates and interest in the said coppeyhold tenement to and for the use of such other two as I thinke fitt to nominate, appoint & place in their stead. I doe therefore appoint the said estate to be surrendered upp to & for the use of the two eldest sonnes of my said daughter Elizabeth, if she shall have any in fifteen years from the date hereof. And for want of such issue males to & for the two eldest daughters of her the said Elizabeth, if she shall have any within the said terme, to be settled therein. And for want of such issue, the said estates to be surrendered upp to & for the use of the said Edward JONES, if he shalbe then liveing and such sister or sisters of his, according to their age, to fill upp the coppey with the said Bonds to justifie their right to the same.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my brother George JONES his three daughters twenty pounds a peece, to be paid them att their severall ages of one & twenty yeares.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my sister SPURLOCKE & sister BUTTLER's children twenty shillings a peece, to be paid them within six months next after my decease.

Item, I give & bequeath unto Aron YOUNGE & Elizabeth ALLEN, my servants, ten shillings, to be paid them likewise within six months next after my decease.

All the rest & residue of my goods, chattles, rights & credits whatsoever, my debts, legacys and funerall expenses being discharged, I give & bequeath unto the said Elizabeth THOMAS my daughter, whom I doe hereby make & ordaine my sole & only executrix of this my last will & testament. And my brother in law John BOWDITCH, Richard CHALONER of Clutton and John DORY of Stone Easton, my loveing freinds, I make & ordaine overseers of this my last will & testament & doe give unto them one guinea a peece, desiring them to be aiding & assisting unto my executrix in the faithfull performance thereof.

Utterly revoaking & disanulling all former wills & testaments heretofore by me made, In witness wherof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the day & year first above written.

Signed, sealed & published in the presence of us William PURNELL, William HENDON, Rich. CHALONER.

Probate of the will of Edward JONES of Cameley granted 20th March 1688 (1688/9) to Elizabeth IREISH als. THOMAS, wife of John IREISH.

(SRO DD/TD Box 33)

[Edward JONES married in 1657/8 Mary, the widow of John BRITTEN (died 1656) of High Littleton and by her had 6 children, Elizabeth (born 1658, who married firstly in 1675 Robert THOMAS, a woollen draper of Wells and secondly in 1684/5 John IRISH, a mercer of Wells), Christian (1660, died 1663/4), Elyn (1661/2, died young), Edward (baptized 1664, died 1669), Sarah (1665/6, died young) and Christian (1668/9, died 1669/70). Mary died and Edward married secondly in 1677 Martha LONGMAN, a widow from Bristol.]

Will of **Elizabeth JONES** of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1574.

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[Elizabeth JONES alias COLLYER, widow, was the mother of John JONES alias COLLYER, who had sons John and William. They leased for lives a tenement and 32 acres from the Manor of High Littleton.]

Extract of Will of Dame **Elizabeth JONES**, Widow of Sir William JONES, late of Ramsbury Manor, Wilts., Baronet.

All the Household Goods, China, Household Linen, Brewing Utensils, Books, Pictures, Maps, Medals and Furniture in my Mansion House at Ramsbury Manor and also my large silver Tea Board and the Library Inkstand, to go as heir Loans to the said house, in lieu of the Goods and Chattels that were heretofore intended to go therewith, and be enjoyed by the person who shall be entitled to possession of the house under the limitations contained in the Will of my late father William JONES Esquire.

To Sir William LANGHAM, Baronet, the nephew of my late husband Sir William JONES, all my freehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the Parish of Alborne, Oxfords. and in the Parish of Ramsbury, Wilts., formerly the Estate of my late husband and now in the occupation of Thomas KENN, for ever, subject to the aftermentioned Charge.

To James LANGHAM, Marianne LANGHAM and Charlotte LANGHAM, the Brother and Sisters of the said Sir William LANGHAM, and Nephew and Nieces of my late husband, £1,500 each and also to my Nephew Sir Francis BURDETT Bt. £1,500, all chargeable on the freehold property devised above to Sir William LANGHAM. However, if Sir Francis BURDETT desires the said Freehold property given to Sir William LANGHAM, he should give notice accordingly to Sir William LANGHAM within 1 year, pay the three legacies of £1,500 himself, as well as £1,500 to Sir William LANGHAM, whereupon he shall be possessed of the property.

To my nephew Sir Francis BURDETT Bt. the Rectory or Parsonage of East Garston, Berks. and all Lands, Tenements, Tithes and other Premises held on Lease from the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford and also my Freehold lands there called Garrards and other Premises in East Garston, held by Lease from the Trustees of Lamborne Hospital.

Also I give and devise unto my Nephew William Jones BURDETT all and every my Manor or Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in High Littleton or elsewhere in the County of Somerset (as well those in Reversion as in Possession), with their and every of their Appurtenances, To hold the same (subject and Charged as hereinafter mentioned) unto my said Nephew William Jones BURDETT and to the Heirs of his Body, lawfully begotten or to be begotten and, in default of such Issue, Then I give and devise the same Manor or Manors, Hereditaments and Premises, subject and Charged as hereinafter mentioned, to my two Nieces, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT and to the Heirs of their respective Body and Bodies, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, equally to be divided between them and to take as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants and in Case either of my said Nieces shall happen to die without leaving lawful Issue as aforesaid, then I direct that the part or share of her so dying, of and in the said Manor or Manors, Hereditaments and Premises, shall survive and go to the other of them my said Nieces and to the Heirs of her Body lawfully issuing and, in Case both my said Nieces shall happen to die without leaving any lawful Issue as aforesaid, then I leave the same Manor or Manors, Hereditaments and Premises to descend to my own right Heirs for ever, and my Will is and I do hereby direct that all such right, Title or Interest, share or shares whatsoever, which I shall be possessed of or interested in, at the time of my decease, in any Coal Mine, Veins of Coal and Coal works in High Littleton aforesaid or elsewhere in the County of Somerset, shall be taken to and enjoyed by such person or persons, who for the time being shall be entitled to such Manor or Manors, Hereditaments and Premises, it being my Will and intention that the same shall be annexed to and go along with the possession of the said Manor or Manors, Hereditaments and Premises and be held and enjoyed therewith, as far as the Law will permit and my Interest therein continue and for which purpose I give and devise the same accordingly.

Also, I give and bequeath all the Household Goods, China, Household Linen, Pictures and Furniture of all kinds, which shall be in or about my House at Stowey in the said County of Somerset at the time of my decease and also all Rent and arrears of Rent, which shall be due and owing to me at the time of my decease, from all or any of my Tenants at High Littleton and Stowey aforesaid and in the City of Bristol and also all such Sum and Sums of Money which I have subscribed towards making a Turnpike Road from West Harptrey to the Bath and Wells Road at Marksbury in the County of Somerset and towards making a Canal from or near the City of Bath, to or for the benefit of the Coal Works at High Littleton aforesaid and that Neighbourhood and all benefit to be seized from the Tolls to be collected on the said Road and Canal, to my said Nephew William Jones BURDETT, for his own use and benefit. And I do hereby declare that I give him such Furniture, China, Linen and Pictures and the said Arrears of Rent in lieu of such parts of the Furniture and other Household Goods which were left him by the Will of Mrs Mary JONES, late of Stowey aforesaid and disposed of by me.

To my said Nieces Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT and their issue, my Manor of Huntercombe, Oxfords. and Lands, Tenements and other Premises within the said Manor and Parishes of Nuffield, Nettlebed and Newnham or elsewhere in the County of Oxford and also the Advowson of the Rectory of Nuffield. And in default of issue by them both, then to my nephew William Jones BURDETT.

To my said Nieces Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, my Dwelling House in Cavendish Square in the parish of St. Mary le Bone, Middx. for the residue of the Lease.

To my said Nieces Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, All Rents and Arrears owing at my decease from my Tenants at Huntercombe, Nettlebed, Nuffield and Newnham, Oxfords. and also all the Household Goods, China, Household Linen, Books and Furniture in my House in Cavendish Square and also all my own Plate in my said House and in Ramsbury Manor House or elsewhere, except the large Tea Board and Library Inkstand and other Plate otherwise disposed of.

To my said Nieces Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, £1,000 each at age of 21. And whereas my late Aunt Mrs Frances ERNLE, by her Will, gave me £1,000 in Trust on Government Security, to pay certain annuities out of the income and after the death of all the annuitants, to pay the residue to my two Nieces, and whereas I have invested the £1,000 in my own name, together with a further £500, in purchasing £2,248 17s. Capital or Stock, now I declare that two thirds of the Stock should be applied as directed in my Aunt's Will and the other third invested by my Executor to pay Annuities, as detailed below to John JENNINGS, Hannah*

JORDAN and Mary JENNINGS and the residue of the dividends to my two said Nieces, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT and, when all the annuitants are dead, pay the residue of the £500 to my said two Nieces.

To John JENNINGS, Butler to my late Uncle and Aunt ERNLE an Annuity of £10.

To Hannah JORDAN, Servant to my said late Uncle and Aunt ERNLE an Annuity of £5.

To Mary JENNINGS of Burbage, Sister of the said John JENNINGS, an Annuity of £5. If Mary JENNINGS dies in the lifetime of Hannah JORDAN then Hannah shall receive Mary's Annuity in addition to her own.

To Lady LANGHAM, Widow of Sir James LANGHAM Bt., 20 Guineas for a Ring.

To Lady LANGHAM, Wife of said Sir William LANGHAM Bt., 20 Guineas.

To Mr Nathan AHERTON of Kainsbury, formerly a Servant to my late Brother £300.

Also, I give and bequeath to my Executor the sum of Three hundred Guineas, to be distrib'ed at his discretion, in sums not exceeding ten pounds, nor less than three pounds, to such Housekeepers resident in the respective parishes or places in the Counties of Wilts., Berks., Oxford and Somerset after mentioned, who do not receive Alms or other relief within the same, that is to say, to such as reside within the Parish of Ramsbury the sum of One Hundred Guineas, to such as reside in Baydon twenty Guineas, to such as reside in Alborne twenty Guineas, to such as reside in East Garston Fifty Guineas, To such as reside in Sebury Forty Guineas, To such as reside in Nuffield twenty Guineas, to such as reside in Stowey twenty Guineas and to such as reside in High Littleton thirty Guineas, which said respective sums shall become payable within six Months next after my decease.

To my late Servant Mary BAREFACE an Annuity of £20.

To my said Nephew Sir Francis BURDETT, all the rest and residue of my Real and Personal Estate.

And I do hereby charge the said Manor or Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in High Littleton aforesaid, with the following Annuities, that is to say:

To Betty TAPP, late Servant to my Mother Mrs JONES, £40,

To Elizabeth TAYLOR of Bath, late Servant to Lady DELAMER £30 only, the yearly sum of £30 being already devised to her by a Bond from my late Husband

and to Easter LEAK, my servant Maid, £40.

And I do hereby also charge the said Manor or Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in High Littleton aforesaid, with the payment of £1,000 to my said Nephew Sir Francis BURDETT, to whom I give the same.

I appoint my said Nephew Sir Francis BURDETT Executor.

Signed Eliza. JONES, 9th January 1798. Witnesses John KENN, William WEBB, Tho's ROGERS.

Codicil

To be annexed to and taken as part of the last Will and Testament of me Elizabeth JONES of Ramsbury Manor, Wilts. Widow, which said Will bears date 9th January 1798.

To Eleanor PULLIN of Froxfield Almshouse, Widow, an Annuity of £5 and to her son Stephen PULLIN of Ramsbury an Annuity of £20.

To Mary DAVISON of Froxfield Almshouse 20 Guineas and to Mrs Sarah MALKIN 20 Guineas.

To Betty TAPP of Ramsbury an Additional Annuity of £5 to pay her House Rent.

To Lady BURDETT, Mrs MUNDY and her Sister Mrs Frances BURDETT 20 Guineas each.

To the Reverend Edward MEYRICK, Vicar of Ramsbury and to his Wife and Daughter Ann MEYRICK 20 Guineas each.

To William SANFORD Esq. of New Bond Street, London, his Wife Mary SANFORD and Catherine CROFTS, late of Ealing, Middx. 50 Guineas each.

To Elizabeth SANFORD and Lucy SANFORD of Rivers Street, Bath 300 Guineas each.

To Ann LLOYD, Daughter of the late Reverend Dr Pearson LLOYD 300 Guineas.

To Jane LANGHAM and Purbecka LANGHAM of Bath 100 Guineas each.

To William DROUGHT, Millicent DROUGHT, Frances Ann LANGHAM, Phillis LANGHAM, Elizabeth CHRISTIE and Mary DAVIES of Oxford, all Cousins German to my late dear Husband, 20 Guineas each.

To Richard DAYRELL Esquire of Lillingstone Dayrell, his Brother the Reverend John Langham DAYRELL 20 Guineas each.

To Mr John KENN of Alverscott 300 Guineas.

To Mr Charles STEPHENS of Kencot, Mr William MILES and his Brother Mr Thomas MILES, both of Ston Easton, 100 Guineas each.

To my Servants Thomas ROGERS and William PEARCE 100 Guineas each, to my Servants Theodosia MACGUIRE, Margaret JONES, John LAWSON, William HAKES, Edward PALMER and Mary BILLINGTON £50 each, if living with me at my decease. This condition to include the last eight Legacies to Servants.

To all my other domestic servants £20 each and £10 to every servant for Mourning, over and above their respective legacies.

To the Miss BURDETTs' Maid 10 Guineas.

All my Wearing Apparel to my own Maid, who shall live with me at my decease.

To my Nieces Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT all my Books at Ramsbury Manor, except those in the Library, also my Coach, Post Chariot and Phaeton, with all the harness and appurtenances to each and as many of my Carriage and Saddle Horses as they may choose to keep, also all my Diamonds, Pearls, Rings and Trinkets to be equally divided between them, also all or as many of the small Pictures, Drawings and Prints hanging in my Closet at Ramsbury Manor as they choose to keep.

To my Niece Frances BURDETT, an inlaid Bureau in the same Closet with all its contents, being chiefly papers of no consequence.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will.

Signed Eliza. JONES, 7th September 1799.

[Second Codicil]

£100 more each to Thomas ROGERS and William PEARCE and £50 more to Edward PALMER, over and above the sums already given to them.

Signed Eliza. JONES, 14th January 1800.

Will with two codicils proved at PCC, London 30th April 1800 by Sir Francis BURDETT, Baronet, the sole Executor.

(Q.287 PROB11/1340 f.300-5)

[Elizabeth JONES died without issue in 1800. She was one of four children and heiress of William JONES Esq. of Ramsbury Manor and Eleanora ERNLE. Elizabeth's two brothers died without issue and her younger sister Mary Eleanora married Francis BURDETT and had 6 children, Francis (born 1770, the 5th Baronet), Charles Sedley (died 1793), William Jones (born 1772), Mary Eleanora (died 1797), Elizabeth (married in 1800 Sir James LANGHAM) and Frances (died 1846). Elizabeth JONES married William LANGHAM Esq., who was created a Baronet in 1774 and assumed the name JONES, becoming Sir William JONES. They lived at Ramsbury Manor, which Elizabeth inherited from her father. The Baronetcy became extinct on 3rd May 1791 following Sir William JONES' death. Elizabeth also inherited the Manors of High Littleton and Stowey in 1791, on the death of Mary JONES of Stowey, her second cousin once removed. The bequest of Thirty Guineas to the Poor of High Littleton was not paid over by Sir Francis BURDETT until 1821 and then only after the intercession of Hallatrow solicitor Richard LANGFORD.]

Will of **John JONES** of High Littleton.

Thomas HIPPISEY of Camelie, gent., bondman for Francis JONES, Executor of the will of John JONES, late of High Littleton, 27th September 1637. Diocesan Registry, Wells.

(HIPPISEY file in Document Collection SOG Upper Library)

[Francis JONES was also known as Francis COLLIER.]

Will of **Mary JONES** of Stowey, Single Woman.

In the Name of God Amen, I Mary JONES of the parish of Stowey in the County of Somerset, Single Woman, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say:

I give, devise and bequeath unto Lady JONES, Wife of Sir William Langham JONES of Ramsbury in the County of Wilts., Baronet, all that my Manor or reputed Manor of Stowey aforesaid and all those my several Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, whether in possession or reversion, with all and singular their Appurtenances, situate, lying and being within the same Manor and parish; and also all those my several Messuages, Houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with all and every their Appurtenances, situate, lying and being within the parish of Saint Michael or elsewhere within the City of Bristol, subject nevertheless to Impeachment of Waste, To hold all and singular the before mentioned premises with their Appurtenances to her, the said Lady JONES and her Assigns, for and during the term of her natural life and, from and immediately after her decease, I give and devise the same premises to, for and upon the several uses, intents and purposes hereinafter limited of and concerning the same, that is to say, to the use of William Jones BURDETT, the third son of *[Francis]* BURDETT Esq'r, and his Assigns, for and during the term of his natural life, without Impeachment of Waste, and from and after the determination of that Estate, to the use of Henry Hippisley COXE of Downside in the said County of Somerset, Esquire and Jacob MOGG of High Littleton in the said County, Esquire and their Heirs, during the natural life of the said William Jones BURDETT, Upon trust to support the contingent Remainders hereinafter mentioned from being barred or defeated. But nevertheless, to permit and suffer the said William Jones BURDETT and his Assigns to enter into, have, hold and enjoy the said premises

and to receive and take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof during his natural life and, from and after the death of the said William Jones BURDETT, to the use of the Heirs of the body of the said William Jones BURDETT lawfully begotten and, for default of such Issue, to the use of Mary Eleanora BURDETT, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, the three daughters of the said [*Francis*] BURDETT, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and their Heirs, for and during the term of their natural lives, without Impeachment of Waste, and from and after the determination of that Estate, to the use of the said Henry Hippisley COXE and Jacob MOGG and their Heirs, during the natural lives of the said Mary Eleanora BURDETT, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, Upon trust and in order to support the contingent remainders hereinafter mentioned from being defeated, barred or destroyed. But nevertheless, to permit and suffer the said Mary Eleanora BURDETT, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT and their Assigns to enter into, have, hold, use and enjoy the said premises and to receive and take the Rents, Issues and profits thereof during their natural lives, and, from and after the determination of that Estate, to the use of the Heirs of the Bodies of them, the said Mary Eleanora BURDETT, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, lawfully begotten but, if any or either of them, the said Mary Eleanora BURDETT, Elizabeth BURDETT and Frances BURDETT, shall die without Issue lawfully begotten, then, as to the part or parts of her or them so dying, to the use of the other or others of them, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and the Heirs of her and their Body and Bodies lawfully begotten, and, for default of such Issue, to the use of Charles Sedley BURDETT, second Son of the said [*Francis*] BURDETT, and his Assigns, for and during the term of his natural life, without Impeachment of Waste, and from and after the determination of that Estate, to the use of the said Henry Hippisley COXE and Jacob MOGG and their Heirs, during the natural life of the said Charles Sedley BURDETT, Upon trust and in order to support the contingent Remainders hereinafter limited from being barred or destroyed. But nevertheless, to permit and suffer the said Charles Sedley BURDETT and his Assigns to enter into, have, hold, use and enjoy the said premises and to receive and take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof during his natural life, and, from and after the Death of the said Charles Sedley BURDETT, to the use of the heirs of the body of the said Charles Sedley BURDETT, lawfully begotten, and, for want of such Issue, then to the use of Francis BURDETT, eldest Son of the said [*Francis*] BURDETT, and his Assigns, during the term of his natural life, without Impeachment of Waste, and from and immediately after the determination of that Estate, to the use of the said Henry Hippisley COXE and Jacob MOGG and their Heirs, during the natural life of the said Francis BURDETT, Upon trust to preserve the (the) contingent Remainders hereinafter limited from being barred or destroyed. But nevertheless, to permit and suffer the said Francis BURDETT and his Assigns to enter into, have, hold, use and enjoy the said premises and to receive and take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof during his natural life, and, from and after the decease of the said Francis BURDETT, to the use of the Heirs of the body of the said Francis BURDETT, lawfully begotten, and for want of such Issue, then to the use of the right Heirs of the said Francis BURDETT for ever. Provided always that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Lady JONES and such of the Children of the said [*Francis*] BURDETT, who for the time being shall be seized of or intitled to the Inheritance or Freehold of the before mentioned premises, by Virtue of and under the limitations aforesaid during his, her or their actual seizin thereof, by any deed or deeds indented and duly executed to demise and grant for one or more life or lives or any number years, determinable thereon, such part of the before mentioned premises as at my decease shall be actually in Lease for one or more life or lives or years determinable thereon, so, as upon every such demise or grant, such Rents, Herriots or other Services (or more) be reserved and made payable during the continuance thereof, to the person or persons, who for the time being shall be intitled to the reversion or remainder of the premises as shall be reserved and made payable on the demise or grant of the same premises, which shall then be in existence and so as there be not at any one time any demise or grant of the premises or any part thereof for more than three lives or for any term or terms of years determinable together with more than three lives and that such grant or demise be not made dispendable of Waste and so as Counterparts of such grants be duly executed by the persons accepting the same, which Counterparts shall, from time to time, go to and remain with the person or persons, who for the time being shall be in the actual seizin of the premises, by Virtue of and under this my Will. Provided also that it shall and may be lawful to and for such person or persons, who, after the decease of the said Lady JONES, shall for the time being be seized of and entitled unto the beforementioned premises, by Virtue of and under the limitations aforesaid, during the time of his, her or their actual seizin and possession thereof, to settle and convey, on his, her and their Marriages, all or any part of the premises for life on the person or persons with whom he, she or they shall Marry.

I give and devise to Henry STRACHEY of Sutton Court in the said County of Somerset, Esquire and to his Brother the Reverend Dr John STRACHEY of Newman Street, London, All those my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with all and singular their Appurtenances, situate and being in the parish of High Littleton aforesaid, to hold to them the said Henry STRACHEY and the said Dr John STRACHEY, their heirs and Assigns for ever, as Tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

I also give, devise and bequeath unto the said Henry STRACHEY and Dr John STRACHEY, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all such Benefit, Emolument and advantage which may accrue, arise or be derived

from a certain Coal Work within the said Parish of High Littleton, called Mearns, and all my Right, title and interest whatsoever in and to the same.

I give and devise to Mary PAGET, the Wife of Richard PAGET of Chilcompton in the said County of Somerset, Esquire, all those my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with all and every their Appurtenances, situate and being in the parish of East Cranmore in the said County of Somerset, to hold the same to her, the said Mary PAGET, her heirs and Assigns, for ever. But, in case of the death of the said Mary PAGET in my life time, then I give and devise the same premisses to the said Richard PAGET and his Assigns, for and during the term of his natural life. And, from and after his decease, I give and devise the same premisses to such of the Children of them, the said Richard PAGET and Mary his Wife, as he, the said Richard PAGET, as well as to the whole of the said premises as to any part thereof and for any term and Interest therein, shall by any deed or Instrument in Writing or by his last Will and Testament in Writing, duly executed and attested, order, direct, give or appoint the same and for want of such order, direction, Gift or Appointment, then I give and devise the same premisses to the right Heirs of the said Mary PAGET for ever.

I give and devise to Major Francis MOORE of Apsley in the County of Bedford, all that my Messuage or Tenement, with the closes of Ground and Lands thereto belonging, which were formerly the Estate of his Father, situate and being at Luckington within the parish of Kilmersdon in the said County of Somerset and now in the Occupation of Richard NUTH, to hold to him, the said Francis MOORE, his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

All the rest, residue and remainder of my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, situate, lying and being within the said parish of Kilmersdon, with all and every their Appurtenances, I give and devise to John PAGET of Newbury House in the said Parish of Kilmersdon, Esquire, To hold to him, the said John PAGET, his heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and devise all those my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with all and every their Appurt's, situate, lying and being at Barrow and Baltonsbury in the said County of Somerset, to the Heir at Law of the Wife of Mr John MOORE, late of East Cranmore aforesaid, deceased, his or her heirs or Assigns, for ever. I give and devise to Mr John HORTON of the City of Bath, Apothecary, all those my two Dwelling houses with the Appurtenances in Bath aforesaid, in one of which the said John HORTON now resides, To hold the same to him, the said John HORTON, his Heirs and Assigns, for ever.

I give and devise to Mrs Sarah ABRAHAM all that my undivided Moiety or half part of and in all that Messuage or Tenement and Lands, which I hold together with her, the said Sarah ABRAHAM, situate in the parish of Chew Magna in the said County, To hold the same to her, the said Sarah ABRAHAM, her Heirs and Assigns, for ever.

I give and devise to my Servant Dinah SPREAT, all that my Messuage or Tenement and Lands situate and being at North Sutton within the parish of Chew Magna aforesaid, together with the Appurtenances, to hold to her, the said Dinah SPREAT, her heirs and Assigns, for ever.

I give and bequeath unto the said Henry Hippisley COXE, Richard PAGET and Jacob MOGG, the sum of Fifteen hundred pounds, to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named, at the Expiration of Six Months next after my Decease, Upon trust that they, the said Henry Hippisley COXE, Richard PAGET and Jacob MOGG, do and shall immediately thereupon vest the same in some or other of the Public Funds, in separate and distinct Sums of Five hundred pounds, Five hundred pounds, three hundred pounds and two hundred pounds and do and shall recieve and take the dividends, Interest, profits and produce arising from the Stock purchased with the said first mentioned Sum of Five hundred pounds and pay the same to the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stowey for the time being, the same to be by them, the said Church Wardens and Overseers, applied, distributed, paid and disposed of, to or for the use of poor necessitous persons of the said parish of Stowey, according as the person or persons, who by virtue of this my Will shall be seized of and entitled to my Mansion House, Lands and Tenements within the said Parish of Stowey, shall order and direct and, in default of such Order and direction, then at the discretion of them, the said Churchwardens and Overseers.

And Upon trust to recieve and take the dividends, Interest, profits and produce arising from the Stock purchased with the said other Sum of Five hundred pounds and pay the same to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of High Littleton for the time being, to be by them, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, together with the Minister of the said parish, applied, distributed, paid and disposed of, to or for the use of poor necessitous persons of the said Parish of High Littleton, at the discretion of them, the said Minister, Churchwarden/s/ and Overseers.

And upon trust to recieve and take the dividends, Interest, profits and produce arising from the Stock purchased with the said Sum of three hundred pounds and pay the same to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Saint Michael in the City of Bristol for the time being, to be by them, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, together with the Minister of the said parish, applied, distributed, paid and disposed of, to or for the use of poor necessitous persons of the said Parish of Saint Michael, at the discretion of them, the said Minister, Church-wardens and Overseers.

And upon trust to receive and take the dividends, Interest, profits and produce arising from the Stock purchased with the said Sum(s) of Two hundred pounds and, from time to time, to pay the same to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of East Cranmore for the time being, to be by them, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, together with the Minister of the said parish, applied, distributed, paid and disposed of, to or for the use of poor necessitous persons of the said Parish of East Cranmore, at the discretion of them, the said Minister, Churchwardens and Overseers.

And I do hereby direct and declare that the Receipt of the respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes of Stowey, High Littleton, Saint Michael and East Cranmore shall, from time to time and at all times, be a sufficient discharge to them, the said Trustees, for the said Dividends, Interest, Profits and Produce and that they or either of them shall not be obliged to superintend or see to the Application or non-application thereof or of any part thereof; and that, in case of the death or refusing to act of any or either of them, the said Trustees, the said Henry Hippisley COXE, Richard PAGET and Jacob MOGG, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Survivor or Survivors of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor, by any Deed or Instrument in Writing, duly executed in the presence of and attested by two Credible Witnesses, to nominate and appoint any new Trustees or Trustee in the room or stead of them or him so dying or refusing to act and that, such new Trustees or Trustee so to be appointed, shall have the same power of acting, as to the said trust money, as such Trustees or Trustee, in whose places or place they or he shall succeed, were or was vested with by Virtue of this my Will. And that they or either of them shall not be answerable or accountable for any loss that may happen of the said trust Monies or any part thereof, so as such loss happen without their wilful Neglect or default, nor for any more of the said Trust Monies than they shall respectively actually receive or shall come to their hands by Virtue of this my Will, nor either of them for the other or others of them or for the Acts, Deeds, Receipts or Payments of the others or other of them, but each of them for his own Acts, Deeds, Receipts and Payments only, and also that it shall and may be lawful for them, my said Trustees and each of them, their and each of their Executors and Administrators in the first place, by and out of the aforesaid trust Monies, to deduct to and reimburse himself and themselves respectively all such losses, Costs, charges and Expences as they or either of them shall respectively sustain, expend or be put unto, for or by reason or means of the said several Trusts hereby in them reposed or in any wise relating thereto.

I give and bequeath to the said Henry Hippisley COXE, Richard PAGET and Jacob MOGG, the Sum of One hundred pounds, Upon trust and to the Intent that they or either of them do pay the same to the Treasurer for the time being of the Hospital or Infirmary at Bath, which said Sum of One hundred pounds I desire may be applied towards the carrying on the charitable designs of the Governors of the said Hospital.

I give and bequeath to the said Lady JONES, such of my Plate as heretofore belonged to the Family of the JONES's and all the Household Furniture, Goods, China Ware and Linnen, which shall be in my house at Stowey at the time of my decease, for and during the term of my natural life and my Will is that the same, except the plate, shall remain in the said House and that some creditable person or persons, such as the said Lady JONES shall approve of, be placed to live therein, to take care of and preserve the same. And, from and after the decease of the said Lady JONES, I give and bequeath the said Plate, Household Furniture, China Ware and Linnen to the said William Jones BURDETT, his Ex'ors and Administrators.

Also, I give and bequeath to the said Lady JONES, all my Stock of Cattle, Corn and Hay, Implements of Husbandry and whatever else shall be found in and about the Outbuildings, Courts and Yards of my said Dwellinghouse and Estate in hand at Stowey aforesaid.

I give and bequeath to the before mentioned Mary PAGET, all the Household Goods, Furniture, Pictures and other Chattels, which shall be in and about the Mansion House at East Cranmore aforesaid.

I give and bequeath to Mrs Joanna STRACHEY of the City of Bath, the lawful interest of the Sum of One thousand pounds, to be paid her yearly, by my Executors hereinafter named, during her natural life and, from and after her Decease, I give the principal Sum of One thousand pounds to Miss Charlotte STRACHEY, eldest daughter of the before mentioned Henry STRACHEY.

I give and bequeath to Major CHISELDON and his Sister Wilhelmina Jane CHISELDON of Sumerby in the County of Leicester the Sum of One hundred pounds each.

I give and bequeath to my Friend Almira SHEPPARD, now residing with me, the Sum of One hundred pounds.

I give and bequeath to Mr William SHERBORNE of Camely in the said County of Somerset the Sum of One hundred pounds.

I give and bequeath to my Servant Tho's POWELL the Sum of Two hundred pounds but, in case he should happen to die before me, then I give the said Sum of two hundred pounds to his Daughter Elizabeth LANSDOWN.

I give and bequeath to all my other Servants the Sum of twenty pounds each, together with Five pounds each to buy them mourning.

I give and bequeath to Mr William LACEY of Froome in the said County of Somerset the Sum of One hundred pounds.

All my Wearing Apparel of every sort and kind I give and bequeath to my Female Servants living with me at the time of my decease, equally to be divided between them, share and share alike.

All the rest and the residue of my Real and Personal Estate, not hereby otherwise disposed of, I give, devise and bequeath to the before mentioned Henry STRACHEY and Dr John STRACHEY, their Heirs, Executors and Administrators and I make, constitute and appoint them, the said Henry STRACHEY and Dr John STRACHEY, joint Executors of this my Will and further I do nominate and appoint them, the said Henry Hippisley COXE, Richard PAGET and Jacob MOGG, Overseers and Trustees of this my Will, to see the same performed and fully complied with and, in consideration of their trouble herein and of my respect for them, I give to each of them One hundred pounds.

Lastly, I Will and desire that I may be buried in a plain but handsome manner and that the Executors of this my Will do and shall, at the expiration of twelve Months next after my decease, cause to be erected a Marble Monument in the Parish Church of Stowey aforesaid, to the memory of my late Sister and myself, the cost of which I desire may not be less than One hundred pounds.

In Witness whereof, I have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in Five sheets of paper, to the first four sheets set my hand and, to this Fifth and last sheet, my hand and Seal, this eighteenth day of January One thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. (Signed) Mary JONES.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testatrix Mary JONES, 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 hereto. W'm MILES, W'm WRIGHT, John SHERBORNE.

A Codicil to my Will

Whereas I have by my foregoing Will given and devised, to Henry STRACHEY Esquire and the Reverend Dr John STRACHEY, all those my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, with all and Singular their Appurtenances, situate and being in the Parish of High Littleton, to hold to them, the said Henry STRACHEY and the said Dr John STRACHEY, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants and have also given, devised and bequeathed to the said Henry STRACHEY and Dr John STRACHEY, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all such Benefit, Emolument and advantage, which may accrue, arise or derive from a certain Coal Work within the said Parish of High Littleton, called Mearns Coal Work and all my right, title and Interest whatsoever in and to the same, Now I do hereby declare the foregoing devises and bequests null and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever and, in stead and lieu thereof, I give, devise and bequeath the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the said Parish of High Littleton, with their Right, members and Appurt's, to and to the use of Lady JONES, in my said Will named, her heirs and Assigns for ever.

I also give, devise and bequeath to the said Lady JONES, her Executors, Adm'ors and Assigns, all Benefit, emolument and advantage, which I am entitled to in the same Coal Work called Mearns Coal Work and all my Right, title and Interest whatsoever in and to the same. Subject nevertheless, as to the said Estates and the said Coal Work at High Littleton and chargeable with the payment of the sum of Fifteen hundred pounds, which I have by my Will given to Henry Hippisley COXE, Richard PAGET and Jacob MOGG Esquires, Upon certain trusts in my Will mentioned and to be paid at such time as is in my said Will mentioned. And I do hereby exonerate and discharge the Executors of my Will of and from the payment thereof.

And my Will is, that the expence of erecting the monument, which I have desired to be set up in the parish church of Stowey, may be paid by the said Lady JONES.

I give and bequeath to Mrs STRACHEY, Wife of the said Henry STRACHEY, the two Cabinets in the Closet up Stairs and all that is contained therein.

I give and bequeath to each of my Servants, amongst whom I consider James WHITCOMBE (except Dinah SPREAT and Thomas POWELL), the further Sum of Twenty pounds over and above what I have, in and by my said Will, given and bequeathed to them respectively.

And I do hereby declare that this Codicil shall be considered as part of my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty sixth day of April One thousand seven hundred and ninety one. (Signed) Mary JONES.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testatrix Mary JONES, as and for a codicil to her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, in her presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our Names as Witness hereto. W'm MILES, Tho's MILES, L. LANSDOWN.

Will and Codicil proved at PCC, London on 15th October 1791 by Henry STRACHEY Esquire and the Reverend John STRACHEY, Doctor of Laws, the Executors named in the said Will.

(Q.467 PROB11/1630 f.377-82)

[Mary JONES died unmarried on 13th September 1791, aged 86. She was the daughter of William JONES of Stowey and his wife Elizabeth STRACHEY. Mary inherited half the Manor of High Littleton on her father's

death in 1748 and inherited the other half on her sister Elizabeth's death in 1783. Lady JONES was Elizabeth, daughter of William JONES Esq. of Ramsbury Manor, who married William LANGHAM (who was knighted and assumed the name of JONES) but had no issue. She was second cousin once removed to the testatrix Mary JONES. Lady Elizabeth JONES' younger sister Mary Eleanora BURDETT (nee JONES) had 6 children of whom William Jones BURDETT was the third son.]

Extract of Will of **Samuel JONES** of Ramsbury, Wilts., Esquire, dated 12th March 1686/7.

To my sonne William JONES and my daughter Elizabeth JONES and the survivor of them Two Thirds of the residue of my goods, chattels and personall estate, after payment of my debts and funerall expences.

Mary, my now wife, shall have the use of the other Third part of the same, during soe long time as shee shall continue my widdow and after my wive's death or marriage, Then unto my said children William and Elizabeth and the survivor of them.

I appoint my honoured father Richard JONES Esq. and loving freind Richard NORMANSELL of Aldersgate Streete, London, Esq. Executors in Trust for my son and daughter.

Signed Sa. JONES, 12th March 1686. Witnesses Walter KNIGHT, Tho. SMITH, Mary CURDICK x.

Proved at PCC 14th September 1687 by Mary JONES, relict and principal legatee named in the Will.

(Q.115 PROB11/388 f.207-8)

[Samuel JONES was born c.1646, one of the sons of Richard JONES (died 1692) of Stowey and Joyce WOODWARD. He married in 1676 Mary BRITTEN, nee MOORE, the widow of John BRITTEN (whom she married in 1672 and had 1 child John BRITTEN, who inherited the Lordship of the Manor of High Littleton from his father). Samuel and Mary had 3 children, Richard (baptized at High Littleton 1677, died young), William (baptized 1679, married in 1702 Elizabeth STRACHEY and died in 1748) and Elizabeth (born 1685). They lived for many years at Rugbourne in High Littleton, which had previously been the BRITTEN's home. Samuel's brother William, who was Attorney General and knighted by King Charles, commenced the building of Ramsbury Manor and died in 1682. Samuel moved there for the last year or so of his life.]

Will of **William JONES** the elder of Stowey, dated 15th January 1742/3.

I William JONES the elder of Stowey, being of perfect mind and sound memory, do make this my last will and testament as followeth.

Imprimis - I give to my wife Elizabeth, one third part of all my plate and household goods that are in my house at Stowey; the other two parts I give to my daughters Elizabeth and Mary.

I give my best bed and all the furniture in the room wherein my best bed now standeth, also my silver punch bowl, to my son William.

I give all my right, title, interest, property and claim to the Manors of High Littleton and Hallatrow, also the Mansion House at High Littleton and the household goods therein standing and being, to my two daughters Elizabeth & Mary, to be had and holden to them joyntly and respectively and to the heirs of their bodies, lawfully to be begotten and, in default of such heirs, to my right heirs for ever.

I give my Lands and Tenements situate, lying and being at Farmburrow and in the City of Bath, unto my said two daughters Elizabeth and Mary, to be enjoyed by them respectively and the heirs of their bodies, lawfully to be begotten; in default of such Issue, to my right heirs for ever.

I give my wife and two daughters, all my ready money and securities for all and every sum and sums of money that shall be due at my decease. I also give them the Reversion of my Tenement at Compton Martin.

I also give my two daughters joyntly and the heirs of their bodies, lawfully to be begotten, my dwelling house and paddock at Farmburrow, which I purchased of Joseph COLLIER.

I give all my Lands at Knighton Sutton within the parish of Chew Magna, to my son and his heirs for ever. Also I give to my son and his heirs for ever, all my Lands and reversions in the City of Bristol, hereby obliging him to pay my two daughters one thousand pounds, pursuant to my Marriage Settlement.

I give my best Silver Tankard to my grandson Richard JONES.

I make my said two daughters full and sole executrices of this my last Will and Testament, requesting them to bury me in a decent and private manner.

In Witness whereof I have hereunder set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two. W. JONES.

Signed, Sealed and published by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us. Martha STOCK, Edw. BISHOP, Jos. CHIVERS.

Codicil

Know all Men, that William JONES the Elder of Stowey in the County of Somerset, being of perfect and sound memory and understanding, for divers good considerations me hereunto moving, do make this codicil, annexed

to my Will, which bears date the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty two, with the alterations hereinafter mentioned.

Imprimis - I give to my two daughters Elizabeth JONES and Mary JONES, now living with me, all my household goods, plate, pictures and jewells, of all kinds, quallity and number whatsoever in my dwelling house in Stowey, Except my best Silver Tankard, which I give to my grandson Richard JONES.

Item - I give my said two daughters and the heirs of their respective bodys, lawfully to be begotten, all my Right, Title, Interest, property, challenge and claim, of, in and to, all my Lands in Knighton Sutton within the parish of Chew Magna, which Lands were formerly called or known by the name or names of Shepherd's and Warnden's.

Item - I give to my said two daughters and the heirs of their respective bodies, lawfully to be begotten, all the Lands by me lately purchased of and from Master BOULTER and Master BEACH.

Item - I give to my said two daughters and the heirs of their respective bodys, lawfully to be begotten, my house, gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging, lying, standing and being on Saint Michael's Hill, within the City of Bristol, now in the occupation of the Reverend Master PENROSE and I do confirm my Will of the fifteenth day of January one thousand seven hundred and forty two, except the alterations herein made and do appoint and order this codicil to be taken, deemed and adjudged as part and member of my said Will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty seven. W. JONES.

Signed, sealed and published by the said William JONES, to be a codicil to his Will, the words "except the alterations herein made" being, by his direction, first interlined, in the presence of us, who, at his request, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. Martha STOCK, Thomas POWELL, Edw. BISHOP.

Probate of the Will of William JONES the Elder, late of Stowey in the County of Somerset, Esquire, deceased, with a codicil annexed, was granted to Elizabeth JONES and Mary JONES, spinsters, the daughters of the said deceased and executrices, at PCC 11 February 1748.

(SRO DD/GL 165)

[William JONES died on 4th January 1748 aged 69. He was the second son of Samuel JONES (of Ramsbury, Wilts. and formerly of Rugbourne, High Littleton) and Mary BRITTEN, nee MOORE. He married in 1702 Elizabeth STRACHEY (daughter of John STRACHEY of Sutton Court and Jane HODGES), who died in 1743 aged 69, and had 4 children, Elizabeth (who died unmarried in 1783 aged 80), Mary (who died unmarried in 1791, aged 86), William (who married and had Richard) and Richard (died 1724 aged 17). In his lifetime William JONES had advanced £1,200 to his half brother John BRITTEN, as well as guaranteeing other of his debts. By Indentures of 1737 and 1742 John BRITTEN agreed to leave all his property in Somerset and Lordship of the Manor of High Littleton to William JONES. This duly passed to William JONES on the death of John BRITTEN, without issue, on 17th September 1742. Following an Inquisition to Exemplify William JONES' title to the Manor and property, an order of confirmation was signed on 12th May 1749, by which time he was dead.]

Will of **Millesent LANGFORD** of Hallatrow, Widow, dated 31st October 1663.

Probate granted 29th October 1664.

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds in 1833 - SRO DD/RM10)

[Millesent LANGFORD was buried at High Littleton on 9th March 1663/4. She was the daughter of David GAWEN of Broughton Gifford, Wilts. and widow of Robert LANGFORD, who died in 1656.]

Will of **Richard LANGFORD** of Hallatrow dated 9th March 1777.

Proved at Wells on 8th August 1777.

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds in 1833 - SRO DD/RM10)

[Richard LANGFORD died on 14th April 1777 aged 59 and was buried at High Littleton on 18th April. He was born on 28th November 1717, the sixth child of Robert and Martha LANGFORD, married in 1753 Sarah (Sally) SKEY and had 2 children, Robert (born 1755, died 1759) and Richard (born 1761, who married at Writhlington in 1799 Frances GOLDFINCH). Richard's widow Sally died in 1801 aged 67.]

Will of **Richard LANGFORD** of Hallatrow.

In the humble and sincere hope that my Almighty Father may direct me in the just disposal of that worldly property, which in his great goodness he hath bestowed upon me, amongst and to the complete satisfaction and comfort of those dear and sincerely beloved Relations he hath graciously been pleased to bless me with (and for which blessing I feel I can never be sufficiently thankful), I Richard LANGFORD of Hallatrow within the Parish

of High Littleton in the County of Somerset (being blessed be God of sound mind, memory and understanding), do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

I give and bequeath unto my sincerely beloved and ever loving Wife Frances LANGFORD, for and during the time of her natural life, if she shall so long remain my widow, the use of all my Household Goods and Furniture, Plate, Linen and China, Wines, Beer and other Liquors and the Bottles, Casks and Vessels containing the same, and all Provisions and Implements for, and of, Housekeeping, which shall be in and about my residence at Hallatrow at the time of my decease; also of all my Carriages, Carriage Horses and Harness, Implements of Husbandry and farming Stock, both dead and alive and, from and immediately after the decease or future marriage of my said Wife, which ever of such events shall first happen, I give and bequeath the same Household Goods and Furniture, Plate, Linen and China, Bottles, Casks and Vessels, Implements of Housekeeping, Carriages, Carriage Horses and Harness, Implements of Husbandry and Farming Stock and also all such Wines, Beer, Liquors and Provisions for Housekeeping, as shall then be and remain unconsumed, unto and equally to be divided between my dearly beloved Daughters Mary Anne LANGFORD and Frances Skey LANGFORD, share and share alike, and their respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to be held by them in the nature of Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my said beloved Wife, All that the Capital Freehold Messuage or Dwellinghouse, wherein I now reside, called "Montvale House", situated at Hallatrow aforesaid, together with all and singular the Houses, Outhouses, Stables, Coachhouses, Law and other Offices, Buildings, Gardens, Yards, Conveniences and Appurtenances thereunto belonging and now occupied by me or my Servants or Tenants; And also all and singular other my Messuage, Dwelling Houses, Farm Houses, Tenements, Cottages, Lands, Hereditaments and Premises, as well Freehold as Leasehold, and the Freehold Reversion and Inheritance, which I am or shall be seized of, in any Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Heredit. and Premises now out upon Lease and respectively situated, lying and being either at Hallatrow aforesaid or elsewhere within the said parish of High Littleton or in the parish of Farmborough in the said County of Somerset, together with their several and respective Rights, Members and Appurtenances, To hold the same respectively unto my said beloved Wife, for and during the term of her natural life, but subject to waste and, from and after the decease of my said Wife, I give and devise, such of the said several Hereditaments and Premises as are Freehold, unto and to the use of my said beloved Daughters Mary Anne LANGFORD and Frances Skey LANGFORD, their Heirs and Assigns, for ever, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. And, as to such of the said several Hereditaments and Premises as are Leasehold, I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Daughters, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for all my Estate, Terms and Interest therein, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, provided always, and it is my will and I do hereby declare, that the provision hereby made for my said Wife is intended by me to be, and shall be accepted by her, in full satisfaction of and for all Dower or Thirds at Common Law or otherwise, which, at the time of my decease, she shall or may be entitled to, of and in, any of my Real Estates.

I give and devise unto my said Daughters Mary Anne LANGFORD and Frances Skey LANGFORD, All that my Freehold Messuage, Tenement or Farm House, with the Outhouses, Garden, Orchard, Lands, Hereditaments and Premises thereto belonging, situate, lying and being within the parish of Hornblotton in the said County of Somerset, with the Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereto belonging, To hold the same unto and to the use of them, my said Dau'rs, their Heirs and Assigns, for ever, in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants, subject nevertheless to the Contract for the Sale thereof, which I have made and entered into with John THRING Esquire. And, in case such Contract shall ever be completed (which I hereby fully authorize and empower my said Daughters to do), I then give and bequeath the purchase monies arising therefrom unto my said daughters in equal shares and proportions, their respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to and for their own proper use and benefit, whose receipt or receipts for the same shall be a good and sufficient discharge and discharges to all persons whomsoever.

I give and bequeath unto each of my esteemed Relatives and Friends, Mrs Jane SCOBELL and Misses Betty and Sarah PURNELL, a handsome Mourning Ring, as a small token of my regard for them.

I also give and bequeath unto each of the members of the Amicable Society, to which I have for many years belonged, a Mourning Ring.

And, as to the rest, residue and Remainder of my Freehold and Leasehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, together with all my Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, whatsoever and wheresoever situated, lying and being (except such Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments which I am now seized or possessed as a Mortgagee or Trustee), my shares in any Coal Works and Canals, Monies in the Public Stocks or Funds and other Monies and Securities for money, either by Mortgage, Bond, Bill, Note or otherwise, Debts, Goods, Chattels, Estate and Effects, both Real and Personal, not hereinbefore disposed of and which I, or any person or persons in trust for me, shall, at the time of my decease, be seized or possessed of and interested in or entitled unto (subject to the payment of all my just Debts, my Funeral Expences and the Costs and Charges of Proving this my Will and also subject to the payment of such Sums of money as I may have

received from the individual and separate property of my said beloved Wife), I give, devise and bequeath the same and every part thereof respectively, with their respective Rights, Members, Privileges, Advantages and Appurtenances, unto my said beloved Daughters Mary Anne LANGFORD and Frances Skey LANGFORD, To hold the same respectively unto and to the use of my said Daughters, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for ever, according to the several natures and qualities thereof respectively, to and for their own use and benefit, in equal shares and proportions, as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my highly valued relative and Friend William Coxeter JAMES of Timsbury in the said County of Somerset, Esquire, All and every such Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments as I shall, at the time of my decease, be seized or possessed by way of Mortgage, To hold the same unto and to the use of the said William Coxeter JAMES, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, in order to enable my Executrixes and him as my Executor(s) hereinafter named, with the greater ease and convenience to recover, get in and receive the money secured by such Mortgages, for the purpose of this my Will. I also give, devise and bequeath unto the said William Coxeter JAMES, All and every such Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments as I shall, at the time of my decease, be seized or possessed of upon any Trust or Trusts, To hold the same unto and to the use of the said William Coxeter JAMES, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, upon and for the several Trusts, Intents and Purposes affecting the same.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said beloved Wife, during her Widowhood, and my said Daughters and the said William Coxeter JAMES, joint Executrixes and Executor of this my Will, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made and declaring this to be my only Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I, the said Richard LANGFORD, have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in four Sheets of Paper, set my Hand and Seal (that is to say), my Hand to the bottom of each of the three preceding Sheets and my Hand and Seal to this fourth and last Sheet of paper, the twenty ninth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. Richard LANGFORD.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Testator Richard LANGFORD, 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. Anne GOLDFINCH, Camden Place, Bath, W'm WILLIAMS, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't, Grace ASHMAN, Servant to Mr LANGFORD.

Proved at London 13th October 1826 before the Judge, by the Oaths of Frances LANGFORD, W'o', the Relict (during Widowhood), Mary Ann LANGFORD & Frances Skey LANGFORD, Spinsters, the Daughters & William Coxeter JAMES Esq'r, the Ex'ors, to whom Adm'on was granted, being first Sworn duly to adm'r (by Commission).

(Q.541 PROB11/1717 f.331-2)

[Richard LANGFORD died on 4th May and was buried at High Littleton on 11th May 1826, aged 64. He was baptized on 10th June 1761, the younger child of Richard LANGFORD and Sally SKEY. He married at Writhlington in 1799 Frances GOLDFINCH, who died in 1829 and had 2 children, Mary Anne (born 1800, married in 1844 Frederick SPRY and died without issue in 1851) and Frances Skey (born 1803, married in 1832 John Ustick SCOBELL and died without issue in 1890). Richard inherited Montvale from his father, subsequently acquired more land and rebuilt Montvale House in 1817. Richard was a solicitor and had Law Offices in Wells Road, Hallatrow. His partners, John HILL of Paulton and William WILLIAMS of Hallatrow, continued the legal practice after Richard's death.]

Will of **Robert LANGFORD** of Hallatrow dated 24th September 1641.

Probate granted on 15th August 1646.

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds in 1833 - SRO DD/RM10)

[Robert LANGFORD of Studley and Trowbridge married at Trowbridge on 28 Nov 1620 Avis, daughter of Anthony SHEPHARD of Studley and had a son Robert and daughter Eleanor. He first acquired land in Hallatrow from John NURTH in 1621 and built himself a large house called Montvale.]

The last Will and Testament of mee **Robert LANGFORD** of Hallowtrowe in the parish of Littleton in the County of Somersett, yeoman, made the Fowerth day of October in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six hundred fifty and sixe.

Imprimis, my will is that my sonnes John and Richard shall have five pounds a yeare, to be paid out of the Tenem't which I bought of Joane LANE.

Item, I give the said Lands unto my two younger sonnes, after they accomplish the age of twenty one yeares, And then to hold it to them and their heires forever, in case my eldest sonne shall not pay unto them an hundred pounds, equally devided betweene them.

Item, I give unto my sonne Robert tenn shillings.

Item, I appoint Anthony SHEPHARD and Thomas HODGES the elder to receive the said five pounds, using it for their best advantage of my two sonnes Jo. and Richard.

Item, what benefitt, either from Cole or peate may arise out of a ground cal'd broad close, to my younger sonnes I give.

Item, I make my wife Mellicent executrix of this my last will and Testament to take my goods & chattles and pay my debts.

Item, I appoint the fourteene pounds a yeare, which my wife is to pay dureinge her life, after my decease, to my three sonnes equally.

I appoint Anthony SHEPHARD and Thomas HODGES aforesaid, overseers of this my last will and Testament. Ro. LANGFORD.

Sealed in the presence of Thomas HODGES, Anthony SHEPPARD, Thomas HODGES the younger.

A **Codicill nuncupative** to be added to the will of Robert LANGFORD, made the Tenth day of November In the yeare of our Lord 1656.

My will is that, if either of my younger sonnes dye before hee shall attaine to the age of one and twenty yeares, Then the legacie given to him shall remaine to his other younger brother. Thomas HODGES, John HANS.

This Will and codicill was proved at London the Seaventeenth day of the moneth of June in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand sixe hundred fifty seaven, before the Judges for probate of wills and grantinge administrations, lawfully authorized, by the oath of Millicent LANGFORD the relict of the said deceased and sole executrix named in the said will, To whom was committed ad'scon of all and singular the goods, chattles and debts of the said deceased, shee the saide Millicent LANGFORD being first sworne in due forme of law, by vertue of a commission, well and truly to administer the same.

(Q.226 PROB11/265 f.146)

[Robert LANGFORD died on 27th November and was buried at High Littleton on 1st December 1656. He was the son of Robert LANGFORD and Avis SHEPHARD. He married c.1646 Millicent GAWEN and had 3 sons, Robert (born c.1648, married Anne MILLS), John and Richard (neither married). Millicent died in 1663/4.]

Extract of Will of **Joseph LANGTON** of Newton Park, Newton St. Loe, Esquire.

I give to my freinds John HARRINGTON of Kelston, Esq'r, Walter ROBINSON of Henton Abbey, Esq'r, Charles BAVE of Bath, Doctor in Physick and Arthur BEDFORD of Newton St. Loe, Clerk [*Trustees*], the Messuages, Lands and Hereditaments in Middle Anger and Ercott, Glos., to hold them to the use of my daughter Frances (now wife of Robert FRY Esq'r), during her life and after her death, in Trust for my Grand-daughter Frances FRY.

I give to my daughter Frances FRY my best Coach and a pair of my best Coach Horses.

I give to my Grand-daughter Frances FRY £500, to my Grand-daughter Mary FRY £500 and to my Grand-daughter Elizabeth FRY £500 at their days of marriage or ages of 18.

I give to my Grand-daughter Frances FRY my Silver Bason and Ewer, to my Grand-daughter Mary FRY my Gold Locketts and my Flint Bottle Tip't with Silver and Double Gilt and to my Grand-daughter Elizabeth FRY my Gold Watch.

I give to my Grand-daughters Elizabeth LANGTON and Frances LANGTON the yearly interest from my Exchequer, Bank of England and any other Public or Government Securities and my estate and interest in the same.

I give to Elizabeth LANGTON and Frances LANGTON £500 each at their days of marriage or ages of 18.

If my Grand-daughter Ann COB attains 18 years and her Mother, my daughter Ann COB, and her husband assign by Deed to my Trustees, the Custody and Guardianship of my Grandson Joseph LANGTON and the Tuition and management of his reall and personal estate untill he is 21, then I give to my Granddaughter Ann COB £400 at the age of 18.

I give to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Newton St. Loe the House and Orchard in the same parish, wherein George MILLARD hath an estate determinable on 2 lives, yeilding to the Occupyer of my Capitall Messuage in Newton St. Loe rent of 2s.0d. p.a. and also the House in the same parish, wherein William JEFFERIS hath a Term for 7 years, yeilding 6d. p.a.

I do recommend to my Executors that my Servant John MORRIS be employed in overseeing my estate att yearly sallery of £5 and to state his accounts thereof in a Book kept for that purpose.

I give to each of those who shall be my servants at my death (not before mentioned) £5 more than shall be due to them for Wages.

All my Plate, not before devised, I give to my daughter Frances FRY (or her issue if she is dead) and my Grandson Joseph LANGTON by equal shares.

All my Household Goods and Implements of Husbandry I give to my Trustees for my said Grandson.

I give to said Elizabeth LANGTON my best Silk Gowne, Cap and Slippers, to my Servant John MORRIS my Camlet Cloak, my Morning Gowne, the Cap I usually wear and my best perriwigg and the rest of my Apparrell to my Servant William STACY, if he be in my service at my death.

Whereas I have an Estate for a long Term of years in a Messuage and Lands in Doynton, Glos., which I purchased of Sarah WITTEN, John BLETCHLY, Thomas GONING and Martha his Wife, now I give the same to my Trustees to the uses, which by the Marriage Settlement of Robert LANGTON Esq'r, late husband of my said daughter, are declared concerning the Mannor of Doynton.

I give to my Trustees one yearly summe of £40 out of my Farm in Stanton Prior, to be given to my Cousin Joanna KNIGHT for life, for her maintenance and use.

I give to my Trustees £20 p.a. from the impropriate parsonage of Wellow, to be given to my Cousin Elizabeth VICKRIS for life, for her maintenance and use.

Whereas I have an estate determinable on 3 lives, in the share of Two Acres of Mead in the Common Mead of Newton St. Loe, now I give the same to my Trustees for the same uses declared concerning the Mannor of Newton St. Loe.

I give to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of Newton St. Loe, £5 p.a. out of my impropriate parsonage of Wellow, of which £3 is to be paid to the Parson to read prayers to the Schollars in the Free School in Newton St. Loe, 20s. to the Master of the School to take care of the Clock and my Monument and toll a Bell for prayers and 20s. for books for the Schollars of the said School.

All the money due to me on Mortgage of the estate of Robert LANGTON Esq. dec'd, my son in law, or due otherwise, I give to my Grandson Joseph LANGTON.

I give to my daughter Ann COB, my Mourning Coach, the rest of my Coach Horses, my Picture set in Christall and Gold and my Gold Cup.

I give to my Grandson Joseph LANGTON, my best Diamond Ring containing Seven Stones and the Velvet Case (wherein that Ring commonly is), my Silver Monteth Laddle and Spoons, my Silver Bottle, my little pad Nag with the Furniture used when I ride on him, all my Pistolls, Guns and Swords, my Steel Seals and the Gold Medall left by Mrs LEMON.

I give to my Grand-daughter Elizabeth LANGTON, my Seed Pearles and to my Grand-daughter Frances LANGTON, my Ring with a pebble Stone and Two Diamond Sparkes and my Spleen Cup Tip't with Silver and a silver cover to it.

I give to Sir William CANN my Diamond Ring with a Single Stone, which I usually weare and to his mother, the Lady CANN, my Five pound piece of Gold.

I give to my Cousin Mary ALLANSON, Widow, a Double Guinea.

I give a Mourning Ring of the value of Twenty Shillings, to each of the afternamed: The Lady CANN the younger, my Cousin BAUGH, John STRETCHY Esq., William JONES Esq., Henry PINNELL Esq., William HART of Hanham Esq., The Wife of the said John HARRINGTON, Mrs HARRINGTON of Corston, The Wife of the said Arthur BEDFORD, Mrs MILLARD, My Cousin Thomas LEWIS Esq., The Wife of the said Mr LEWIS, Each of the two Widows CHAMPNEYS, Mr Samuel CATHERELL, Clerk, Mr Benjamin WILDING, Clerk, Mr George TRYME, James EDGELL, Betty LANE, my cousin VAUGHAN, Widow and to each of her children, my Cousin GRANT, Widow and my Cousin Robert VICKRIS.

I give to Mrs COX of Corston £5 and to Martha TEDDER of Keynsham £5.

To each of my God-daughters the Widow PARSONS and Elizabeth Chester CANN £10, to each of my Godsons John CHAMPNEYS and Joseph STRACHY £10, to my Servant John MORRIS £10 and to his son John MORRIS £10 and to Frances KNIGHT (if in my service at my death) £10. The several summes of £10 to be employed in the purchase of a Silver Tankard (with my Coat of Arms engraved thereon) for each of them.

I give to Nathaniel TANNER for his life, an Annuity of £2 12s.

I give to Elizabeth TANNER, Widow, sister of the said Nathaniel, for her life, an Annuity of £2 12s.

I give to my Son in Law Robert FRY Esq. £50 for Mourning Apparrell and equipage.

To my Son in Law George COBB Esq. £50 in like manner.

I direct my Executors at my funeral to distribute to the Poor of Newton St. Loe, Bread to the value of £10 and that the Expenses of my funeral do not exceed £100.

I desire to be buried in my burying plot in the Church of Newton St. Loe with as much privacy as may be and Mourning Apparrell to be given to my servants.

I give to my Trustees all my books, in Trust for my Grandson till he is 21.

If any avoidance of the Church of Newton St. Loe or Stanton Prior happen before my Grandson is 16, my will is that my Trustees are to present my Kinsman Mr Henry SHUTE to the same.

The Rents and profits of the Mannor, Lands and Hereditaments given by me to my Grandson, arising during his Minority shall be applied in the purchase of an Estate within 10 miles of Newton St. Loe or Stanton Prior and be to the like uses as declared in my Deed dated 25th October 1717, concerning my Mannors, Lands and Hereditaments in Somerset.

I appoint my Trustees to be Guardians of my Grandson until he is 21 and I give to each of them £20.
 I give to Arthur BEDFORD a yearly sum of £5 until my Grandson is 21, the said Arthur BEDFORD to keep a book relating to the estate.
 All the residue of my Goods, Horses, Cattell, Corn, Hay, Money, Bonds, Mortgages, Securityes for money, credits, Chattells and personal estate whatsoever, I give to my Trustees for the use of my daughter Frances FRY for life and after her death to the uses of my Grand-daughters, Frances, Mary and Elizabeth FRY.
 I constitute John HARRINGTON, Walter ROBINSON, Charles BAVE and Arthur BEDFORD Executors.
 My will is that for 4 weeks in every year of the first 5 years next after my death, my daughter FRY shall enjoy my Capitall Messuage in Newton St. Loe.
 Signed and Sealed by Joseph LANGTON, 19th November 1718. Witnesses Walt. CLARK, John DIMOCK, Ja. EDGELL, Ja. EDGELL junior.

Probate granted at PCC London on 17th May 1720 to John HARRINGTON, Walter ROBINSON, Charles BAVE and Arthur BEDFORD, Executors.

(Q.113 PROB11/574 f.107-12)

[Joseph LANGTON died on 17th March 1719 (1719/20), aged 83 and was buried at Newton St. Loe. He was one of at least 8 children of John LANGTON, who was Sheriff of Bristol in 1634, and Joane BURROWES (nee BUTCHER); Joseph's brother, Sir Thomas LANGTON, was Lord Mayor of Bristol in 1666. In that same year, Joseph LANGTON bought the Manor of Newton St. Loe from George NEVILL's widow. Joseph was MP for Bath in 1690. He married at Peckham, Kent in 1667/8 Frances BORLASE and had 10 children of whom Thomas, Elizabeth, John, Joseph and Borlase died young, Henry died 1701 aged 24, Dorothy died 1698 aged 20, Mary died almost 15 and 2 daughters survived him. One of these, Ann LANGTON, married her first cousin Robert LANGTON of Brislington (eldest surviving son of Sir Thomas LANGTON and his second wife Elizabeth GONING) had a son Joseph and 2 daughters Elizabeth and Frances, before Robert died in 1708. Ann married secondly Sir George COBB Bt., had another daughter Ann and died in 1749 aged 70. Joseph's other surviving daughter, Frances, married Robert FRY and had 3 daughters, Frances, Mary and Elizabeth. Joseph LANGTON, the Testator, purchased Hallatrow Farm (later called Manor Farm) with some 125 acres of land and two thirds of the Manor of Hallatrow on 12th April 1717 from Ann PURNELL, James COWARD, Samuel FRY, John LEACH and Mary BENDALL. Joseph LANGTON, the grandson, duly inherited the Hallatrow Estate, together with Newton St. Loe and other Manors and died in 1779.]

Extract of Will of **Joseph LANGTON** Esq. of Newton Park, Newton St. Loe.

Being Weak in Body but of sound mind, memory and understanding.

I give the next presentation of my Rectory of Stanton Prior, now in the possession of Rev. Mr PURLEMENT unto my good Friends Paul METHUEN Esq. of Corsham, John BLAGRAVE Esq. late of Calcot Place, Berks., John WILLES Esq. of Astrop, Northants. and Rev. John CHAPMAN, Archdeacon of Bath, in Trust that, upon the decease of Mr PURLEMENT, they shall present to the same living Rev. Mr James PHILLOTT, for his life only and that he shall enter into the same sort of Bond for Residence as the said Mr CHAPMAN has for the living of Newton St. Loe and to take such Tythes of my Lands in Stanton Prior as Mr CHAPMAN does for Newton St. Loe.

I give to my Trustees, Paul METHUEN, John BLAGRAVE and John WILLES, £50 each to buy them and their wives Mourning and to my other Trustee John CHAPMAN £50 for Mourning.

I give to Mrs TERRY, Governess of the Boarding School at Cambden House, where my daughter at present resides, £50.

I give to Mr Lewis CLUTTERBUCK of Bath, Mr Robert FRANCIS of Newton St. Loe and Mr William BROWN of Brislington, £40 each.

I give to Dr Abel MOYSEY, Charles HOTCHKIN Esq. and Mr Joseph PHILLOTT, £20 each.

I give to all my Menial Servants, that shall be living with me at my decease, a year's Wages above what shall be due to them at the time of my death and also a suit of decent Mourning.

I order that my funeral be conducted in the same manner as for my last dear wife.

I give to my Trustees all my Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tythes, Advowsons and Hereditaments, including the Estate and Lands I settled on my last Wife, that I am now entitled to, in Trust, for the benefit of my dear daughter Bridgett LANGTON. If she dies without issue before 21, I give the same to my right heirs.

I give to my Trustees all my Monies, Securityes for Money, Coaches, Horses, Geldings, Mares and Carriages, with Bridles, Saddles, Harness and Implements, and all my Household Goods, Implements, Plate, Jewells, Diamonds, Pearls, Watches, Trinketts, Pictures, Prints, Books, China, Linen and everything deemed as personal Estate, in Trust, for the use of my dear daughter Bridgett LANGTON. If she dies without issue before 21, I give the same to the Heir to my Lands.

I empower my Trustees to receive the income of my estate during my daughter's minority and make her such yearly allowance as shall be suitable to her fortune.

I direct that such person as shall happen to Marry my daughter shall immediately take upon himself, by Act of Parliament, and use the name and Arms of LANGTON.

I appoint the said METHUEN, BLAGRAVE, WILLES and CHAPMAN Executors in Trust of my Will and Guardians and Curators to my daughter Bridgett during her Minority.

Signed Jo. LANGTON, 2nd May 1774. Witnesses T. PAULIN, Jno. HORTON Jun'r, Jno. BOWDEN.

Proved at PCC London on 6th May 1779 by Paul METHUEN Esq., John BLAGRAVE Esq., John WILLES Esq. and the Rev. John CHAPMAN, Clerk, the Executors named in the Will.

(Q.207 PROB11/1053 f. 129-30)

[Joseph LANGTON died on 10th February 1779 aged 72. He was the son of Robert LANGTON of Brislington (died 1708), who married his first cousin Ann LANGTON of Newton St. Loe (she married secondly Sir George COBB and died in 1749). Joseph married firstly Charlotte BATHURST (died 24th July 1757 after having a child who did not survive long) and secondly Bridget GLANDVILLE (who died 9th January 1774, having had a daughter Bridget c.1762). Joseph inherited two thirds of the Manor of Hallatrow with Hallatrow Farm (now called Manor Farmhouse) and approximately 125 acres of land, and other Manors including Newton St. Loe from his grandfather Joseph LANGTON. He also purchased the Manor of Corston, built Newton Park in the 1760s with grounds designed by Capability BROWN and 4 times contested Bath in Parliamentary Elections between 1741 and 1757. Joseph's only child, Bridget LANGTON, married in 1783 William GORE (born 1760) of Kiddington Park, Oxford, who duly adopted the name and arms of LANGTON, calling himself LANGTON GORE at first before settling on GORE LANGTON. William and Bridget had 7 children, Barbara (born 1785, died 1818), Ann Bridget (1786, died 1792), William (1787, who married in 1822 Jacintha Frances Dorothea COLLINS and died 1828), Edward (1788, died 1860), Frances Matilda (1790, died 1864), John (1791, died 1819) and Paul Thomas (1793, died young). Bridget died on 24th November 1793 and in 1800 William GORE LANGTON married secondly Mary BROWNE of Stapleton Park, had four more children and died in 1847.]

Extract of Will of **John LANSDON** (LANSDOWN) of High Littleton, husbandman, dated 17 July 1670.

Aged and weak in body.

Daughter Mary, wife of Thomas YOUNG and daughter Grace 20s. to be paid at death of my executrix.

Son Joseph £10 to be paid when he is 21 and if he happens to die before that age the £10 shall be divided among my sons and daughters by Mary my now wife.

To my daughter Edith 5s. To my son John, my son Thomas and my daughter Elizabeth, 5s. each.

Residue to Mary, my now wife, executrix.

Mark and seal. Witnesses Edward JONES, John BRITTEN, Tho. RUDDUCKE.

Inventory 12th April 1672 by Tho's RUDDUCKE, Thomas SMITH, Nathaniel HODGES. Sum £30. 2. 6d.

(SRO DD/MG)

[John LANSDOWN married in 1634 Mary BA---, had Grace (born 1636) and doubtless others. "My now wife" suggests John may have married a second Mary. Only Joseph was under 21 in the extract of Will so Thomas son of John & Mary LANSDON, born 1657, may be the testator's grandson rather than son.]

Will of Thomas **LANSDOWN** of High Littleton dated 30th September 1786.

Proved 24th April 1789

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds SRO DD/RM 10)

[Mr Thomas LANSDOWN died on 7th June 1788 aged 60 and was buried at High Littleton on 8th June. He was born on 15th December 1727, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth LANSDOWN, married in 1751 at Farrington Gurney Jane KINGMAN and had 7 children, Lawrence (born 1752, who married at Stowey in 1777 Elizabeth POWELL), Mary (1754, who married in 1775 Thomas BOND), Betty (1755, who married in 1777 James BUSH), Thomas (baptized 1757, died unmarried 1780), Anna (1759, who married in 1779 John POW), Martha (1762, who married in 1784 John TRINDER) and James (1764, died 1767). Jane died in 1807.]

William LANSDOWN of Camerton, bachelor, died intestate.

Admon. granted 3 August 1790. Estate under £5,000.

Bond in amount of £8,000 given by Hester PURNELL of Hallatrow in High Littleton, Sarah POW of Wellow, Ann BISHOP of same, widows, John BAYNTON of Mells, yeoman, John PURNELL of Hallatrow & Charles SAVAGE of Midsomer Norton, gentlemen.

Hester, Sarah, Ann and Betty BAYNTON (wife of said John BAYNTON) sisters and only next of kin of William LANSDOWN.

(SRO DD/X/SR 3, 92)

[Hester LANSDOWN (born c.1719) married John PURNELL (Licence 5 Dec 1745), Sarah married --POW, Ann married William BISHOP at Wellow in 1758 and Betty married John BAINTON at Wellow also in 1758.]

Will of **Peter LUDWELL** of Hallatrow.

In the name of God Amen, I Peter LUDWELL, Yeoman, now residing at Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, viz:

I desire to be buried at the Church of the aforesaid Parish in a plain, neat manner and, after having paid all my just debts, Funeral expences etc., I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Charlotte WEEKS and Harriett WEEKS, the Wife of Frances [*Francis*] WEEKS, and Charlotte WEEKS as aforesaid, being the Wife of William WEEKS, share and share alike, of all my Farming Stock, Household Furniture, money, securities for money and whatsoever else I may die possessed of and wheresoever the same may be at the time of my death.

I also nominate, constitute and appoint my two daughters, as before named, as my sole Executrixes of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set and subscribed my hand and seale, this twenty first day of February One thousand eight hundred and fifty. Peter LUDWELL.

Signed, sealed and declared by the above named Peter LUDWELL, in the presence of us and each other of us, on the day and year above named. James WEEKS, Jonas WEEKS, Witnesses.

Probate of the Will of Peter LUDWELL deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 14th October 1851 to Charlotte WEEKS (Wife of William WEEKS of the City of Bath, Yeoman) and Harriett WEEKS (Wife of Francis WEEKS of Hallatrow, Yeoman), the lawful Daughters and the sole Executrixes named in the last Will and Testament of Peter LUDWELL, late of Hallatrow, Yeoman, who died on 8th July 1851. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £300 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. Charlotte WEEKS, Harriett WEEKS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 242 No. 816)

[Peter LUDWELL was buried at High Littleton on 14th July 1851 aged 59 (60 on tombstone). He married firstly at St. James, Bristol in 1811 Charlotte MATHLIN and had James (born c.1813/4) and Charlotte (c.1815-20, who married William WEEKS). Peter married secondly at St. Paul, Bristol in 1820 Joanna STICKLER (nee MAGGS), widow of John STICKLER (died in 1820, aged 83). STICKLER rented a small farm in the middle of Hallatrow from Richard LANGFORD, which Joanna and Peter LUDWELL (formerly a skinner in Bedminster), continued. In about 1830 they moved to Hallatrow Down Farm and farmed 80 acres. Peter and Joanna had 2 children, Harriett (baptized 1823, who married Francis WEEKS) and Anna Maria (1825, died 1838). Joanna died in 1849 aged 62. Francis WEEKS was employed by his father in law at Hallatrow Down Farm and took it on after Peter's death.]

Will of **John LYONS**

(Probate mentioned in Schedule of Deeds SRO DD/MGG 3)

[John LYONS was buried at High Littleton on 29th May 1800. He was of Wellow, when he married in 1754 at Bath Abbey Mary BUSH, who died in 1797. The Probate mentioned above accompanied Title Deeds relating to a Leasehold house and piece of land at Hallatrow.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **William MAGGS** of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Carpenter and Shopkeeper.

I give and bequeath unto my dear Wife Mary, to and for her own use and benefit absolutely, my Bible with Notes by Benson and also All my Stock in Trade as a Shopkeeper, with the fixtures, Utensils and Book and other debts belonging to, used in and due or owing for or in respect of the said Trade or Business of a Shopkeeper (which has been for some time carried on by my said Wife), Subject to the payment by her of all debts due from me for, or in respect of, such Trade or business; And also, all such parts of my Household Goods and furniture, plate, Linen and China, as my Male Trustees hereinafter named shall select as unnecessary to be sold, for the payment of my simple Contract debts and the raising a fund for the purpose of Apprenticing my Son William Robert Maxwell MAGGS, as hereinafter directed.

I give and bequeath unto my said Son, to and for his own use and benefit absolutely, my Silver Watch and it's usual appendages and such parts of my Books as my said Trustees shall select as useful for him, and also such parts of my Working tools as Mr James PARFITT, Carpenter of Midsomer Norton, shall think will prove useful

to him, in case he shall follow the Trade of a Carpenter or Cabinet Maker, such Watch, Books and tools to be delivered to my said Son by my said Trustees, when and as soon as they or the Survivor of them, in their or his discretion, shall think fit but, if my said Son shall not follow either of the said last mentioned Trades, then the whole of my working tools shall be sold and the produce applied as part of my personal estate.

I give and bequeath unto my said Wife and my friends William BLINMAN of Stanton Drew in the said County and George BLINMAN of High Littleton aforesaid, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, All my Stock in Trade as a Carpenter or Cabinet Maker, my working Tools, my Household Goods and Furniture, Books, plate, Linen and China (subject to the Bequests hereinbefore made to, or in favor of, my said Wife and Son), my Book and other debts (except those before bequeathed to my said Wife), my monies and securities for money and all other my Goods, Chattels and personal Estate and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, save and except my Interest in any Lease or Leasehold premises), Upon trust, as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, to collect and get in all such last mentioned Debts and monies and Securities and to sell and dispose of such other property and effects lastly bequeathed, at such time or times and in such manner and form as my said three Trustees shall think fit and, by and out of the Monies to arise by or from such collection and Sale, Upon trust, to pay my Funeral and Testamentary Expences and all my just debts (except debts upon Mortgage) and then to pay and apply any sum not exceeding Fifty pounds, as a premium for apprenticing my said Son, to the Trade or business of a Carpenter or a Cabinet maker or any other Trade or business he shall choose and then to invest the residue of such Monies in Government or real Securities, with power to alter the Securities, as they shall think fit, such Securities being always taken in the names or name of the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN or the Survivor of them or other the Male Trustee or Trustees for the time being of this my Will, who shall stand possessed of such Securities and monies, Upon the same trusts, as are hereinafter declared, of my real and Chattle real Estates and the produce, rents, Issues, Interest and profits thereof.

I give, devise and bequeath unto and to the use of the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN, their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns for ever or otherwise for all my Estate and Interest therein, All my Freehold and Leasehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments situated in the said Parish of High Littleton and all other my real and Chattle real Estates, with their appurtenances, Upon the Trusts and with the powers following, (that is to say), Upon trust, that they, the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN or the Survivor of them or the heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, do and shall, at such time or times as they or he, in their or his discretion, shall think proper, make Sale and absolutely dispose of, convey, assign and assure my said Real and Chattel real Estates, for as much Money as can be reasonably obtained for the same and that either by Public Auction or private contract or partly in one mode and partly in the other. And upon trust, to stand possessed of the rents and profits of the said hereditaments until sold, and the proceeds of the said Sale or Sales, for the purpose of defraying all the Costs and Expences attending such Sale or Sales and then of all principal and Interest monies due from me on Mortgage, Bond or Judgment and then to invest the residue of such monies in Government or real Securities, with power to alter the Securities, as they shall think fit, And, upon trust, to pay the Interest, Dividends and annual produce of the said Investments unto my said Wife, for her separate use for her life and so as she may not anticipate the same, and after her decease, Upon trust, to pay and divide the principal of such Investments unto and between my several children, Elizabeth MAGGS, Mercy MAGGS, William Robert Maxwell MAGGS and Francis Winifred MAGGS, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, as Tenants in Common. And, in case either of my said Children shall die in the lifetime of my said Wife, either before or after attaining the Age of twenty one years, without leaving Issue living at his or her death, Upon trust, to pay and divide the share or shares, original and accruing, of such Child so dying, unto and between the other or others of my said children in like manner, as hereinbefore directed, of their original shares. But, if either of my said Children shall die in the lifetime of my said Wife, either before or after attaining the Age of twenty one years, leaving Issue living at his or her death, then Upon trust, to pay and divide the share or shares original and accruing of such child so dying, as last mentioned, unto and between his or her Issue, as Joint Tenants. And if there shall be but one of my said Children living at the decease of my said Wife and no Issue of any of my Children who shall die in her lifetime, Upon trust, to pay the whole of such Investments unto such only child, his or her Executors, Administrators and Assigns. Provided always and I do hereby declare that it shall be lawful for the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN and the Survivor of them and the Trustees for the time being of these presents, after the decease of my said Wife and during the Minority of either of my said Children, to apply the Interest of the presumptive share of the same child or children of my Estate and Effects, towards the maintenance and education of such child or children, And also, during the life of my said Wife (with her consent) or after her death, to advance any part, not exceeding one half, of the presumptive shares of any or either of the same child or children, in or towards his or her advancement in the world, in such manner as my said Trustees shall think fit, But the sum so advanced and also any money which may be paid for apprenticing my said Son, as hereinbefore directed, shall be taken as part of the portion of the child for whose benefit the same is raised and shall be accounted for accordingly, in the distribution of my Estate and Effects between my several children, as hereinbefore directed. Provided also and

it is hereby further declared that, the receipt of the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN and the Survivor of them, his heirs and their or his Assigns, shall be a good discharge for all purchase and other monies, which in such receipt shall be expressed to be received and that all persons paying any monies, to the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN or the Survivor of them or their or his Assigns, for the purposes of this my Will and taking a receipt from him or them accordingly, shall not be obliged to see to the further application of the same monies, nor be accountable for the misapplication thereof. Provided lastly and I hereby declare that, on the death, refusal or incapacity to act, of either of them, the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN or of any trustee or Trustees to be appointed in his or their place or stead, it shall be lawful for the acting Trustee or Trustees for the time being of this my Will or the Executors or Administrators of the last acting Trustee, to appoint a new Trustee or Trustees in the place or stead of such Trustee so dying, refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid and, thereupon, the said Hereditaments, Trust Estate and premises, shall be conveyed and assured, so that the same may vest in such new Trustee or Trustees, jointly with the surviving or continuing Trustee or solely, as the case may require and in his, her or their heirs, executors, Administrators and Assigns, to the uses, upon the trusts and for the ends, intents and purposes hereinbefore declared; And that every such new Trustee, either before or after such Conveyance, shall have and may exercise the same powers and Authorities, as if he had been appointed a Trustee by this my Will and that none of the Trustees, appointed or to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be answerable for the other of them or for the Acts, deeds or defaults of the other of them, nor for involuntary losses, nor for money received under the receipts in which they shall join only for conformity; And that the present and every future Trustee shall and may reimburse themselves and each other, out of the said Trust premises or out of any monies that may come into their hands by virtue of these presents, all costs and expences to be incurred by them in the execution of the Trusts aforesaid or any wise in relation thereto.

And I appoint my said Wife and the said William BLINMAN and George BLINMAN, joint Executrix and Executors in trust of this my Will. And I hereby revoke all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this present writing, contained in five sheets of paper, to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, to wit, my hand to the four preceding Sheets and my hand and Seal to this fifth and last Sheet, this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight. William MAGGS.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William MAGGS the Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, at the same time who, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other altogether, have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto. W'm WILLIAMS, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't, James STICKLAND, Baker, High Littleton, Martha BLINMAN, High Littleton.

Probate of the Will of William MAGGS deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 20th June 1839 to Mary MAGGS, Widow and George BLINMAN, Servingman, both of High Littleton, the Executrix and one of the Executors in trust named in the last Will and Testament of William MAGGS, late of High Littleton, Carpenter and Shopkeeper, who died on 25th December 1838. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £300. Mary MAGGS, George BLINMAN.

(SRO ED Wills Box 164 No. 636)

[William MAGGS was buried at High Littleton on 30th December 1838 aged 44. He married at St. Peter, Bristol in 1818 Mary BUSH (baptized 1795, daughter of James & Betty BUSH) and had 4 children, Elizabeth, Mercy (baptized 1821), William Robert Maxwell (1823, who was a carpenter) and Frances Winifred (1826). Mary carried on the shop after William's death and died in 1849 aged 54. George BLINMAN (Executor) married in 1826 Martha BUSH (Witness), Mary MAGGS' elder sister. Around 1824/5 William MAGGS erected 10 tenements called Maggs' Folly in Rotcombe Lane. He also owned a house, shop and a number of tenements on 1 acre of land, mid way along the east side of the High Street, previously the property of Charles MAGGS.]

MILWARD alias HODGES - see HODGES.

Will of **John MYLWARD** (MILWARD) the younger of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1568.

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Extract of Will of **Jacob MOGG** Esq. of High Littleton dated 28th April 1806

Bequeathed to his son George MOGG in trust all his estates (in Farrington Gurney, Paulton, Biddisham, Mark, High Littleton, Norton, Timsbury and Ditchat) and coal works as to one sixth part each to George MOGG and his other children Jacob MOGG, Dorothy KINGSMILL, Charles MOGG, Robert MOGG & Henry Hodges MOGG.

Proved in Ecclesiastical Court by George MOGG.

(Mentioned in Mortgage Indenture of 1861 with Honeygaston Deeds.)

[Jacob MOGG died on 3rd May and was buried at Farrington Gurney on 9th May 1806 aged 74. He was born in 1730, the youngest child of Richard MOGG and Elizabeth TURNER. Jacob married in 1756 Sarah HODGES and had 9 children, Martha Hodges (baptized 1757, who married in 1800 Rev. William Brudenell BARTER and died 1805), Richard (1758, died 1791), George (1759, died 1818), Thomas (1761, died 1803), Jacob (1764, died intestate in 1824), Charles (1765, died 1830), Robert (1767, died 1840), Henry Hodges (1770, died 1850) and Dorothy (1773, who married firstly in 1802 Rev. John STEPHENS, secondly John KINGSMILL and died 1825).]

Will of **John MOGG** of Cholwell.

This is the last Will and Testament of me John MOGG of Cholwell in the Parish of Camely in the County of Somerset, Gent.

I give and bequeath unto my Brother Jacob MOGG of High Littleton in the said County, Esq., all my Stock of Cattle, Corn, Hay, Implements of Husbandry and all my household Goods and furniture, upon trust, that he the said Jacob MOGG do and shall sell the same within six months after my decease and, by and with the money arising therefrom, pay and discharge my funeral Expences and the Legacys hereinafter by me given and apply what shall then after remain towards the satisfaction of my just debts.

I give, devise and bequeath to my said Brother Jacob MOGG all those my Freehold Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Hereditaments with the Appurtenances, situate in the several Parishes of Wincanton and Maperton in the said County, To hold the same to him the said Jacob MOGG and his heirs, upon the trust and to and for the uses, ends, intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say), upon Trust, that he the said Jacob MOGG and his heirs do and shall, within the space of twelve months next after my decease, by Mortgage of the said premises or any part thereof, raise and levy so much money at Interest as will pay off and discharge all such Debts of every sort and kind as shall remain unsatisfied by the sale of my Stock, household Goods and Furniture abovementioned to be sold and to apply the same for the discharging all my debts accordingly and, after such money shall have been so raised and levied, Upon Trust, to receive the Rents, issues and profits of the said premisses and to pay and apply the same, in the first place for the paying and discharging the full Interest of the Monies so to be raised and levied as aforesaid, as the same shall arise and become due and payable, together with all the costs and charges occasioned thereby and, after the said Interest, costs and charges shall have been paid and satisfied, upon Trust, to pay to my Wife Joyce MOGG one annuity or yearly rent charge of £50, to be paid to her, my said wife, and her Assigns, by four equal Quarterly payments, the first payment thereof to begin and be made at the expiration of three months next after my decease and to continue payable for and during the term of her Natural Life (subject to the Proviso hereinafter mentioned) and, from and after the said Interest, Costs, charges and the said Annuity to my said wife shall have been fully paid and satisfied and subject thereto, Upon Trust, as for and concerning one undivided sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premises, to receive and take the rents, issues and profits thereof and to pay the same to my son John MOGG and his Assigns by quarterly, Monthly or Weekly payments, as to him, my said Trustee, shall seem expedient, for and during the term of his Natural life and, from and immediately after his Decease, Upon Trust, to convey the said undivided 6th part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premises (subject as aforesaid) to all and every the child and children of him, my said son John MOGG, lawfully to be begotten, on his, her or their attainment of the age of twenty one years and his or their heirs,

and upon Trust as for and concerning one other undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premisses (subject as aforesaid), to receive and take the rents, issues and Profits thereof and to pay the same to my son Richard MOGG and his Assigns by quarterly, Monthly or weekly payments, as to him, my said Trustee, shall seem expedient, for and during the term of his Natural life and, from and immediately after his decease, Upon Trust, to convey the said undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Premises, subject as aforesaid, to all and every the child and children of him, my said Son Richard MOGG, lawfully begotten, on his, her or their attainment of the age of twenty one years and his, her or their heirs,

and upon Trust as for and concerning one other undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premisses, subject as aforesaid, to receive and take the Rents, Issues and profits thereof and to pay the same to my son Jacob MOGG and his Assigns by Quarterly, Monthly or Weekly Payments, as to him, my said Trustee, shall seem expedient, for and during the term of his Natural life and, from and immediately after his Decease, Upon Trust, to convey the said undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Premises, subject as aforesaid, to all and every the child and children of him, my said Son Jacob MOGG, lawfully begotten, on his, her or their attainment of the age of Twenty One years and his, her or their Heirs,

and upon Trust as for and concerning one other undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premisses (subject as aforesaid), to receive and take the rents, issues and Profits thereof and to pay the same

to my son Charles MOGG and his Assigns by quarterly, Monthly or weekly payments, as to him, my said Trustee, shall seem expedient, for and during the term of his Natural life and, from and immediately after his decease, Upon Trust, to convey the said undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Premises, subject as aforesaid, to all and every the child and children of him, my said Son Charles MOGG, lawfully begotten, on his, her or their attainment of the age of twenty one years and his, her or their heirs, and upon Trust as for and concerning one other undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premisses (subject as aforesaid), to receive and take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and to pay the same to my Daughter Elizabeth HOUSE and her Assigns, to and for her sole and separate use and benefit and to be at her own disposal and not affected with the Debts, Incumbrances, power or Controul of her present or any future husband, to be paid by four quarterly payments, for and during the Term of her Natural life and, from and immediately after her decease, Upon Trust, to convey the said undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Premises, subject as aforesaid, to all and every the child and children of her, my said Daughter Elizabeth HOUSE, lawfully begotten, on his, her or their attainment of the age of twenty one years and his, her or their heirs,

and upon Trust as for and concerning one other undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and premisses (subject as aforesaid), to receive and take the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and to pay the same to my Daughter Joyce MOGG and her Assigns, to and for her sole and peculiar use and benefit and to be at her own disposal and not affected with the Debts, Incumbrances, power or controul of any husband, she may hereafter happen to marry, to be paid by four quarterly payments, for and during the Term of her Natural life and, from and immediately after her decease, Upon Trust, to convey the said undivided Sixth part of the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Premises, subject as aforesaid, to all and every the child and children of her, my said Daughter Joyce MOGG, lawfully begotten, on his, her or their attainment of the age of twenty one years and his, her or their heirs,

But in Case any or either of my said children, John MOGG, Richard MOGG, Jacob MOGG, Charles MOGG, Elizabeth HOUSE and Joyce MOGG, shall happen to die leaving no Issue of their respective Bodies or, leaving Issue, such issue shall die before the attainment of the age of twenty one years, then my Mind and Will is that the parts and shares intended to be given to the issue of such Children shall go to and be dividable amongst the issue of such other of my said other Children, not in equal shares and Proportions but according to the number of children leaving issue and the issue of every such child having issue, to take one part or share, which part or share to be dividable amongst them in equal Shares and proportions and, in case all my said children shall happen to die leaving no Issue of their respective bodies or, leaving Issue, such issue shall die before his, her or their attainment of the age of twenty one year, Then I give, Devise and bequeath the said Messuages, Tenements, Lands and Premises unto my Right Heirs for ever, provided always, and my mind and will is and I do hereby direct and declare that, in case the said Annuity or yearly sum of £50 given to my said Wife shall at any time Exceed and be more than a quarter of the Next rents and profits of the before mentioned premisses, after deduction of Interest, that then it shall and may be lawful to and for my said trustee to reduce such Annuity to the Amount of such quarterly payment of the rents and profits as aforesaid after deduction of Interest, And also that, in case my said Wife shall, at any time after my decease, lawfully enter into or claim or demand the above mentioned premisses or any other Freehold Estate I shall die seised of, or any part thereof, for or on account of her Dower or thirds therein, or if she, my said Wife, shall refuse, neglect or decline, for the space of 3 Calendar Months after request made to her for this purpose by my said Trustee, duly to release all her right, Title and Interest of, in, to or out of all my said Freehold premisses and every part thereof, then and immediately thereupon the Annuity hereinbefore given to her, my said Wife, shall cease, Determine and become Null and Void.

I give, devise and bequeath to my said Brother Jacob MOGG all those my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments with the Appurtenances, situate in the several Parishes of Camely aforesaid and High Littleton in the said County, to hold the same to him, the said Jacob MOGG, and his heirs (clear of the present Incumbrances thereon), Upon the Trusts and to and for the intents and purposes hereinafter Expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say) Upon trust that, he, the said Jacob MOGG, and his heirs do and shall receive and take the Rents, issues and Profits of the said Premises and pay the same to my Daughter Mary WOOLDRIDGE and her assigns, to and for her sole and separate use and benefit and to be at her own disposal and not affected with the Debts, Incumbrances, power or controul of her present or any future husband, to be paid by four Quarterly payments, for and during the term of her natural life and, from and immediately after the decease of my said Daughter Mary WOOLDRIDGE, I give, devise and bequeath the last mentioned premisses to my Grand Daughter Mary WOOLDRIDGE, her heirs and Assigns for ever, Upon Condition nevertheless that, in case my said Grand Daughter shall happen to marry, her husband does by the King's Patent adopt the Name of MOGG, which, if her said Husband shall neglect or refuse to do by the space of 12 months next after such his marriage, then and in such Case, I give, devise and bequeath the said last mentioned premisses to my Right Heirs for ever.

I give, devise and bequeath to my said Grand daughter all my silver plate of every sort and kind.

I give, devise and bequeath to my said Brother Jacob MOGG all such right, Title and Interest as I shall die possessed of or intitled unto in any Coal Pitts and Coal Mines in the Parishes of Midsummer Norton and Farrington Gurney or elsewhere, In Trust, to receive the produce, Income and Profits thereof and place the same out at Interest, as to him, my said Trustee, shall seem proper, to and for the benefit and advantage of my said Grand Daughter Mary WOOLDRIDGE untill she shall attain the age of twenty one years and then to pay the same to her, my said Grand Daughter, but, in Case she shall happen to die before she shall attain the age of 21 years, Then, upon Trust, to pay the same to my right heirs and I do hereby authorise and Impower him, my said Trustee, to manage and Conduct the said Coal Works so far as respects my share and Interest therein as he shall think proper, without being liable to be called to any account whatsoever for any Neglect or Misconduct therein.

I Give and bequeath to John, Maria and Sarah, the three children of my said son John MOGG, the sum of £20 a piece, to be applied at the discretion of my said Trustee for the purpose of binding them Apprentices to some trade or business.

I Give and bequeath to John PARSONS of the City of Bristol the sum of £20, to Betty PLUMLEY the Daughter of Samuel PLUMLEY the sum of £10, To Ann MOGG, widow of my late son William MOGG the sum of £5 and to my Daughter Ann MOGG one shilling.

And lastly, I make, Constitute and appoint my said Brother Jacob MOGG Executor in Trust of this my last Will and Testament, for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and I hereby order and direct that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Jacob MOGG, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, to take and retain out of the said Trust Estate all such Costs, Charges and Expences as they shall or may sustain or Expend in or about the Execution of this my Will or of the Trusts herein contained and that he, my said Trustee, shall not be responsible for any loss or damage that may happen or arise in the Execution or performance of this my Will or the trust herein contained or in relation thereto, unless the same be occasioned by his or their Gross or Voluntary Neglect or Misconduct.

In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in five Sheets of Paper, to the four first Sheets thereof set my hand and to this fifth and last Sheet my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Nine. The mark of X John MOGG.

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared by the Testator John MOGG, 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. W'm MILES, Geo. HARRY, James PALMER.

(SRO DD/MGG 3)

[John MOGG died on 1st February and was buried at Farrington Gurney on 4th February 1779. Several members of the family contested the Will on the grounds that John MOGG was not of sound mind when he made it and had been unduly influenced by his daughter Mary WOOLDRIDGE, a fact that was strongly denied by various witnesses. The matter was not settled for many years when an agreement was eventually reached between the parties. John MOGG was born on 16th February 1722 the son of Richard MOGG and Elizabeth TURNER, married Joyce HARRIS and had 10 children, John (born 1740), Jacob, William (1742 died 1775), Mary (1744 who married in 1772 William WOOLDRIDGE), Anne (1745 died unmarried 1796), Richard (1747), Charles (died 1750), Joyce (1752 died unmarried 1835), Elizabeth (1753 who married in 1773 Joseph HOUSE) and Charles (1755). Mary WOOLDRIDGE had 4 children, Mary Mogg (born 1774 who married at Cameley in 1805 John REES. The latter duly assumed the additional surname MOGG by Royal Licence in 1805), John Mogg (died unmarried 1813), William (died in 1779) and another son who died young. Through the above Will the REES-MOGG family came to own a large amount of land in the vicinity of High Littleton and Cameley. Jacob MOGG, the Trustee, was John's youngest brother, having been born in 1730 after his father had died.]

Will of **Thomas MOGG** of High Littleton.

This is the last Will and Testament of me the Reverend Thomas MOGG of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, M.A.

First - I direct all my just Debts, Funeral Expenses and the charges of taking a Probate of this my Will to be discharged and, subject to this payment:

I give and devise unto my dear wife Sarah MOGG all and singular my freehold and copyhold farms, lands, hereditaments and premises situated and being in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid as well as in the several Parishes of Timsbury, Farrington Gurney, Walton, Paulton, Compton Bishop and Mark in the said County of Somerset and elsewhere, to have and to hold all and singular my said freehold and copy hold Farms, Lands, Hereditaments and Premises unto my said wife, her heirs and assigns for ever.

I also give and bequeath unto my said wife (subject as aforesaid) all and singular my Leasehold Estates, Household Furniture, Plate, Linen, China and all other my personal effects whatsoever and wheresoever, to have and to hold the same respectively unto her my said wife, her Executors, Administrators and Assigns.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said wife sole Executrix of this my Will.

In Witness whereof I, the said Thomas MOGG, the Testator have to this, my last Will and Testament, set my Hand and Seal this twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two. Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the Testator Thomas MOGG as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request, in this place and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

(sgd.) Raphael GILLUM, Physician of the city of Bath, Richard MAYHEW, Apothe'y, Bath, Frederick Bratton MAYHEW, Apothe'y, Bath.

Probate of the Will of Thomas MOGG deceased, late of the City of Bath in the County of Somerset, Clerk, was granted at Wells on 8th October 1803 to Sarah MOGG, widow of the deceased, sole Executrix.

(SRO DD/PLE Box 95)

[Thomas MOGG died on 10th September 1803 and was buried at Farrington Gurney on 14th September aged 42. He was baptized at Farrington Gurney in 1761, the fourth child of Jacob MOGG and Sarah HODGES, attended Oriel College, Oxford, graduated as a B.A. in 1783, M.A. 1787 and was vicar of High Littleton from 1786 until his death. He married Sarah --- but did not have any children. Sarah married secondly at St. Michael, Bath in 1806 Rev. Richard HERDSMAN of South Petherton.]

Extract of Will of **Jonas MOON** of Chew Magna, coleminer, dated 15th December 1704.

Son Jonas 1/16 part & 1/32 part in my coleworks at Chew Magna.

Son James 1/16 part in my coleworks at Chew Magna.

Daughter Ann 1/32 part in my coleworks at Chew Magna.

Daughter Sarah 1/32 part in my coleworks at Chew Magna.

Daughter Elizabeth 1/32 part in my coleworks at Chew Magna.

Daughter Mary 1/32 part in my coleworks at Chew Magna.

If either die before marriage her part may be disposed of to her brothers or sisters.

Son Thomas 1/16 part in my coleworks at South Slade, High Littleton.

Son Jonas 1/16 part in my coleworks at South Slade, High Littleton.

Son James 1/16 part in my coleworks at South Slade, High Littleton.

All sons & daughters by my last wife, all my rights in coleworks at Fearnham equally between them.

Daughter Mary - bed in hall chamber.

Daughter Ann - bed in milkhouse.

Daughters Sarah & Elizabeth - beds in kitchen.

Margery wife of Thomas CARTER - 20s.

Residue to son Roger, full & sole executor.

Overseer & guardian to children - my kinsman Thomas EMMERY of Bristol.

Housekeeping out of coleworks so long as children by my last wife live together.

Signed Jonas MOON. Witnesses Thomas STOOKES, Mary SMITH, James CHISWELL.

Proved 14 March 1704/5. Inventory £106.14.10.

(SRO DD/X/SR4)

[Jonas MOON of Sutton was buried at Chew Magna on 22nd December 1704 and his wife Mary was also buried there in 1702, as was a daughter Jane in 1700. The family lived at Paulton for many years before moving to Sutton.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Betty MULLETT** of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Widow, being of sound mind, memory and understanding.

After paying all my just debts, Funeral Expences etc., I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles MULLETT the Beaureau and Bookcase which was intended for his late Father James MULLETT.

All the rest and residue of my personal property of every description, I Give, devise and bequeath the same unto John MULLETT of Farrington Gurney and James WEEKS of Hallatrow, Upon trust, to pay the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof unto my Son George MULLETT during his natural life but, should he die, then I Give the same unto his Widow Maria MULLETT during her Widowhood and no longer; afterwards I Give the same unto Matilda MULLETT, the Daughter of my Son George Sage MULLETT and his said Wife Maria MULLETT, for her maintaina[n]ce and education, in such manner as my Trustees shall think fit, untill she, the said Matilda MULLETT shall attain twenty one years but, should she die before attaining that age, then I Give and bequeath, what portion of the aforesaid personal property is left and not made use of by my Trustees, for the benefit of my said Son George or his Wife and Daughter; then I Give the remainder, in equal parts, unto my several Grandchildren, who shall be then living, of John WEEKS, late of Hallatrow and James MULLETT, late of Farmborough.

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I also do appoint the said John MULLETT of Farrington and James WEEKS of Hallatrow as Executors to this my last Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of April 1844. The Mark X of Betty MULLETT.

Signed by the above named Betty MULLETT in the presence of us. Thomas HARRISON, Henry DOWLING, Witnesses.

Probate of the Will of Betty MULLETT deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 5th March 1845 to John MULLETT of Farrington Gurney, Shopkeeper, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Betty MULLETT, late of High Littleton, Widow, who died in the Month of April 1844. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. John MULLETT.

(SRO ED Wills Box 212 No. 173)

[Betsy MULLETT was buried at High Littleton on 29th April 1844 age 74. She was born Elizabeth SAGE (baptized 1770, daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah SAGE), married in 1794 James WEEKS, who died in 1797 and married secondly at Walcot in 1805 Joseph MULLETT, a widower, who died in 1832 aged 76. By James WEEKS, Betty had 2 children, John (baptized 1795, married in 1817, had issue and died 1832) and George (1796, died 1798) and by Joseph MULLETT 3 children, James (born c.1805, married in 1826, had Charles c.1828/9 and died 1832), George Sage (baptized 1810) and Nehemiah (baptized 1812, died 1829). John MULLETT of Farrington, one of the Executors, was probably a son of Joseph's first marriage, being born c.1792 and James WEEKS, the other Executor, Betty's nephew. George Sage MULLETT married at St. James, Bristol in 1831 Maria WOOKEY and had 3 children, Nehemiah (born 1832, died 1832), Matilda (baptized 1834) and Maria (born 1840, died 1844). Maria died in 1859 aged 56 and George in 1865 aged 55. Betty inherited from her first husband James WEEKS, a house and garden at Woodview, Hallatrow, which was leased from Richard LANGFORD for the lives of herself and son John WEEKS. By 1825 there were 4 tenements at Woodview and Joseph and Betty MULLETT occupied one of the cottages, together with a joiner's shop.]

Will of **Edmund NAISH** of Hallatrow.

In the name of God Amen, I Edmund NAISH of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Cloathier, being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, praise be therefore given to Almighty God, doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say):

First and principally, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping throughe the merrits, death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of my sinns and to inherit everlasting life, And my body I commit to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor *[Executors]* hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of all such temporall Estate, as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth:

First, I will that my debts and Funerall charges shall be paid and discharged.

It., I give and bequeath unto my sonn John NAISH, the bedd, brass ?pann *[blotch]*, crock and coffer, that I had from Camely, with all my goods that is now in my house at Camely.

All the rest and residue of my personall Estate, goods and chattells whatsoever, I doe give and bequeath unto my sonn Jacob NAISH and my daughter Mary NAISH, whom I make and ordaine joynt and sole Executors of this my present last Will and Testament.

And lastly, I doe nominate and appoint Robert LANGFORD Sen'r of Hallatrow, Benjamin CHALLENGER *[CHALLONER]* of East Hartry, Thomas DOREY of Stone Eson and John NAISH of Camely, Overseers of this my last Will and Testament, authorizeing them by this my last Will and Testament, to take and receive all my goods and chattells, to pay all my debts, And the rest of the Fine for my Estate at Camely.

In witsesse whereof I doe set my hand and seale, this tenth of March Anno domini 1696/7. Edmund NAISH.

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of me Edmund NAISH, in the presence of John PURNELL, Caleb SINGER.

Probate granted at PCC on 2nd April 1697, to Robert LANGFORD senior, Benjamin CHALLONER, Thomas DOREY and John NAISH, Overseers named in the Will of Edmund NAISH of Hallatrow, for Jacob NAISH and Mary NAISH, children of the deceased, the Executors and Residuary Legatees named in the Will, during their minority.

(Q.79 PROB11/437 f.277-8)

[Mary NASH married in 1699 Thomas TYLER. John NAISH of Cameley died in 1711 aged 55.]

Will of **John NORTH** of Halatrowe.

Proved at Wells 1588.

(Index of copies of Wells Wills, 1573-1600 - SRS Vol. 62)

Will of **Thomas NORTHE** (NORTH) of Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1546.

(Index of Wells Wills, 1529-1585 - SRS Vol. 62)

John PARSONS of High Littleton.

Admon. granted 18 May 1577 to Joan PARSONS, relict. Inventory £7. 4. 0
(Probates & Admons. 1564-1611 889)

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Jonathan PARSONS** of Rydens Farm in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, as follows:

First, I desire that all my just debts, funeral and testamentary expences be paid by my Executors hereinafter named.

Also I Give, devise and bequeath any, every and all of [my] Right, Interests and Shares that I now or may, at the time of my decease, possess in the Radstock or Radstoke Coal Works, commonly called and known by the names of the Old Pit, Middle Pit and Ludlus [Ludlow's] Pit, all situated and being in the Parish of Radstock or Radstoke in the County of Somerset, together with any, every and all of my right, interests and shares in all and any of the said Radstock or Radstoke Coal Lease or Leases whatsoever, that I now or may, at the time of my decease, possess and also any, every and all of my right, interests and shares I now or may, at the time of my decease, possess in the Paulton Engine Coal Work or Works, situated in the Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset, unto my Daughter Maria DUDDEN, Wife of William DUDDEN of Wallmead in the Parish of Timsbury in the County of Somerset, Gentleman, to herself, her heirs, administrators and assigns for ever, for her and their own exclusive use.

And as to and concerning all my right, interests and shares I now, or may at the time of my decease, possess in the Radstock or Radstoke Tying Coal Work or Works, situated in the Parish of Radstock or Radstoke in the said County of Somerset, I hereby give, devise and bequeath the same unto my Sons, Thomas PARSONS of Wallmead in the aforesaid parish of Timsbury, William PARSONS of Clutton in the said County of Somerset and my Daughter, the aforesaid Maria DUDDEN, to them, their heirs, administrators and assigns for ever, equally between them, share and share alike.

And as to and concerning my household Goods and (and) Furniture, I Give and bequeath the same as follows:

First, a Bed and Bolster, a quilt, two sheets, a Bedstead, four green chairs, an arm chair, a china tea service, a metal Tea Pot, a Mahogany Tea Cady, a Tray or Waiter, all my books, a wash handstand, snuffers and tray or Mahogany Table, a Deal Table, a small flat table, a set of fire Irons, two ironing flats, a brass Fender and a corner cupboard, unto Eliza DUDDEN, Daughter of Richard and Harriett DUDDEN.

Also I Give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Son Thomas PARSONS, Two Cattle Pictures and all my remaining Goods and Furniture.

I Give and bequeath unto John DUDDEN of the Parish of Cameley in the said County of Somerset and Mary LAMPARD of the Parish of Walcot in the County of Somerset, to them equally, share and share alike.

And it is my Wish and desire, that the portion of my household Goods and furniture, hereinbefore particularised and bequeathed unto the aforesaid Eliza DUDDEN, shall, by my Executors hereinafter named, be handed over to the care and keeping of my Daughter, the aforesaid Maria DUDDEN, to be by her and Elinor HALL of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Schoolmistress, according to their joint discretion, appropriated to the us[e], and for the benefit, of the said Eliza DUDDEN, as she may in their opinion need the same.

And I hereby nominate and appoint the aforesaid Thomas PARSONS, William PARSONS and John HILL of the Parish of Paulton in the said County of Somerset, Licensed Victualler, as Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Witness my hand this Seventh day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.
Jonathan PARSONS.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator Jonathan PARSONS, 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. George FEARE Jun'r, Accountant of Timsbury, Somerset, John EVANS Jun'r, Accountant of Timsbury, Somerset.

Probate of the Will of Jonathan PARSONS deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 23rd May 1845 to Thomas PARSONS of Timsbury, Yeoman, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Jonathan PARSONS, late of High Littleton, Gentleman, who died on 9th June 1844. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. Thomas PARSONS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 213 No. 459)

[Jonathan PARSONS was buried at High Littleton on 15th June 1844 aged 77. He was born c.1766, son of John PARSONS (died 1819 aged 81), married at Paulton in 1789 Hephzibah HILL (baptized 1769), who died in 1803 and had at least 6 children, Thomas (baptized at Paulton 1792), Maria (baptized 1797, who married at Paulton in 1819 William DUDDEN), William (1798), Elizabeth (1801, who may have died young) and 2 others who died in infancy. Jonathan married secondly at Cameley in 1809 Ann DUDDEN a widow. In 1774 John PARSONS, took a lease on Ridings Farm and 17 acres from the JONES Estate, for the lives of himself and sons Jonathan and John jun'r (died 1797), to which Jonathan subsequently succeeded. By 1839 Jonathan appears to have purchased the Farm and 17 acres, which he leased out. Other relatives mentioned above include Richard DUDDEN, who married at St Mary Redcliff in 1826 Harriet KNIGHT and died in 1839 aged 34, having had Eliza (baptized 1837), who was living at Ridings Farm with Jonathan PARSONS, in 1841, aged 7; Mary Ann DUDDEN married at Bedminster in 1811 Henry LAMPARD.]

Will of **Richard PARSONES** (PARSONS) of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1582.

(Index of original Wells Wills, 1543-1600 - SRS Vol. 62)

Will of **Richard PASONS** (PARSONS) of Hie Littelton.

Proved at Wells 1586.

(Index of copies of Wells Wills, 1573-1600 - SRS Vol. 62)

Will of **Roger PASONS** (PARSONS) of Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1543.

(Index of Wells Wills, 1529-1585 - SRS Vol. 62)

Will of **Thomas PARSONS** of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1562.

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Will of **Robert PERRY** of High Littleton.

I Robert PERRY of Mearns in the Parish of High Littleton, late of Temple Cloud in the parish of Camely in the County of Somerset, wishes to dispose of his Property to his Children, at his decease, which is One hundred pounds in the hands of Mr John DUDDEN, Cooper of Temple Cloud and Fifty pounds in the hands of Mr Charles DUDDEN of the aforesaid place.

It is my Will that the Property should be equally divided, at my decease, to my five surviving children and their heirs, Sarah TRIPP, Robert PERRY, Elizabeth TUCKER, John PERRY and the children of the late Ann TUCKER,

and it is also my Will that the Goods & chattels, my Daughter Elizabeth TUCKER should have.

The above is my Will, dated this Twenty eight day of June one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven. And it is also my will that James TUCKER & Joseph TUCKER, Son of James TUCKER, should have the management of dividing the property, and all the Clubb money to go for his buriel. The above (h)is my Will.

As witness my mark X Robert PERRY. Witness's Benj'n PEARSEN, James HALL.

Probate of the Will of Robert PERRY deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 25th November 1835 to James TUCKER and Joseph TUCKER, both of High Littleton, Coal Miners, the Executors in trust, according to the tenor of the last Will and Testament of Robert PERRY late of High Littleton, Husbandman, who died on 4th April 1835. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £200 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. James TUCKER, Joseph TUCKER.

(SRO ED Wills Box 134 No. 730)

[Robert PERRY of High Littleton was buried at Cameley on 9th April 1835 aged 78. He married at Clutton in 1779 Mary TUCKER and had at least 5 children, Sarah (who married --- TRIPP), Robert (born c.1780/1),

Elizabeth (Betty was born c.1784/5, married in 1805 James TUCKER and died in 1852), John (born c.1786/7) and Ann (who married at St Mary Redcliff in 1806 another James TUCKER, had 2 children, Grace (baptized 1807) and George (1809) and died in 1811, whereupon her husband James remarried). Robert PERRY's Executors were Betty's husband and son.]

Extract of Will of **Thomas PILL** of Hallatrow, High Littleton, tanner, dated 8th August 1796.

Trustees James EVANS, butcher Weston and George DAVIS, yeoman, Weston.

Mentions Wiliam EVANS (under 21), one of the sons of John EVANS, Priston, butcher.

His brother James EVANS (under 21), their sister Hester (under 21).

Wife Hester EVANS, executrix.

William, one of the sons of William KEMBERY, yeoman of Camerton (under 21), his brother James and their sister Sarah KEMBERY (under 21).

George DANDO, one of the sons of James DANDO the younger, Camerton, yeoman (under 21), his brother Charles DANDO (under 21).

Sister Martha, wife of James CHARD, Midsomer Norton, butcher.

Cousin Martha, daughter of Samuel PILL, late of Midsomer Norton, tailor, deceased.

Joseph WALTERS, High Littleton, tailor.

Benjamin MILWARD, Keynsham, gentleman.

Witnessed by Benj. MILWARD, Richard W. RUSS, John DANDO. Estate under £300.

Proved at Provincial Court of the Bishop of Bath and Wells at Wells on 3rd July 1797.

(SRO DD/X/SR 3)

[Thomas PILL was buried at High Littleton on 30th June 1797. He was the son of John PILL and Mary JORDAN and married at Weston in 1794 Hester EVANS, but had no children. Other children of John and Mary PILL included Martha (who married at Paulton in 1790 James CHARD) and William (who died in 1769). Mary died and John PILL married secondly at Priston in 1788 Mary EVANS, a widow with several children, of whom Martha EVANS married at St. Michael, Bath in 1788 William KEMBERY and had William, James and Sarah, Ann EVANS married at Camerton in 1777 James DANDO and had George and Charles, and James EVANS and John EVANS were probably also Mary's children. Thomas PILL's widow Hester married at St Mary Redcliff, Bristol in 1797 James LANCASTER, a yeoman of Cridlingcot (Carlingcott), Dunkerton.]

Will of **James PURNELL** of Hallatrow.

In the Name of God Amen, The Seaventeenth day of February 1686/7, I James PURNELL of Hallatrow in the parish of high Littleton in the County of Somersett, Clothier, not being well in body but of perfect mind and memory, thankes be given to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to dye, doe here make and ordaine my last Will and Testament in manner and forme as followeth, that is to say,

First and principally, I give my soule into the hands of God my maker and Redeemer, And my body to the Earth, to be buried in decent manner.

And as touching any worldly Estate, as it hath pleased God to bless me with a small part in this life, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth SALLMON of Paulton, my intended wife, the ground at Withy Mills, with that which was formerly in the possession of Edward HORT and to enter it in two yeares time after my decease.

Also, I give and bequeath to Cheryty HILL of Masbury [*Marksbury*], daughter of the Widdow HILL of Masbury, one ground called Custom, formerly in possession of John HILL of Masbury and to enter into it at the end of two yeares after my decease.

Also, I give and bequeath unto Hanna HILL, her sister, one little meadow called East Close, former in the possession [*of*] John HILL aforesaid and to enter into it at the end of two yeares after my decease.

Also, all the remaining part of my Estate, I give to my loveing and tender Father Robert PURNELL, whom I appoint to be my sole Executor, to receive my debts and to disburse my funerall charges, the rest to take unto himselfe, not doubting but he will dispose the same where he sees most need. James PURNELL.

Signed and sealed in [*the*] presence of Thomas MOONE, Mary NAISH, the marke of Elizabeth HUIISH, the marke of Jone NAISH, the marke of Mary BLACKER, Jonas HUIISH.

Probate granted at PCC London on 4th April 1687 to Robert PURNELL, father of the deceased and Executor named in the Will.

(Q.52 PROB11/387 f.61)

[James was the one of the children of Robert and Elizabeth PURNELL.]

Will of **John PURNELL** of Hallatrow.

In the name of God, Amen, I John PURNELL of Hallowtrow in the parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, being in a sickly state of health, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, Thanks be to Almighty God for the same, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

Imprimis, I give and commend my soul and spirit into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, hoping to receive pardon of all my sins and to be made partaker of the Eternall Joye of heaven, through the alone meritts and intercession of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer, and my body I committ to the Earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in decent and christian manner at the discretion of my Trustees and Executors hereinafter named; and for the disposall of such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do in the first place revoke all former Wills by me made thereof, and do give, devise and bequeath the same in manner and form following.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anna PURNEL the severall goods and things hereinafter mentioned, which was her Mother's, (that is to say) all her wearing apparell, both linnen and woollen, six of the best of her gold rings, one trunk and one cabinet.

Item - I give my said Daughter three peices of old gold and half a dozen of silver spoons, a silver sugar dish and a silver porringer.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Brother Isaac PURNELL my second best suite of woollen wearing apparell.

Item - I give, devise and bequeath unto my friends John BRODRIBB of Clutton in the County of Somerset, yeoman, my Nephew John DANDO of Hallowtrow in the County of Somerset, yeoman, and Abraham BRODRIBB of Hallowtrow aforesaid, clothier, my Nephew, and to the heirs and assigns of the said John BRODRIBB, John DANDO and Abraham BRODRIBB for ever, all my houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments at Hallowtrow aforesaid, at Paulton in the said County of Somerset and elsewhere in the Kingdom of Great Britain and I give and bequeath unto them, the said John BRODRIBB, John DANDO and Abraham BRODRIBB, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all my Chattle Leases at Paulton aforesaid and at High Littleton in the said County of Somerset and elsewhere in the Kingdom of Great Britain and all my goods, Estate and Ready money, Bills, Bonds, Especialties, Securities for money, writings, debts and other thing and things whatsoever not before by me given, settled or disposed of, Upon the Trustees [*?Trusts intended*] hereinafter mentioned, That they, the said John BRODRIBB, John DANDO and Abraham BRODRIBB and the survivours and survivor of them, do and shall out of my whole Estate hereby given them, raise the sum of Five hundred pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain, to be paid unto my said Daughter Anna PURNELL as her portion at the age of one and twenty years, or the Issue of her body or within four years next after her Marriage, which shall first happen, and in the mean time, my will and meaning [*is*] that the said Trustees and the Survivours and Survivor of them shall, out of the profitts of my said Estate, maintain, educate and breed up my said daughter and my son John PURNELL according to their degree and condition, and the said Five hundred pounds being accordingly paid, or in case my daughter shall happen to die and depart this life, before the said Five hundred pounds shall become due and payable according to the intent and meaning of this my Will, Then my Will and meaning is that my said Trustees and the Survivours and Survivor of them do and shall account for and pay, surrender and assign my said Estate and the profitts thereof to my said son John PURNELL and his heirs and assigns respectively, according to my respective Interest therein, when and as soon as my said son John shall attain his age of one and twenty years or any Issue of his body shall attain that age. And in case my said son John shall happen to die and depart this life before he shall attain that age, without Issue of his body, lawfully to be begotten, Then my will and meaning is that my said Trustees and the Survivours and Survivor of them shall account for, and pay, surrender, convey and assigne my said Estate and the profitts thereof to my said Daughter Anna PURNELL and her heirs and assigns respectively, according to my respective Interest therein, when and as soon as my said Daughter shall attain her age of one and twenty years, or any Issue of her body shall attain that age, and in case my said Daughter shall happen to die and depart this Life before she shall attain that age, without Issue of her body lawfully begotten, Then my Will and meaning is That my said Trustees and the Survivours and Survivor shall account for and pay, surrender, convey and assigne my said Estate and the profitts thereof to my right heirs and my next of kindred respectively, according to my respective Interest therein, excepting as hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) and my Will and meaning is that, in case my Son and Daughter shall both happen to die before their respective ages of one and twenty years, without Issue of their or either of their bodys, lawfully to be begotten, that then my Chattle Lease at High Littleton aforesaid, now determinable on the lives of my Brother Isaac PURNELL, Robert PURNELL his son and my said son John PURNELL, shall be by my said Trustees and the Survivours and Survivor of them assigned to my Nephew the said Robert PURNELL, to whom I give the same accordingly, and that my Chattle Lease at High Littleton aforesaid, now determinable on the lives of the said Elizabeth PURNELL my Mother, Mary BRODRIBB my Sister, now wife of Robert BRODRIBB the elder of Clutton aforesaid, yeoman, and of my said son, shall be by my said Trustees and the Survivours and Survivor of them assigned to my said Sister Mary BRODRIBB, to

whom I give the same accordingly and I do hereby constitute and appoint the said John BRODRIBB, John DANDO and Abraham BRODRIBB and the Survivours and Survivor of them to be Executors and Executor of this my last Will and Testament, In trust for my said son John PURNELL untill such time as he, my said son, shall attain the age of one and twenty years and from thence I appoint him, my said son, to be Executor hereof, and my Will and meaning is that my said Trustees and every of them shall and may reimburse and pay him and themselves out of my Estate for such trouble, cost and paine as they shall be at about the Execution of the Trust hereby in them reposed; and I do give unto each of them the sum of twenty shillings as token of my love to them and my Will is that each of them shall be answerable for his owne Act, Receipt or Default, and not one for the Act, Receipt or Default of the other of them.

In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in these two sheets of paper, to the first of them set my name, and to this last sheet set my name and Seale, this second day of February Anno Domini 1710, [*In Latin*] and ninth year of Queen Ann's reign. (sgd.) John PURNELL.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John PURNELL, the Testator, to be his last Will and Testament the second day of February 1710, in the presence of us, who then in the presence and at the request of the Testator, subscribed our names, as at the request of the Testator interlined these words "or the Issue of her body" witnessed here. Joseph BRODRIBB, John DANDO junior, Sarah HILL.

Probate granted at Wells 13th September 1712 to John BRODRIBB, John DANDO & Abraham BRODRIBB, Executors.

(SRO DD/S/ET Box 4)

[John PURNELL was the son of Robert and Elizabeth PURNELL. He married Anna and had 3 children, John (born 1691, died young), John (1693) and Anna (1695). Others mentioned in the Will include sister Mary PURNELL, baptized 1643, who married in 1668 Robert BRODRIBB and had Abraham, and Isaac PURNELL born 1661, who had Robert.]

John PURNELL of High Littleton died intestate.

Letters of Administration granted to Hester PURNELL, widow of John PURNELL, late of High Littleton, 9th March 1754.

(SRO DD/X/PPA)

[John PURNELL died on 1st February and was buried at High Littleton on 3rd February 1754, aged 29. He was born on 9th December 1725, the 10th child of John PURNELL and Ann HUMPHREYS (nee HILL), married in 1745 Hester LANSDOWN of Wellow and had 4 children, Ann (1746, died 1747), Ann (1748, who married at High Littleton in 1771 Charles SAVAGE of Midsomer Norton and died in 1772), John (born 1750, died unmarried 1839) and Hester (1753, who married at St. Stephen, Bristol in 1774 Charles SAVAGE, her late sister's husband and died in 1779). John's widow Hester was buried at High Littleton on 17th January 1797.]

Extract of Will of **John PURNELL** of Woodborough House, Esquire.

A Legacy of £400 to each of my nieces Hester the wife of George Treweeke SCOBELL Esquire and Sarah SAVAGE, Spinster.

I give my Mansion House called Woodborough House, with the Coachhouse, stables, outbuildings, offices & gardens and my Manor of Woodborough and also Farm lands, cottages, tenements and estate and premises called the Woodborough Estate, situate in the parishes of Camerton & Wellow, unto John WAIT of Newnham, Glos. Esquire, Brother of the late Daniel WAIT of Belluton in Stanton Drew and Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL of the City of Bath, Gentleman, upon trust to the use of William Savage WAIT, the eldest son of my niece Ann Purnell WAIT, Widow of the said Daniel WAIT, during his life and after that to the eldest son of William Savage WAIT and his heirs and if none to the second son and so on. In failure of such issue, upon trust, to Daniel Charles WAIT, the second son of Ann Purnell WAIT, and his first son etc. Similarly, on failure of such issue, to John Purnell WAIT, the third son of Ann Purnell WAIT etc. and again if no issue to Sarah Ann WAIT, daughter of Ann Purnell WAIT etc.

I give to Daniel Charles WAIT my fourth part of the yearly fee farm charge of £200 payable out of that estate called the Manor of Langford, also my fourth part of a certain messuage, offices, buildings, farm lands and hereditaments at Kennicott in Dunkerton, and also my fourth part of a close of land called No Man's land at Wellow, and also my fourth part of the great tithes arising out of a farm at or near Whiteox in Wellow, late in the occupation of George MARSH but now of (Crispian?) POLLARD as Tenant, and out of pieces and parcels of land called the Three Hullox Hills, Whittle Tying, the thirteen Acres, close called No Man's land and an acre of land at Double Hill, all in Wellow.

I give my fourth part of the farm lands, farmhouse, outbuildings and premises called Wellow Farm to John WAIT and Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL upon trust to the use of Daniel Charles WAIT and then his eldest son etc.

and, if no issue, secondly to John Purnell WAIT or thirdly Sarah Ann WAIT or fourthly William Savage WAIT etc.

I give and devise all those my messuages, lands, estates and heredit. and premises at Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton in the said County of Somerset, with their and every of their rights, members and appurts., unto the said John WAIT and Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL, their heirs and assigns, To the uses nevertheless and upon the trusts hereinafter expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say), To the use of the said John Purnell WAIT and his assigns, during his natural life, without impeachment of waste and, from and after the determination of that estate, To the use of the said John WAIT and Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL and their heirs, during the life of the said John Purnell WAIT, Upon trust to support the contingent uses and estates hereinafter limited and protect the same from being defeated or destroyed &, for that purpose, to make entries and bring actions as occasion shall require, yet nevertheless to permit and suffer the said John Purnell WAIT and his assigns to hold and enjoy the said messuages, lands and heredit. during the term of his natural life and, from and after the decease of the said John Purnell WAIT, To the use of the first son of the said John Purnell WAIT to be lawfully begotten and the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing and, on failure of such issue, To the use of the second, third, fourth, fifth and all and every other son and sons of the body of the said John Purnell WAIT to be lawfully begotten, severally, successively and in remainder, one after another, as they respectively shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth and the several and respective heirs male of the body or several and respective bodies of the same son and sons respectively lawfully issuing, every elder of the same sons and the heirs male of his body issuing being always to be preferred and to take before every younger of the same sons and the heirs male of his body issuing and, in default of such issue, To the use of the said Daniel Charles WAIT and his assigns during his natural life, without impeachment of waste and, from and after the determination of that estate, To the use of the said John WAIT and Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL and their heirs, during the natural life of the said Daniel Charles WAIT, upon Trust to support the contingent uses & estates hereinafter limited & protect the same from being defeated or destroyed and, for that purpose, to make entries and bring actions as occasions shall require, yet nevertheless to permit and suffer the said Daniel Charles WAIT and his assigns to hold & enjoy the said messuages, lands and heredit. during the term of his natural life and, from and after the decease of the said Daniel Charles WAIT, To the use of the first son of the said Daniel Charles WAIT to be lawfully begotten and the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing and, on failure of such issue, To the use of the second, third, fourth, fifth and all and every other son and sons of the body of the said Daniel Charles WAIT to be lawfully begotten, severally, successively and in remainder, one after another, as they respectively shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth and the several and respective heirs male of the body or several and respective bodies of the same son and sons respectively lawfully issuing, every elder of the same sons and the heirs male of his body issuing being always to be preferred and to take before every younger of the same sons and the heirs male of his body issuing and, on failure of such issue, To the use of my said Grand niece Sarah Ann WAIT and her assigns during her natural life, without impeachment of waste and, from and after the determination of that estate, To the use of the said John WAIT and Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL and their heirs, during the natural life of the said Sarah Ann WAIT, Upon trust to support the contingent estates hereinafter limited and to protect the same from being defeated or destroyed and, for that purpose, to make entries and bring actions as occasion shall require, yet nevertheless to permit and suffer the said Sarah Ann WAIT & her assigns to hold & enjoy the said lands & heredit. during the term of her natural life &, from & after the decease of the said Sarah Ann WAIT, to the use of the first son of the said Sarah Ann WAIT to be lawfully begotten & the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing &, on failure of such issue, To the use of the second, third, fourth, fifth & all and every other son and sons of the body of the said Sarah Ann WAIT to be lawfully begotten, severally, successively & in remainder, one after another, as they respectively shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth & the several & respective heirs male of the body or several & respective bodies of the same son & sons respectively lawfully issuing, every elder of the same sons & the heirs male of his body issuing being always to be preferred & to take before every younger of the same sons & the heirs male of his body issuing and, on failure of such issue, To the use of my Grand nephew the said William Savage WAIT & his assigns during his natural life, without impeachment of waste &, from & after the determination of that estate, To the use of the said John WAIT & Thomas Macaulay CRUTTWELL and their heirs, during the natural life of the said William Savage WAIT, Upon trust to support the contingent uses & estates hereinafter limited and protect the same from being defeated or destroyed and, for that purpose, to make entries and bring actions as occasion shall require, yet nevertheless to permit and suffer the said William Savage WAIT and his assigns to hold and enjoy the said messuages, lands and heredit. during the term of his natural life and, from & after the decease of the said William Savage WAIT, To the use of the first son of the said William Savage WAIT to be lawfully begotten & the heirs male of the body of such first son lawfully issuing &, on failure of such issue, To the use of the second, third, fourth, fifth & all and every other son and sons of the body of the said William Savage WAIT to be lawfully begotten, severally, successively & in remainder, one after another, as they respectively shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth & the several

and respective heirs male of the body or several & respective bodies of the same son and sons respectively lawfully issuing, every elder of the same sons & the heirs male of his body issuing being always to be preferred & to take before every younger of the same sons and the heirs male of his body issuing &, on failure of such issue, To the use of my own right heirs for ever. And it is my Will and meaning that, any person, who for the time being shall be seized of or entitled unto the last devised premises under this my Will, he or she being then full twenty five years of age, shall and may at his or her discretion grant one or more lease or leases of the mines, veins and seams of Coal already found and discovered or that hereafter may be found or discovered in, upon or under the same premises, for any term not exceeding thirty years from the time of granting such Lease or Leases, Provided always that, the person granting the same shall not waive any sum or sums of money or other consideration whatever by way of premium or foregift for so doing and that there be reserved by such Lease or Leases unto the person granting the same & such other other persons, who after him or her shall be entitled to the same premises by virtue hereof, at least one full tenth part or share of all Coal landed from the the said mines, veins & seams of Coal or one full tenth part of the monies produced by the sale of the same, at the option of the person or persons granting such Lease or Leases and such other persons as aforesaid, for the free part or share thereof.

The Residue of my real and personal estate I give to Ann Purnell WAIT and her four children, (that is to say) William Savage WAIT, Daniel Charles WAIT, John Purnell WAIT and Sarah Ann WAIT, to be equally divided between them, as tenants in common.

I appoint Ann Purnell WAIT, William Savage WAIT and Daniel Charles WAIT Executrix and Executors.

Signed Jno. PURNELL, 6th October 1830. Witnesses Francis FALKNER, William BANKS, W'm LAND, Clerks to Mr T.M. CRUTTWELL, Sol'r, Bath.

Proved at London 4th Dec'r 1839 before the Judge by the Oaths of Anne (in the Will written Ann) Purnell WAIT, Widow, the niece, William Savage WAIT and Daniel Charles WAIT, the Executors, to whom admn. was granted, having been first sworn by Comon. duly to adm.

(Q.773 PROB11/1920 F.186-90)

[John PURNELL died unmarried on 15th October 1839. He was born on 20th August 1750, the only son of John PURNELL and Hester LANSDOWN. John had 3 sisters of whom only Hester (married in Bristol in 1774 Charles SAVAGE) had children, namely Ann Purnell SAVAGE (married at Midsomer Norton in 1806 Daniel WAIT), Sarah SAVAGE (died unmarried in 1855, aged 80) and Hester SAVAGE (married at Midsomer Norton in 1818 George Treweweke SCOBELL of High Littleton and died in 1869, aged 91). Of Ann Purnell WAIT's children, John Purnell WAIT (who died unmarried in 1841) and then Daniel Charles WAIT (who married in 1839 Sarah WILSHIRE and had at least 8 children) inherited the Hallatrow property.]

This is the last Will and Testament of **Robert PURNELL** of Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Gentleman.

I give and bequeath unto my son William Skey PURNELL the Sum of Forty pounds, to be paid him by my Executrixes hereinafter named, as soon as they shall be possessed of sufficient Monies for that purpose, after the full discharge of all my just Debts and Funeral expences.

I Give and Bequeath unto my son John PURNELL, all my Wearing Apparel of every kind, quality and description.

I Give, devise and bequeath unto my two Daughters, Betty PURNELL and Sarah PURNELL, All and singular my Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold Estates, Messuages, Lands, Hereditaments and Premises, with the Appurtenances, situate and being in the several parishes of Chilcompton, Midsomer Norton, Paulton and Clutton or elsewhere within the County of Somerset aforesaid and also all and singular my Household Furniture, Plate, Linen and China and all other my Real and Personal Estate, Chattles, Goods, Debts, Property and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever, To hold the same respectively and every part thereof, with their respective Rights and Appurtenances, unto them the said Betty PURNELL and Sarah PURNELL and the Survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of the Survivor, for and during all such Estates, Terms, Right and Interest, which I shall or may have claim or be entitled unto, of and in such Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold Estates and other the Property and Effects aforesaid respectively, To, for and upon the several uses, Trusts, Ends, Intents and Purposes following, that is to say, Upon Trust, that they, my said Daughters and the Survivor of them and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, do and shall, as soon after my decease as they conveniently can, sell and dispose of all and singular my said Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold Estates respectively or any parts or part of any or either of them, And also all or any parts or part, of my said other property, Estate and Effects respectively, either by public Auction or Private Contract, as they in their discretion shall think proper, and do and shall, out of the Monies to be produced by such Sale or Sales, in the first place, pay and fully discharge all such Debts as shall be due and owing from me at the time of my decease, unto any person or persons whomsoever, either on special Securities

or simple contract (particularly the two principal Sums of Money now due on my Bonds to my said Daughters respectively), And from and after full payment and discharge of all such Debts as aforesaid and also the payment of my Funeral expenses, the charges of proving this my Will and the Legacy hereinbefore given and bequeathed, Then upon Trust and to and for the only proper use, benefit and advantage of them, my said Daughters and my said Son John PURNELL, their respective Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, as Tenants in Common and not as joint tenants, in equal shares and proportions.

Lastly, I do hereby Nominate, Constitute and Appoint my said Daughters, Betty PURNELL and Sarah PURNELL, Executrices jointly, In Trust of this my Will, hereby revoking all former, or other Wills by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my only last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in Two Sheets of Paper, to the first of such Sheets set my hand and to this second and last sheet, my hand and Seal, the Sixth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven. Rob't PURNELL.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Testator Robert PURNELL, as and for his last Will and Testament (the word "named" between the third and fourth lines of the first sheet having been first interlined), in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as Witnesses. R'd LANGFORD, Frances LANGFORD, Ruth WHERRIT.

Probate of the Will of Robert PURNELL deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 25th June 1813 to Betty PURNELL of the City of Bristol, Spinster, and Sarah PURNELL of Hallatrow, Spinster, the Executrices named in the last Will and Testament of Robert PURNELL late of Hallatrow, Gentleman. Effects sworn under £100.

(SRO ED Wills Box 7 No. 559)

[Robert PURNELL died on 8th February and was buried at High Littleton on 12th February 1813 aged 84. He was born in 1728, son of John PURNELL and Ann HUMPHREYS (nee HILL), married Betty SKEY, who died in 1802 aged 71, and had 5 children, Betty (died 1751), William Skey (baptized 1752, who married at Midsomer Norton in 1779 Jane SALMON), Sarah (died 1756), Betty (died unmarried in 1849 aged 93) and Sarah (died unmarried in 1832 aged 74). The PURNELL family home in Hallatrow was Hallatrow House (now Brook Farm).]

Will of **Elizabeth READE** of High Littleton.

In the name of God, Amen, the first day of December [? faded] in the yeare of our Lorde god 1615, I Elizabeth READE of High Littleton within the diocese of Bath and Wells, Widdow, being sicke in bodie but of good and perfect memory, praise to the Allmightie, do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following.

First I comend my soule to Allmightie god my maker and redeemer and my bodie to be buried in the Church yard of High Littleton aforesaid.

Item - I give and bequeth to my sonne John HILL, fourtie shillings to be paid unto him by my executors at the end of 6 years after my discease, if the said John HILL doe so long live; if not, then my executor shall enjoy it.

Item - I give and bequeth to my daughter's daughter Franncys POPE, fourty shillings, to be paid her by my executors at the end of 6 years after my discease, if shee so long live; otherwise my executor shall enjoy it.

Item - I give and bequeth to my sonne John HILL, one bushel of barley.

Item - I give and bequeth to my sonne in lawe Thomas POPE, one bushel of barley.

Item - I give and bequeth to my daughter's daughter Franncys POPE, one flock bedd and a bowster.

Item - I give and bequeth to my daughter in lawe Franncys HILL, one peticot and one smocke.

Item - All the rest of my wearinge apparell I give and bequeth to my daughter Welthian.

Item - all the rest of my goods, movable and unmovable, not given nor bequethed, I give and bequeth to my sonne Thomas HILL, whom I doe make my full and whole executor to this my last Will and Testament, to receive my debts and to paie my debts and to see my bodie brought to the earth.

Probate granted at Wells 24th April 1616. Inventory £6.14. 3.

(SRO D/D/ct.)

[Elizabeth READE was buried at High Littleton on 14th December 1615. Her first husband, Thomas HILL, died in 1610 and she married in 1611 Nicholas READE. By her first husband Elizabeth had Thomas, John (who married in 1607 Frances EDGILL), a daughter (who married Thomas POPE and had Francis) and Welthian.]

Extract of Will of **Thomas READ** of Cloud Hill, gentleman, dated 10th September 1781.

Executors Joseph BRODRIBB the elder of Hallatrow, clothier, John CRANG the elder and John CRANG the younger, both of Timsbury, gents.

Give all my property in High Littleton and Timsbury to above executors in trust for John READ, son of my nephew John READ dec'd, his eldest son & so on. In default, in trust for Thomas READ, son of my nephew Benjamin READ and so on.

Mentions Jane SKEY, daughter of my niece Jane SKEY dec'd

Nephew James READ, Honor PHILP, Mary PHILP.

Nieces Martha BOULTER, Betty WILTON.

Children of my niece Sarah BOULTER dec.

Children of my niece Hannah KELSON dec.

Children of my niece Mary BOULTER dec.

Children of my niece Judith SHORE dec.

Benjamin READ, William READ, Thomas READ, sons of my nephew Benjamin READ.

(SRO DD/RM 22)

[Thomas READ married Martha (born 9 Jan 1714/5) daughter of Rob't LANGFORD & his wife Martha HARRIS. They had no children and Martha died 2 May 1780.

John READ attained 21 years of age, took possession of the property, then died unmarried. James READ died leaving his eldest son Rev. Treharne Symons READ, Clerk of Kingswear, as his heir. The property in High Littleton included what is now Bungay's Hill Farm and about 24 acres of land.]

Will of Susannah REXWORTHY.

I Susannah REXWORTHY, Widow, now residing at Hallatrow in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, being of sound Mind, memory and understanding, do make this my last will, in the form and manner following.

I desire to be buried in a plain and neat manner, near the grave of my late Uncle James WEEKS, in the church yard at High Littleton and a neat stone to be erected,

and after all my funeral expences and just debts are paid, I will and bequeath unto my Brother Benjamin CARTER of Paulton, in the aforesaid County, Four Blankets, Two sheets, one Quilt, one Pillow and case and a new Suit of Mourning, agreeable to the order of my Executor.

I also bequeath to my Sister Ruth JANES, now living in the Parish of Newton St. Loe near Bath, all my mourning, best cloth cloak, velvet bonnet, black silk gown, umbrella, six silver tea spoons and one pair of sugar tongs.

I also will the remainder of my clothes, to be divided between my Sister Ruth JANES, her daughters and Elizabeth JANES, the wife of George JANES, agreeably to the will of my Executor.

I also give to Susannah, the daughter of my Sister Ruth JANES, six silver tea spoons and my gold wedding ring and, to her sister Betsy JANES, I give my tea caddy and spoon, and to Mary JANES, the daughter of my sister, one ring, a pair of silver salts spoons.

I also give to my Brother John CARTER, if living at the time of my death, the sum of five pounds; if not, I give it to the daughters of my Sister Ruth JANES, and to Elizabeth JANES, share and share alike.

I give to my Brother Job CARTER, the sum of ten pounds and to his Son I give six silver tea spoons and one pair of sugar tongs. To the daughter of my Brother Job CARTER I give my silver watch.

To James Rexworthy BROOKS I give a pair of silver table spoons, to his Brother *[blank]* BROOKS a seven shilling piece. To his Brother Henry BROOKS I give an old crown piece.

To James WEEKS of Hallatrow I give six mahogany chairs, one mahogany tea table and to Elizabeth WEEKS, the wife of James WEEKS, I give my gold broach, china crape shawl, and to Mary Ann WEEKS, her daughter, I give an old crown piece.

To Mr George FEAR I give my parasole and a mourning ring.

To Mrs Hester REXWORTHY I give my black veil.

To Mrs Jemima DAVIS I give my figured silk gown and a ring; To Jane DAVIS, the daughter of Jemima DAVIS, a gold pin & To her sister Jemima DAVIS a gold pin.

To my Sister Ruth JANES I give the sum of five pounds.

All the rest, residue of my Household Furniture and effects, Monies and securities for money, of whatever nature and kind soever or wheresoever, I will and bequeath to James WEEKS of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton, as a consideration for his trouble, whom I name, constitute and appoint as my sole Executor, in witness whereof I hereunto set and subscribed my hand, this fifth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty three. The Mark X and seal of Susannah REXWORTHY.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above named Susannah REXWORTHY, in the presence of us and of each other, on the day and year herein mentioned. Thomas CLARK, Jonas WEEKS, Witnesses.

P.S. Since signing the above, it is the wish of Mrs REXWORTHY, that the son of Job CARTER should have the watch and the daughter the spoons and that Mr John REXWORTHY of Wells attend her funeral and see that she is buried in the manner mentioned in her Will.

Probate of the Will of Susannah REXWORTHY deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 9th April 1834 to James WEEKS of High Littleton, Yeoman, the sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Susannah REXWORTHY, late of High Littleton, Widow, who died on 19th February 1834. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £200 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. James WEEKS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 126 No. 290)

[Susannah REXWORTHY was buried at High Littleton on 25th February 1834 aged 63. Born Susannah CARTER, she married firstly --- TAYLOR, who died, whereupon she married secondly in 1815 William CHARD, a widower, who also died and married thirdly in 1820 another widower, Charles REXWORTHY of Bridgwater, who also predeceased her. Her uncle James WEEKS married Jane CARTER in 1768, died in 1822 and was buried at High Littleton. Jonas WEEKS, the witness, was James' son and James WEEKS the Executor was Jonas' son. The latter married Elizabeth PACKER and their daughter Mary Ann was born c.1829.]

Will of **John RUDDUCK** of High Littleton

Residuary Legatee John KING of Farmborough.

Said John KING appointed Sole Executor.

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds in 1833 - SRO DD/RM10)

[John RUDDOCK was buried at High Littleton on 20th December 1745. He was the son of John and Martha RUDDOCK.]

Will of **Thomas RUDDUCK** dated 23rd June 1713.

(Mentioned in Schedule of Deeds in 1833 - SRO DD/RM10)

[Thomas RUDDOCK married and had children of whom the eldest son John (died before 1734) married Martha (died 1744) and had John (died 1745).]

The last will and Testament of **William RUMSEY** of the parish of high Littleton in the County of Somerset, husbandman, as followeth:

Imprimis, I give unto Rebecca my daughter, the brasse pott that my mother gave mee, and a bed and a coverlett, one boulster or a peelo and a paire of blanketts.

Item, I give the Lease of the house and backside belonginge to it, to my daughter Mary, But my will is that my wife Martha shall hold it dureinge her life, payinge my daughter Mary RUMSEY six pence a yeare dureinge her life. And likewise, my will is that my sonne John shall hold it after the decease of my wife Martha, *[during]* his life, paying my daughter Mary the summe of Twenty shillings yearely, at or upon the foure and twentieth day of June, if it be demanded.

Item, I give the other Chattle Lease of redfeild, pease close, bottome well and Cuneger, unto my sonne John and my two daughters Rebecca and Mary, to be equally divided amongst them.

Item, I give my part in the Coleworke unto my wife and unto my three Children, equally to be divided; in case one of my Children shall dye before they come to the age of one and twenty yeares, his or her porcen to remaine to hee or her that shalbe then liveinge.

Item, I give twenty shillings to my daughter in lawe Joane HILLMAN of Wrinton.

Item, I give unto my wife Martha, the Shopp with all the ware therein, to her owne use.

Item, I give my household stufte unto my wife Martha and my sonne and my two daughters equally to be devided, except the table board, the cubboard, the bedstead, one which and the forme, to remaine in the house to my daughter Mary, if shee overlive my wife and my sonne John.

Item, I doe make my wife Martha my sole and whole executrix of this my last will and to pay my debtes and to take what is owne unto mee.

And I doe desire, my brother William LAISTEY of Kainsham and Barnaby GIBES of Timsborow and John DANDO of Hallowtrowe in the parish of High littleton, overseers of this my will.

My will likewise is that if my sonne John and my daughter Mary shall not behave themselves in a sober and godly way, but sloburnly and disobeydiently towards God and their Mother Martha, that then their porcons to be at my wife Martha and my overseers disposeinge, William LAISTEY, Barnaby GIBBES, John DANDO, of this my last will.

in Witnes whereof I have hereunder sett my hand and Seale the first day of June in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred Fifty and seaven. The marke of William RUMSEY.

Witnes Edith PERSONS, the marke of Anne CHILTON, the marke of Elizabeth POPE, William LAISTEY.

This Will was proved at London the six and twentieth day of the moneth of July in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred Fiftie and eight, before the Judges for probate of wills and grantinge administrations, lawfully authorized, by the oath of Martha RUMSEY the relict of the said deceased and sole executrix named in

the said will, to whom was committed administration of all and singular the goods, Chattles and debtes of the said deceased, shee the said Martha RUMSEY beinge first sworne in due forme of lawe by vertue of a Commission, well and truly to Administer the same.

(Q.372 PROB11/279 f.80)

[William RUMSIE was buried at High Littleton on 13th June 1657.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Nehemiah SAGE** of Hallatrow within the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

I Give and Bequeath all my Household Goods and Furniture, Plate, Linen and China and also all and singular my Debts, Monies and Securities for Money and the Hereditaments comprized in such Securities and all other my Goods, Chattles, Real and Personal Estate and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, unto, and equally between, my Daughter Elizabeth MULLET, Wife of Joseph MULLET of Hallatrow aforesaid, Joiner, and my Grandson John WEEKS, to and for their respective proper uses but, the proportion and share of my said Daughter, the said Elizabeth MULLET, I will and direct the same to be received by her, to and for her sole and separate use and benefit, apart from her present or any future Husband with whom she may hereafter intermarry, and for which her receipt shall be the only sufficient Discharge. And my Will and desire is, that the same shall not be subject or liable to the Debts, Control or Engagements of her present or any such future Husband, but the same and every part thereof shall at all times be at her own disposal, as if she were sole and unmarried.

And lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint them, the said Elizabeth MULLET and John WEEKS, Joint Executrix and Executor of this my Will and do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me, at any time heretofore, made and do declare this to be my only last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have, to this my last Will and Testament, set my hand and Seal, this twelfth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. Nehemia SAGE.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator Nehemiah SAGE, 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 LANGFORD, Hallatrow, Som't, John HILL, Ditto, John REES MOGG, Cholwell, Som't.

Probate of the Will of Nehemiah SAGE deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 20th September 1828 to Elizabeth MULLETT (Wife of Joseph MULLETT of Hallatrow, Joiner) and John WEEKS of Whitchurch, Yeoman, Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Nehemiah SAGE, late of Hallatrow, Yeoman, who died in the Month of April 1825. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £1,000 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. Betty MULLETT, John WEEKS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 79 No. 899)

[Nehemiah SAGE of Hallatrow was buried at Cameley on 29th April 1825 aged 89. It is assumed to be the same Nehemiah who married at Cameley in 1757 Hannah BRITTON and secondly at Cameley in 1761 Hannah PARKER, who died in 1822 aged 83. He had at least 2 children, John (baptized 1768) and Betty (1770, who married firstly in 1794 James WEEKS, who died in 1797 and had John, baptized in 1795; Betty married secondly at Walcot in 1805 Joseph MULLETT). Nehemiah lived at Red House Farm, which he leased from the BRODRIBBs and, with land rented from Richard LANGFORD, farmed up to 60 acres in Hallatrow until he retired.]

Will of **Martha SAMBORNE** of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 15 June 1627. Test. paid by Joel & Joseph SAMBORNE, natural and lawful sons & Executors. Inventory £82. 9. 0.

Bondsmen John JACOB, East Pennard, yeoman, John DIKE, Ditchett, husbandman.

(Probates & Admons. 1617-1665)

[Martha was the widow of Swithen SAMBORNE, Clerk, who was buried at Emborough c.1625.]

Extract of Will of **Swithen SAMBORNE** of Emborowe, Clerk.

To be buried in the chancel or church of Emborowe.

Bequest to Poor of Timsborowe.

To my son Cornelius SAMBORNE the great chest and furniture after the death of his mother, and land in High Littleton, leased of John BRITTON, gent., for 99 years.

Mentions sons Joell, Joseph, Obediah, Isaac and Ezra SAMBORNE.

Mentions wife Martha.

Mentions daughter Jennye EVANS.

Mentions grandchildren Rebecca, John and Cornelius EVANS.
Mentions daughter Phebe VILLIS and her daughters Sarah and Phebe.
Mentions Nathaniel and Martha, children of John EVANS.
Mentions brother in law Thomas MILBOROWE.
Dated 8 August 1623.

Proved at Wells 6 December 1625.

(SRO DD/X/SR 205/6)

[Swithen SAMBORNE married Martha and had at least 8 children, Cornelius, Joel, Joseph, Obediah, Isaac, Ezra, Jenny (married John EVANS), Phebe (married -- VILLIS) and died c.1625. His widow Martha died c.1627.]

Will of **Peter Edward SCOBELL**, Dr of Physic of Hallatrow.

My recommendations to my two elder sons, whose honour I have the most perfect confidence in, will I Trust be satisfactory to all parties. My Will is short & simple & is as follows:

To my Faithful Friend & affectionate Wife, I give & bequeath, during her natural life, all my Household Furniture, including Plate and every other description of Furniture whatsoever, to be held by her during her life, without reserve, to be used by her in whatever manner she may think proper, without check or restraint of my Executor, to be changed or managed as if her own Fee simple, including also Wine, Beer etc. etc., in fact as things are in my house at the time of my demise, she is to take possession & have the full free use of.

And also I will that, every thing connected with the Farm or premises at large, be my said Wife's during her natural life, if she should continue her present plans so long.

To my Son John SCOBELL I give all my other property whatsoever, appointing him my whole & sole Executor, Jan'y 8th 1820. P. Edward SCOBELL.

Signed & Sealed in the presence of Sarah BROWN, Jan'y 8 1820.

Appeared personally The Reverend Edward SCOBELL of No. 3 George Street, Portman Square in the County of Middlesex, clerk, and made Oath that he is the Son of Peter Edward SCOBELL, late of Hallatrow in the County of Somerset, Doctor of Physic, deceased, that he knew and was well acquainted with the manner and character of his handwriting and subscription, having often seen him write and also subscribe his Name and having now attentively viewed and perused the paper writing hereto annexed, purporting to be and contain the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, the said paper beginning thus "My recommendations to my two eldest *[actually says elder]* sons" ending thus "To my Son John SCOBELL I give all my other property whatsoever, appointing him my whole and sole Executor, Jan'y 8th 1820" and thus subscribed "P. Edward SCOBELL", The Deponent saith that he doth verily and in his conscience believe the whole series or contents of the said Will beginning and ending as aforesaid and also the subscription thereto, to be of the proper handwriting of the said Peter Edward SCOBELL deceased. Edward SCOBELL, 4th day of May 1820.

The said Rev'd Edward SCOBELL was duly sworn to the Truth of this affidavit Before me John DAUBENY, Surr'e Pros't Felix SLADE, Not. Pub.

Proved at London 8th May 1820 before the Worshipful John DAUBENY, Doctor of Laws & Surrogate, by the Oath of The Rev'd John SCOBELL, the Son and sole Ex'or, to whom adm'on was granted, hav'g been first sworn duly to adm'r.

(Q.312 PROB11/1630 f.95-6)

[Peter Edward SCOBELL died on 17th February and was buried at High Littleton on 25th February 1820, aged 64. He was a son of George SCOBELL Esq. and his wife Mary PENDER. Edward, as he was generally known, married firstly in 1783 Hannah SANFORD and had 4 children, Edward, George Treweeke (born 1785), John (born 1791) and Hannah Sanford (who married at High Littleton in 1817 Rev. Theophilus LESSEY). After Hannah's death Edward left Bodmin in Cornwall, where he had been living and married secondly in 1810 Jane SKEY of Hallatrow, who died without issue in 1865, aged 94. Edward and Jane lived at Hallatrow Cottage (later called The Grange), where the SKEYs had been living for upwards of 50 years.]

Will of **John SINGER** of Hallatrow

I John SINGER of Hallatrow in the parish of High Littleton, Minister of the Gospell, being weak in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and Testament in manner and Form Following. Imprimis, I give and bequeath to Mrs Mary BRODERIP of Temple Cloud in the parish of Cameley, widow, the sum of Five pounds.

Item - I give to Mr John BRODERIP of Hallatrow aforesaid, the sum of Five pounds.

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Item - I give to my granddaughter Martha, wife of John LOWE of Priston in the County of Somerset, the sum of Five pounds.

Item - I give my granddaughter Edith, wife of Edward HALES, mercer of London, Five pounds.

Item - I give my granddaughter Rachael SINGER of London, spinster, the like sum of Five pounds.

Item - I give my son James SINGER of London, mercer, Five pounds.

Item - I give my grandson John SINGER, living now in Tilsford, clothworker, the sum of five pounds.

Lastly, all the rest and residue of my money, goods, chattells, credits and whatsoever I shall dye possessed of or have right unto, I give to my Loving Friend Mr Richard HUIISH sen'r of Paulton in the County of Somerset, clothier, in trust, nevertheless and for the use, intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say for payment of my just Debts and Funeral charge and, when these are discharged, my will is that ten pounds be disposed of by him for such uses as are mentioned in a Letter directed to him and signed by me for that purpose and, as to the remainder, my will is that he place it out or any part of it on such security or securities as he shall think fit - he not being accountable for any losses that may happen by his so putting it out - and to pay over the interest thereof to my granddaughter Anne PERRY, wife of Thomas PERRY of Hallatrow aforesaid, in such proportion and at such times as he shall think fit and her receipt shall be a sufficient discharge as if she was sole and unmarried and likewise I do give to the said Richard HUIISH full power to pay to my said granddaughter, any part or parcell of the principal money at anytime, if he see it proper, and her receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the same and my will is that my said granddaughter's husband shall have nothing to do with the said money given in Trust as aforesaid and I do make and ordain the aforesaid Richard HUIISH full and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight. John SINGER.

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and Testament of the Testator in the presence of Thomas PEARCE, the mark of Martha LANCKFORD [*LANGFORD*] sen'r.

Probate granted at the Consistorial Episcopal Court at Wells to Richard HUIISH, Executor in Trust, 29th September 1739.

(SRO DD/RM Box 18)

[Mr John SINGER was buried at High Littleton on 24th September 1739. He was probably the son of John SINGER alias SMITH, clothworker/clothier of Hallatrow, by his first wife, who took a lease from Richard HILL in 1687 on a newly erected house for the lives of himself and sons Caleb and John SINGER. It is assumed to be John the elder marrying for the second time in 1703 Alice KINGSTON, a widow. By 1717 there were 2 lives left on the lease and there was a Meeting House adjoining the tenement.]

Extract of will of **William SKIDMOR** of High Littleton in the county of Somerset, husbandman, dated 10 June 1632.

To be buried in the churchyard of High Littleton.

To my daughter Mary SKIDMOR the lease of Peter's Cloudhill,

To my daughter Ellnor one ewe sheep & to her two children a lamb apiece,

I make my son Frauncys SKIDMOR my full, whole & sole executor & to him I bequeath all the rest of my goods & chattells.

I appoint my well beloved in christ Richard HILL and Thomas DANDO of Hallotrowe in the parish of High Littleton, yeomen, to be overseers of my will and to see that my son Frauncys do keep well my said daughter Mary SKIDMOR and that if he do not, they my said overseers to have the lease of Peter's Cloudhill and so they to keep her.

Witnesses Thomas DANDO, yeoman & Joane JONES als. COLLIER, widow.

Executor sworn 16 February 1632/3. Bondsmen were John MILLER of High Littleton, tailor & Henry FEARE of Stone Easton, husbandman.

(SRO DD/X/SR 3)

[Mary SKIDMORE the daughter was born in 1601. Francis the son was married and having children by 1623.]

Inventory of the goods of William SKIDMOR of High Littleton, husbandman, taken the last day of January 1632/3 by Richard HILL, Thomas DANDO & Henry FEARE. Included in the sum of £14. 1. 5 was:

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| Wearing apparel | 20s. |
| Household goods, corn in barn and barton, hay and corn growing | |
| Chattel Lease | £3 |
| Another chattel lease | 20s. |

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| 7 sheep | 12s. |
| Moses LOKIER of Clutton owed him | 38s. |
| Robert HILL of Paulton owed him | 30s. |
| Thomas BRANCH of Cloudhill owed him | 6s. |

SMYTHER alias CERTAYNE - see CERTAYNE.

SMYTHER alias DAISHFIELD - see DASHFIELD.

Will of **Nycholas SMYTHER** of Littleton.

Proved at Wells 1543.

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Will of **Thomas SPURLOCKE** of Hallatrow.

In the name of god, Amen, The eleventh daye of Auguste in the yere of our lord god 1593, I Thomas SPURLOCKE of Hallowtrowe in the parish of High Littleton within the diocese of Bath and Wells, sicke in bodie but perfect of mynd and memorie, thanks be to god, doe ordayne and make mye testament and laste will in manner and forme followinge.

Firste I Bequeth mye soule to almighty god and mye bodie to be buried in the churchyard of High Littleton.

Item I geve and bequeth unto John SPURLOCKE, mye eldest sonne, eighte pounds of good and lawfull money of England.

Item - I geve and bequeth unto Anthonye SPURLOCKE, mye youngest sonne, eighte pounds of like lawfull money of England, which sumes of money unto mye said sonnes geven and bequethed, mye will is yt shalbe payed unto them when theye shall com to lawfull age. Alsoe my will is that the same moneye, unto mye said children geven and bequethed, shall remayne in the hands of their mother duringe the tyme of her widdowhood. But yf yt happen that shee die before the children com to lawfull age, then mye will is the moneye geven unto the children shal be delivered into the hands of John DANDOE and Heugh BLANNINGE, whom I appoynte mye oversears to be ymployed to the beste comoditie and profitt for the children. But yf yt shall happen that eyther of the children die before he com to lawfull age, mye will is that the whole some shall remayne to him which is alyve. And yf both of them die before they shall com to lawfull age, that then the whole some shalbe delivered and remayne unto Isabell mye wieffe.

All the residue of mye goods, moveable and unmoveable, I geve and bequeth unto Isabell mye wieffe, whom I ordayne and make mye whole and sole executrix.

Debts owinge unto me; William TOWNSEND twentie shillings, Heugh BLANNINGE twentie shillings, Roger MAGGS fyve shillings.

Witnesses John SPURLOCKE, Walter HODGES.

Probate granted at Wells 9 February 1593/4. T. paid by Isabel SPURLOCKE, relict, executrix named. Inventory £38. 0. 1.

(SRO D/D/ct.)

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John STICKLER** of Hallatrow within the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Eldest Son John STICKLER the Sum of Fifty Pounds,

to my Daughter Mary, the Wife of Charles BAMPFYLDE the Sum of Forty Pounds,

to my Daughter Catherine, the Wife of William WEEKS, the like Sum of Forty Pounds,

to my Daughter Ann, the Wife of George MATTHEWS, the like Sum of Forty Pounds,

to my Son James STICKLER the like Sum of Forty Pounds,

to my Son David STICKLER the like Sum of Forty Pounds

and to my Son William STICKLER the like Sum of Forty Pounds

to be paid to them respectively, by my Executrix hereinafter named, at the expiration of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease, with lawful Interest for the same in the mean time. And, in case any or either of my said Children shall have already departed this life, or shall happen to depart this life before this time of my decease, then, it is my Will that, the Sum or Sums, to which such deceased Child or Children would have been intitled if living, shall go to and be paid and payable between the lawful Children of any or either of my said Children so dying respectively, as aforesaid, to and for his and their own use and benefit, in equal shares and proportions, and shall not survive and accrue to the Survivors or Survivor of my said several Children. But, in case any such of my said Children, who shall or may have died respectively, as aforesaid, shall have so died

without leaving any lawful Issue, then it is my Will, that the Sum or Sums to which such deceased Child or Children would have been intitled if living, shall be equally divided between and amongst such of my said several Children as shall be living at the time of my decease. Provided always and my Will further is, that in case my two Sons, the said David and William STICKLER, who are now supposed to be abroad and in some Military Service, shall not respectively return to England, within the said space of Twelve Calendar Months next after my decease, then I do hereby direct my Executrix hereinafter appointed, to put and place the said two several Sums of Forty Pounds, hereinbefore by me given and bequeathed to them respectively, out at Interest on some good and sufficient Security, for their benefit respectively; And, in case the said David STICKLER and William STICKLER or either of them, or their respective lawful Issue as aforesaid, do or shall not apply for, or claim the said two several Sums of Forty Pounds and Interest, so as aforesaid by me given unto them, within the space of seven years from the period of my decease (due diligence having been in the mean time used to discover them and the place of their respective abode, whereby to apprise them of the Provision contained in this my Will in their favor, and whereby my Executrix may be enabled, if possible, to remit them the same, which I hereby direct her to do), Then I hereby declare and direct that the said Sums, so as aforesaid by me given and bequeathed to them respectively, shall be paid and distributed, and I hereby Give and Bequeath the same, in such and the same manner, shares and proportions as is and are hereinbefore provided for, in case of their decease in my lifetime, without lawful Issue, notwithstanding it may afterwards appear that they or one of them are or is living or have or is leaving lawful Issue

All and singular other my Estate, Household Goods, and Furniture, stock of Cattle, Hay, Sheep, Monies, Chattels, Rights, Credits, Debts and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever (Subject nevertheless to the payment of all my Just Debts, my Funeral Expences and the costs and charges of Proving this my Will), I Give and Bequeath unto my present Wife Joanna STICKLER, her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, as her and their own Estate, Goods, Chattels and Effects.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said Wife sole Executrix of this my Will, hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me made and do declare this to be my only last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have to this, my last Will and Testament, contained in two Sheets of Paper, set my hand and seal, that is to say, my hand at the bottom of the preceding Sheet, and my hand and seal to this second or last Sheet of Paper, the Twenty fifth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty. John STICKLER.

Signed, sealed, Published and Declared by the above named Testator John STICKLER, 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. W'm WILLIAMS, John HILL, Cl'ks to Mr LANGFORD, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't.

Probate of the Will of John STICKLER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 6th May 1820 to Joannah STICKLER of High Littleton, Widow, Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of John STICKLER, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 15th March last. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £450 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. The Mark of X Joanna STICKLER.

(SRO ED Wills Box 38 No. 1024)

[John STRICKLAND of Hallatrow was buried at High Littleton on 21st March 1820 aged 83 (The name STICKLER was sometimes spelt STICKLAND or STRICKLAND). John married at Cameley in 1757 Catherine QUARMAN, who died in 1809 aged 73. They had at least 8 children, John, Mary (who married at Cameley in 1781 Charles BAMPFYLDE), Catherine (baptized 1764, who married in 1790 William WEEKS), Ann (born c.1769, who married George MATTHEWS), James (baptized 1773), Sarah (1775, who probably died young), David (1777, who returned to Hallatrow and died in 1825) and William (1780). At the age of 73, John married secondly in 1810 Joannah MAGGS, who was only 25 (baptized 1784). Four months after John STICKLER's death, Joannah married Peter LUDWELL (born c.1787), a widower with 2 children. John STICKLER rented from Daniel HILL and Richard LANGFORD, a small farm located in the middle of Hallatrow (now the site of the A39, by Hornbeam House) and up to 26 acres of land. Peter LUDWELL subsequently carried on the farm.]

Will of **George TUCKER** of High Littleton.

In the Name of God Amen, I, George TUCKER Senior, of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, Do, on this twentieth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Ten, make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all former Wills made by me or for my use, in manner following, (that is to say),

First I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it me, also, that I may be Buried in a decent christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named.

Then, I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Henry TUCKER, Cordwainer of High Littleton aforesaid, all my Tenements or Dwellinghouses, Gardens and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, situated in the said Parish of High Littleton and now in the Occupation of Henry TUCKER, Joseph TUCKER, John HARRISON and George TUCKER Senior, James STICKLER and Thomas HILL, during the lives of the said George TUCKER Senior and the said Henry TUCKER.

Also, I give and Bequeath to said beloved Son Henry TUCKER, all my Household Goods, Wearing Apparell, Money, Deeds, Bonds, now in my possession or that may be in my possession at my decease.

Also, I give and bequeath, to my beloved Son George TUCKER, my beloved Daughter Martha STICKLER and each of my Grandchildren, the sum of One shilling each, to be paid them six Months after my decease, by my Executor Henry TUCKER, whom I make my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I make my loving friend William GILL my Executor in Trust of this my Will, to take care and see the same performed according to my true intent and meaning.

In Witness whereof I have to this, my last Will and Testament, set my hand and Seal, the day and Year above written. George TUCKER.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us, who were present at the signing and sealing thereof. William KEEDWELL, George KELSON.

Probate of the Will of George TUCKER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 18th June 1816 to Henry TUCKER of High Littleton, Cordwainer, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of George TUCKER the elder, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 18th January 1816. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £200. Henry TUCKER. (SRO ED Wills Box 20 No. 636)

[George TUCKER was buried at High Littleton on 21st January 1816 aged 96. He was born on 5th May 1719 and married at Chewton Mendip in 1741 Martha EDGHILL, who died in 1759 aged 39, by whom he had 6 children, Sarah (born 1744, died unmarried 1810), Martha (born 1749/50, whose third husband was James STICKLER), George (born 1753), Joseph (died 1755), Benjamin (died 1755) and Henry (born 1756, whose eldest daughter married John HARRISON). George farmed some 57 acres at Rosewell Farm, which he rented from Jacob MOGG. He also held a lease from the JONES (later BURDETT) Estate on 6 Cottages and gardens at The Batch, High Littleton for the lives of himself, son Henry and Henry's son James.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **George TUCKER** of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

I give and bequeath unto each of the Sons and Daughters of my Brother Henry TUCKER by Hannah his Wife, who shall survive my Wife, the Sum of ten Pounds; unto James TUCKER, John HOLBROOK and Martha WATERS [*WALTER intended*], Sons and Daughter of Martha STICKLAND, or such of them as shall survive my said Wife, the Sum of ten Pounds each, each of the said Legacies to be paid to the said Legatees respectively, within twelve calendar months after the decease of my said Wife in case she shall survive me but, in case she shall die before me, then such Legacies to be paid within twelve calendar months next after my decease. I charge the several Legacies aforesaid, upon my residuary real and personal Estate and Effects hereinafter devised to my Nephew Charles TUCKER and on no other part of my Estate and Effects.

I give, devise and bequeath unto Joseph TUCKER of High Littleton aforesaid, Shoe Maker, All those my three Messuages, Tenements or Dwellinghouses and Gardens, situate at Farmborough in the County of Somerset and now in the several occupations of Thomas GILL, James PALMER and Walter EDWARDS, as my Tenants, To be holden by the said Joseph TUCKER, his Heirs or Executors and Administrators, according to the nature and tenure of the same Messuages and Premises respectively, for ever or for all my Estate and Interest in the same.

I give, devise and bequeath unto Martha STICKLAND, Spinster of High Littleton aforesaid, All those my other two Messuages, Tenements or Dwellinghouses and Gardens situate at Farmborough aforesaid and now in the several occupations of James HARRIS and James GULLOCK, To be holden by the said Martha STICKLAND and her Assigns, for and during the term of her natural life, independant of any husband with whom she may intermarry, his Debts or Controul. And, from and after her decease, I give, devise and bequeath the same Messuages or Tenements and Premises, unto George HOLBROOK of High Littleton aforesaid, Son of John HOLBROOK of the same place, Tailor, To be holden by the said George HOLBROOK, his Heirs or Executors and Administrators, according to the nature and tenure of the same Messuages and Premises respectively, for ever or for all my Estate and Interest therein.

I give, devise and bequeath unto and to the use of my Nephew, the said Charles TUCKER, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators respectively All that my Estate, Farm, Lands, Tenements and Outhouses, with the Appurtenances, situate at Widcombe in the Parish of Chewton Mendip in the County of Somerset, held by me under the Duchy of Cornwall, To be holden by my said Nephew, his Heirs or Executors and Administrators, according to the nature and tenure of my said Estate, for all my Estate and Interest therein, Upon Trust

nevertheless, that my said Nephew, his Heirs or Executors and Administrators, do and shall permit and suffer my said Wife to hold, occupy and enjoy and let and set the same Estate, for and during the term of her natural life and, from and after the decease of my said Wife, I give, devise and bequeath the same Lands and Estate last mentioned, unto my said Nephew Charles TUCKER, his Heirs or Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for ever or for all my Estate and Interest therein, for his and their own absolute use, benefit and disposal.

I give, devise and bequeath all my Farming Stock and Farming Implements and Utensils, situate in and about and belonging to Rouswell's Farm in the said Parish of High Littleton, unto my Nephew, the said Charles TUCKER, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to and for his and their own use, benefit and disposal.

And as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal and mixed Estate, Monies, Debts and Effects, whereof I may die possessed, I give, devise and bequeath the same unto my Nephew, the said Charles TUCKER, To be holden unto and to the use of the said Charles TUCKER, his Heirs or Executors, Administrators and Assigns respectively, for ever or for all my Estate and Interest therein respectively, Upon the Trusts following (viz.) Upon trust, after payment thereof of my just Debts and Funeral and Testamentary Expences and of the aforesaid several pecuniary Legacies, as soon after my decease as may be, to Inventory my Household Goods, Furniture, Plate, Linen and Household Chattels and, after my Wife shall have signed such Inventory, with an undertaking thereunder for the restoration of the same or other like Furniture and Chattels in lieu thereof, by her Executors or Administrators after her death, reasonable wear and usage being allowed, I direct my Executors to allow my said Wife to retain and use the same during her natural life and, Upon Trust, to pay over from time to time, to my said Wife, during her natural life, the Interest and yearly proceeds of all such other part of my said residuary real and personal Estate as shall not be included in such Inventory, by me, before directed, to be made and signed as aforesaid by my said Wife, for her use, benefit and disposal and, from and after the death of my said Wife, Upon trust, as to the said Chattels so inventoried and as to the said Principal Monies and other my said residuary real and personal Estate, for my said Nephew, the said Charles TUCKER, his Heirs or Executors, Administrators and Assigns, according to the nature and tenure of the same residuary Estates and Premises, for ever or for all my Estate and Interest therein, to and for, his and their, own absolute use, benefit and disposal.

I constitute the said Charles TUCKER sole Executor In trust, of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former and other Wills and Testamentary Papers, by me at any time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have to this, my last Will and Testament, set my hand and seal, this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two. George TUCKER.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator George TUCKER, 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 thereto. Jos'h SELWAY, W'm BROKENBROW, Cl'ks to Mr E. SALMON, Sol'r, Bath, George SIMS of Bath, Son of Samuel SIMS, Bookseller.

Probate of the Will of George TUCKER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 23rd January 1827 to Charles TUCKER of High Littleton, Yeoman, the sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of George TUCKER, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 24th December 1826 Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £600. Charles TUCKER.

(SRO ED Wills Box 71 No. 192)

[George TUCKER was buried at High Littleton on 30th December 1826 aged 73. He was born on 11th February 1753, son of George and Martha TUCKER and married at Farmborough in 1797 Mary CHILTON. They had no children and Mary died in 1824 aged 75, between the date of George's Will and his death. Henry TUCKER was George's only living brother, who was born in 1756, married in 1779 Hannah DUDDEN and had 11 children living when George died, Hannah (born 1780, who married in 1799 John HARRISON), John (1781), Thomas (1783), Betsey Dudden (1788, who married in 1819 Charles HATHWAY), Martha (1789), Mary (1791, who married in 1814 Elijah CHIVERS), Richard (1793), George (1796), Joseph (1799, who was the Shoe Maker mentioned above), Charles (1801, who was George's Executor) and James (1804). Martha STICKLAND was George TUCKER's sister, born in 1749/50, who had a bastard child James TUCKER in 1768, married in 1772 John HOLBROOK (died 1772) by whom she had a son John HOLBROOK in 1773, married secondly in 1775 Samuel GREEN, had a son Samuel (baptized 1777) and daughter Martha GREEN (1779), married thirdly in 1791 James STICKLER [sometimes called STICKLAND] and died in 1830. Martha GREEN married firstly at Bathwick in 1806 Joseph QUARMAN, who died in 1813 and secondly at St. James, Bath in 1820 James WALTER. In 1825 George TUCKER was farming 69 acres at Rosewell Farm, which he took over from his father George TUCKER Senior and rented from John George MOGG's Trustees.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Grace TUCKER** of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Widow.

I give and bequeath unto my Son James TUCKER, All that Cottage or Dwelling House now or heretofore consisting of two Tenements, with the Garden thereto belonging and near adjoining, situate at Rydens with/[in] the Parish of High Littleton and now in my possession and of which I am now possessed for the remainder of a term of nin[e]ty nine years, granted to me thereof by Lease dated the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, determinable with the Life of the said James TUCKER, with the Appurtenances, To hold the same unto the said James TUCKER, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for all my Estate Term and Interest therein.

I also give and bequeath unto the said James TUCKER, All and singular my Household Goods and Furniture, Wearing Apparel, Linen, Money, Securities for Money, Debts and other my Estate, Goods, Chattels and Effects, whatsoever and wheresoever, the principal part whereof is now in the possession of my Son in Law, George WINDMILL of the Parish of Farmborough, Somerset, To hold the same and every part thereof (Subject to the payment of all my just Debts, my Funeral Expences and the Costs and Charges of proving this my Will) unto the said James TUCKER, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, as and for his and their own Estate, Goods, Chattels and Effects absolutely.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said Son James TUCKER, sole Executor of this my Will, hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I, the said Grace TUCKER, have to this my last Will and Testament, contained in one Sheet of Paper, set my Hand and Seal, this eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. The mark and seal of X Grace TUCKER.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Grace TUCKER, as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses (the same having been first read over and explained to the said Grace TUCKER, she being Blind). H.V. LANSDOWN, Clerk to Mr LANGFORD, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Somerset, Solomon FEAR, Coal Miner, High Littleton.

Probate of the Will of Grace TUCKER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 7th March 1822 to James TUCKER of High Littleton, Labourer, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Grace TUCKER late of High Littleton, Widow, who died on 9th January 1822. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. The Mark of X James TUCKER. (SRO ED Wills Box 44 No. 385)

Grace TUCKER was buried at High Littleton on 13th January 1822 aged 75. Born Grace HARVEY, she married at High Littleton in 1772 George TUCKER, who died in 1794, by whom she had 7 children, Esther (baptized 1773), Mary (1776), Hannah (1778), James (1780), Nancy (1784), Uriah (1787) and Elizabeth (1789, who married at St. Mary Redcliff in 1808 George WINDMILL). The 1797 lease from Lady JONES was originally for the lives of Mary HARVEY, Grace TUCKER and her son James TUCKER.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Henery TUCKER** of the Parish of High-littleton In the County of Somerset.

First, That after my Funeral, all Expences attending the same shall be paid by my Executors herein after named, To whom I give power to sell or dispose of, to the best advantage, as early as possible, the part of the Field called sixpence, lowest from the Turnpike Road, the Tenements In Farmborough Parish, call[ed] Scumbrum and the two small cottages at Tunly, In the Parish of Dunkerton, now in the occupation of Mrs BULL and the Widow of the late W'm CARTER, for the sole Object of Defraying the Debts I may owe at my Decease, as well as the Mortgage on my other Property; and whatever monies may be left after the Payment of such Debts and Mortgage, It shall be equally Divided between my Seven Sons But, in case It should not produce sufficient to pay such Debts and Mortgage, then I authorize and empower my Executors to hold Possession of the remainder of my property, which I hereinafter bequeath to each of my Children, to receive what rents, or monies may arise out of the same, and that neither of my Children shall take possession of their Property or Lecacy, or Annuity, till the whole of my Debts and Mortgage shall be fully Paid off.

First, I give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph TUCKER All that my Freehold Messu[a]ges and Tenements situated in the Parish of High[l]ittleton in the aforesaid County of Somerset, which I now occupy, as well as the Shop, Stable, Brewhous[e] & Lodging, with the Two pieces of Garden In front of the same and at the Back, to him, his heirs and assignns for ever, charged nevertheless and I do hereby charge the same, with the hereinafter annuities and sum of Monies following, That is to say, with the sum of Five Pounds per Annum to be paid to his Brother John TUCKER, his heirs or assignns for ever, to be paid Yearly & every Year, and the sum of Two Pounds pr. Annum to be paid to his Brother James TUCKER, his heirs or assi[g]ns for ever, to be paid Yearly and every Year.

Also, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah HARRISON, All that Freehold Mess[*u*]age and Tenement which she now occupies as a Dwelling and Shop, with the Piece of Garden north of the Privy, Charged nevertheless, with the Sum of Two Pounds pr. Annum, to be paid to her Brother James TUCKER, his heirs or assigns for ever, to be paid Yearly and every Year.

Also, I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas TUCKER, all that Freehold Message and two Pieces of Garden Plots, now in Front of the same and now in the occupation of my Son Joseph TUCKER.

Also, I give and bequeath to my son Richard TUCKER, All that Freehold house, lately occupied by James STICKLER and that Piece of the Garden next from the House to the Privy, In the aforesaid Parish of Highlitleton.

To my Son George TUCKER I likewise give & bequeath All that Messuge and Garden, now in the Occupation of Mrs KNIGHT at Tunly, In the Parish of Dunkerton.

I likewise give and bequeath to my Daughter Betse HATHWAY, the House and Garden Mrs LIPPINT [*LIPPIATT intended*] now rents of me at Tunly, In the aforesaid Parish of Dunkerton. I also Give and bequeath to her Daughter Martha STRICKLAND, that House In the aforesaid Parish of Tunly, which John SNOOKS now occupies of me.

And as to my household Goods, It shall be sold or equally Divided between my four Daughters, Hannah, Betse, Martha & Mary, ass soon as possible after my Funeral,

and I nominate and appoint, my two Sons Joseph and Charles TUCKER, Charles TUCKER of the Tything of Chewton & Joseph TUCKER of Highlitleton, both of the aforesaid County of Somerset, my two Joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament and I herein declare, that all their just and reasonable Expences, attending the Execution of this my last Will and Testament In them reposed, shall be defray'd out of the monies arising from my Estate and that they shall not be answerable for any loss which may happen to my estate or effects, without their neglect or Default and I do hereby revoke all other wills, by me at any time [*made*] and do declare this to be my last will and Testament. Henry TUCKER.

In Witness whereof we have set our hands and seals, this twenty Eight day of December One thousand Eight Hundred & thirty three. Henry TAYLOR, William HOULDEN, Richard Green BEAK, James TUCKER.

Be It Known to all Men by these presents that I, Henery TUCKER of Highlitleton, have made and do declare my last Will and Testament In writing, being Dated the Twenty eight day of December, One thousand eight hundred and thirty three. I, the said Henery TUCKER, by this Present **Codicil**, do ratify and Confirm my last Will and Testament, and do further will and bequeath, unto the before mentioned names, the free and undisturb'd use of the Well of Water, the Paths of the Garden Privy and other requisities, as It stands at Present & shall remain, unless, by mutual consent of all Parties concern'd, they shall or may be altered, And I do further will and bequeath that small plot of Garden In front of the Brewhouse, towards the road and between both, as share, Part and belonging to the said Brewhouse. Henry TUCKER.

Signed In the presence of Richard Green BEAK, Jacob Beak RANSOM.

Probate of the Will of Henry TUCKER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 15th July 1835 to Joseph TUCKER of High Littleton, Cordwainer, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament, with a Codicil annexed, of Henry TUCKER late of High Littleton, Cordwainer, who died on 29th March 1835. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £200. Joseph TUCKER.

(SRO ED Wills Box 135 No. 517)

[Henry TUCKER was buried at High Littleton on 3rd April 1835 aged 78. He was born on 15th June 1756, son of George and Martha TUCKER, married at Cameley in 1779 Hannah DUDDEN, who died in 1828 aged 69, had 12 children, Hannah (born 1780, who married in 1799 John HARRISON), John (1781), Thomas (1783), Ann (1785, died 1809), Betsey Dudden (1788, who in 1813 had an illegitimate daughter Martha TUCKER, who married in 1833 John STICKLAND and married at St. Nicholas, Bristol in 1819 Charles HATHWAY), Martha (1789), Mary (1791), Richard (1793), George (1797), Joseph (1799), Charles (1801) and James (1804).]

Extract of Will of **Sarah TUCKER** of High Littleton.

To Nephew James TUCKER, £20.

To Nephew John HOLBROOK, £20.

To Niece Martha GREEN, £20, also a small deal box, one copper warming pan, one copper tea kettle and one silver table spoon.

Residue to Brother George TUCKER and Sister Martha STICKLER.

Probate of the Will of Sarah TUCKER deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 14th April 1810 to George TUCKER and Martha STICKLER (Wife of James STICKLER), the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Sarah TUCKER, late of High Littleton.

Estate valued under £200.

(SRO IR 26/291 435)

[Sarah TUCKER was buried at High Littleton on 28th February 1810. She was born on 15th April 1744, daughter of George TUCKER (1719-1816) and Martha EDGHILL (1720-1759). Her sister Martha was born on 26th February 1749/50, had a bastard child James TUCKER in 1768, married in 1772 John HOLBROOK (died 1772), had a son John HOLBROOK in 1773, married secondly in 1775 Samuel GREEN, had a son Samuel (baptized 1777) and daughter Martha GREEN (1779), married thirdly in 1791 James STICKLER and died in 1830). Sarah's brother George TUCKER was born in 1753 and died in 1826.]

Will of **John TYLER** of High Littleton.

Proved at Wells 5 March 1610/1. T. paid by Agnes TYLER, relict, executrix. Inventory £29. [p.223]

(Probates & Admons. 1564-1611 687)

Will of **Richard TYLER** of High Littleton.

In the name of God, Amen, the twentieth day of September in the yeare of our Lord god 1614, I Richard TYLER of High Littleton in the dioces of Bath and Wells, Baker, being sicke in body but of perfect mynde and memory, doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner & forme following.

First I comend my soule to Allmightie god my maker and redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church yard of High Littleton aforesaid.

Item - I give & bequeth to the parishe Church of High Littleton 12d.

Item - I give and bequeth to the poore of the said parishe 2s.

Item - All the rest of my goods, movable and unmovable I give and bequeth to my loving father Thomas TYLER, whom I doe make my full and whole Executor to this my last will & testament, to receive my debts and to paie my debts and to see my bodie brought to the earth.

The witnesses are Thomas HEALE, Agnes TYLER & Joan TYLER als. COOKE.

Probate granted at Wells 12th November 1614. Inventory £60. 8. 9.

(SRO D/D/ct.)

[Richard TYLER was the son of Thomas TYLER who died in 1621.]

Will of **Thomas TYLER** of High Littleton.

In the name of God, Amen, the tenth day of August in Anno 1614, I Thomas TYLER the younger of High Littleton in the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Blacksmith, being sick in bodie but of perfect mynde & memory, doe make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner & forme following.

And first I comend my soule to Allmightie god my maker and redeemer, And my dodie to be buried in the Church yard of High Littleton aforesaid.

Item - I give & bequeth to the Cathedrall Church of Wells 12d.

Item - I give to the parish Church of High Littleton 4s.

Item - I give to the poore of the same High Littleton 5s.

Item - I give & bequeth to my sonne Thomas £70.

Item - I give & bequeth to my daughter Agnes £50.

Item - I give & bequeth to my sister Joane £3.

Item - I give & bequeth to my sister Ellsabeth 7s.

Item - I give & bequeth to my cosen Robert TYLER 20s.

Item - I give & bequeth to my cosen John COOKE 20s.

Item - All the rest of my goods, movable & unmovable not given nor bequethed, I give & bequeth to Agnes my wife, whom I doe make my full and whole executrix to this my last will and testament, to receive my debts and to paie my debts and to see my bodie brought to the earth,

Item - I doe [appoint] my welbeloved father Thomas TYLER and my brother Richard TYLER overseers to this my last will and testament.

Item - debts that I owe - Imprimis, I owe my brother Richard £15. Item - I owe Richard HILL £22. Item - I owe to my sister Elsabeth 53s. Item - I owe John SAUNDERS £5.13. 4.

Witnesses to this my last will and testament are Thomas HEALE, Joane COOKE & Ellsabeth TYLER.

Probate granted at Wells 29 October 1614. Inventory £100.15s.
(SRO D/D/ct.)

[Thomas TYLER alias WILTON was the son of Thomas TYLER alias WILTON, who died in 1621. He married in 1611 Agnes BRITTEN and had 2 children, Thomas (born 1612) and Agnes (who died in 1615). It is assumed to be Thomas' widow Agnes who married in 1615 Henry BARET. It is possible that Thomas had married previously and had a son Richard, who died in 1607.]

Will of **Thomas TYLER** of High Littleton.

In the name of God Amen: the second day of December in the yeare of our Lord god 1621, I Thomas TYLER of Highe litleton w'thin the Dioces of Bathe and Wells, blacksmith, beinge sicke in bodie but of perfect mynde and memorie, praise be to the Almightye, doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in maner and forme followinge,

first, I comit my soule to Allmightie God, my maker and Redeemer, and my bodie to be buried in the Churchyard of High Littleton aforesaied.

Item, I give and bequeathe to the parishe Church of High litleton aforesaied twelve pence.

It'm, I give and bequeath to the poore of the said p'ishe twelve pence.

It'm, all the rest of my goods chattells, chatells moveable and unmoveable, not given nor bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Edieth my wife and to Joane my daughter, whom I doe appoint my full and whole Executrixes jointly, to receive my debts and to pay my debts and to see my bodie brought to the earth.

It'm, I doe nominate and appointe my welbeloved freinds, William [?P obscured by blot] th'elder of Farington and William HAYWARD of Farmerow, overseers to this my last will and testament, And to have full power and Authoritie with John BRITTEN of High litleton aforesaied, for the disposing of the Parsonage of Coollorne, to and for the uses of my sonne's sonne Thomas TYLER. And they, the said overseers, to have for their faithfull paines Tenn Shillings a peece.

In witnes wherof I have confirmed the same with my hand and Seale in the presence of John HODGES "JH", Thomas JONES.

It'm, I doe appoint that Thomas JONES, the vicar of High litleton aforesaied, shall have for his paines five shillings. the X signe and Seale of Thomas TYLER.

Probate granted at PCC London on 18th February 1621 English Style (1621/2) to Edith TYLER, relict of the deceased and Joane TYLER his daughter.

(Q.13 PROB11/139)

[Thomas TYLER the elder was buried at High Littleton on 28th December 1621. He was the son of John TYLER alias WILTON and married firstly Elizabeth (died after 1577) and secondly (before 1580) Edith. He had at least 4 children, Thomas (who died in 1614, having had a son Thomas in 1612), Richard (died in 1614), Joane and Elizabeth. Edith his widow died in 1623.]

Will of **Thomas TYTHER** of Hallatrow.

In the name of God Amen, The Twentie fourth Daie of May in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and fiftie, I Thomas TYTHER of Hallowtrowe in the parish of high Littleton and Countie of Somersett, yeoman, beinge of whole mynde and in good and pefect remembrance (Thankes bee to God) doe make and ordayne this my present Testament, contayninge herein my last Will, in manner and forme followinge, viz't:

First, I commend my Soule into the hands of Almightye God And my bodie to the Earth.

Item, I give unto my Sonne Thomas TYTHER my cupboard standinge in my kitchen at Paulton, And to his wife my brasse Milke pann, To his two Children, Rachell and Hanna, Seaven poundes, to bee equally devided betwixt them, And to bee paid them out of the Fourteene poundes due to mee from my said Sonne Thomas.

Item, I give unto my Sonne Stephen TYTHER Twentie shillings and a Booke called "the English Catechisms explained"; To his wife one shillinge, And to his Daughter One shillinge.

Item, I give unto my Sonne John TYTHER one Flock bedd at Hallowetrowe with the Appurtinances And a Booke called "Smythe's Sermons", To his wife one little brasse pann, And to his Sonne Thomas my Furnace at Paulton.

Item, I give unto my Sonne James TYTHER halfe a dozen of pewter, The other Seaven poundes due to mee from my Sonne Thomas aforesaied, And Tenn poundes more to bee paid him by my Executor, within two yeares next after my decease, And a booke called "the exposition on the Romaines".

Item, I give unto my said Sonne James one brasse Candlestick, One Crock, my biggest pewter Cupp and one Flagon. And to my sonne Stephen my biggest Crock, yet my Will is, That my Wife shall have the use of those goods last given, duringe her life.

Item, I give unto my Daughter Marie TYTHER the Nynetie poundes due unto mee from my Sonne John TYTHER upon an obligation, And my will is it bee paid to her as followeth: That at Nyneteene yeares of age

shee receive the interest of the said money, And within six monethes after her marriage Daie the principall. Provided that, if thee Match [*be*] against or contrary to the advise, consent or goodwill of her Mother, That then this guift to bee distributed as followeth, or if shee dyes before shee comes to nyneteene yeares of age or before shee marry, That then her Brother John shall have Tenn pounds of the said money And her other Fower Brothers Twentie poundes a peece.

Item, I give unto my wife the use of my howshould stuffe at Hallowtrowe duringe her life, And my heifer and sheepe, in consideration shee discharge my funerall rites and expences.

Item, I give unto my Sonne Samuell my least yowtinge Stone at Paulton, My Bible, and my Tenement at Hallowtrowe, wherein I nowe lyve.

And all the rest of my goods, Debts and Chattells, not before given and bequeathed, I give and bequeath unto my said Sonne Samuell, whome I doe hereby make sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, And doe hereby revoke and adnull all former Wills Whatsoever by mee made.

And of the Execution of this my Will, I make and ordayne my trusty and beloved Friends, Thomas DANDO of Hallowtrowe and Richard JAMES senior of Paulton, Overseers.

Item, I give unto my Sonne Thomas TYTHER All such summe or summes of money and Debts as are due from my Brother Richard unto mee And doe desire my Executor to confirme it.

Witnesse hereunto my hand and Seale the Daie and yeare abovesaid. The marke of Thomas TYTHER.

Signed, sealed and delyvered in the presence of Robert LANGFORD, John DANDO.

Probate granted at PCC London on 20 September 1650 to Samuel TYTHER, son of the deceased and Executor named in the Will.

(Q.150 PROB11/213 f.324)

The last Will and Testament of **Peter WALTER** of the Parish of High littleton in the County of Somerset, Clothyer, made the twenty fourth day of the eighth moneth called October in the yeare of our Lord One thousand seaven hundred, for that, and that, all those worldly goods whom it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, shall be and remaine to such person and persons and to such use and uses as I shall herein direct and appoint as followeth:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto Mary my now Wife the summe of Sixty pounds of lawfull money of England, which is already paid unto William REEVE of Winscom for the use of my said Wife, And the sume of One hundred pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid by my Executors hereafter named, within six moneths after my decease, And all those household goods that is yett in being, that was her owne before I married with her, and my best bedd and bedstead, with all the appurten[an]ces thereunto belonging.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Christian WALTER the full sume of Eight pounds a yeare, yearely and every yeare, during the terme of her life, to be paid unto her or her Assignes out of my Lands in the parish of Midsom' norton. And for nonpayment thereof, my Will is that the said Christian WALTER and her assignes shall have full power to distraine any goods that shall feed or depasture on the said Land. I likewise give unto my said daughter my second best bedd and bedstead, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my six grandchildren in Pensilvania the sume of Five pounds apeece, to be paid within twelve moneths after my decease, and their Father's acquittance shall be my Executors' discharge.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren, Elizabeth WALTER, Mary WALTER and Katherine WALTER, daughters of my son Peter WALTER, the sume of Ten pounds apeece, to be paid to them when they shall accomplish the full age of one and twenty yeares respectively. And, if any or either of them happen to dye before they shall accomplish the full age of one and twenty yeares, the said legacie or legacies shall be and remaine to the survivor or survivors of them.

Item, I give and bequeath unto John COWLING of Stanton Drew and John HIPSLEY of Chew Magna the sume of Five pounds of lawfull money of England, to be disposed of by them to the poore of the people called Quakers in the County of Somerset.

Item, whereas I have been at the charge of the education and bringing up of my Granddaughter Sarah WALTER, with meat, drinke and apparell, I give and bequeath the same unto her, Provided that she shall release my Executors from all the rents and profitts of her part of the Lands lying in the parish of Midsomer norton, ever since I enjoyed it.

Item, and whereas I have been at the charge of educating and bringing up of my Granddaughter Deborah WALTER (now wife of Thomas MARSH) with meate, drinke and apparell, I give and bequeath the same unto her, Provided that she shall release my Executors from all the rents and profitts of her parte of the Lands lying in the parish of Midsomer norton, ever since I enjoyed it. And alsoe with this provisoe, that if the said Deborah and her Husband Thomas MARSH doe and shall assigne and convey all their right and title, of and in, the said Lands in the said Parish of Midsomer norton, unto Sarah WALTER after their decease, if she the said Deborah

shall dye without any child. And if it shall happen that the said Sarah WALTER dye before the said Deborah and shall leave any child, that it shall be and remaine unto that child.

Item, whereas I stand seized and possessed of and in certaine parcells of Lands, Meadow, Arable and Pasture, situate and being in the said parish of Midsomer norton, for the remainder of a certaine terme of One thousand yeares, I give and bequeath the same unto my son Peter WALTER, To hold to him, his Executors and Adm'strators, for all the rest and remainder of the said terme of one thousand yeares that shall be then to come and unexpired at the time of my decease. Provided that the said Peter WALTER, his Executors, Adm'strators or Assignes doe well and truely pay or cause to be paid unto my said daughter Christian WALTER, the said yearely annuity before mentioned of eight pounds, during the terme of her life.

Item, all the rest of my Goods, Chattells and Creditts not before given, I give and bequeath unto my trusty and welbeloved friends John COWLING of Stanton Drew, John HIPSLEY of Chew Magna and Joseph HULL of Bradford in the County of Wilts., Whom I doe nominate and appoint to be joynt Executors of this my Will, In Trust, for my Son Peter WALTER, bringing my body unto the earth and paying my debts and legacies, always allowing themselves reasonably for their expences and labour in and about the premisses, And to give a just account of all that come to their hands of my Goods and Chattells, unto my said son Peter WALTER.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the day and yeare above written. The marke of Peter WALTER.

Signed, sealed, published and declared, in the presence of W'm REEVE, Thomas BEANE, Jonathan TYLER.

Probate granted at PCC London on 5th December 1700 to John COWLING, John HIPSLEY and Joseph HULL, the Executors named in the Will.

(Q.186 PROB11/458 f.192-3)

[Peter WALTER of Hallatrow died on 26th October 1700. He was a Quaker, being one of the original members of Hallatrow Meeting and was a Trustee of the Burying Ground there. His first wife Christian died in 1658 and was buried at Hallatrow. Peter married secondly at Hallatrow in 1663/4 Susanna CLEMENT, who died in 1671. He married thirdly at Burrington Meeting in 1673 Mary PLUMMER. Peter had at least 3 children, Peter (who married c.1682 Elizabeth HULL of Bradford, Wilts.), Christian and John (who died in 1682). It is not clear which of Peter's children had the grandchildren in Pennsylvania or who had Sarah and Deborah. Deborah was married c.1699 by a priest, which incurred the wrath of the Quakers, although her husband Thomas MARSH afterwards attended Hallatrow Meeting, whilst they lived at High Littleton before moving to Weston, having had several children, whose births are recorded in the Quaker Registers. Deborah's sister Sarah was apparently married c.1701 by a priest to a non-Quaker and disowned. Peter WALTER junior and his family continued to be stalwart Quakers. Mary WALTER, Peter's widow, died in 1705 and also left a legacy of £5 to poor Quakers. All those mentioned in Peter's Will were Quakers.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **James WEEKS** of Hallatrow, within the Parish of High Littleton, in the County of Somerset, Yeoman.

Whereas there is now due and owing to me from William ANSTEE of Bromley in the Parish of Stanton Drew in the said County of Somerset, Yeoman, the principal Sum of three Hundred and Twenty Pounds and the same is secured to me by his Bond and an Indenture, operating by way of Mortgage of one moiety of an Estate at Bromley aforesaid, respectively bearing date the Tenth Day of this present Month of October, Now I hereby give and bequeath the said Principal Sum of three Hundred and twenty Pounds, or such part thereof as shall or may be due and owing at the time of my decease, together with all such Interest as shall or may be also then due and owing thereon and the Securities for the same, unto my Sons George WEEKS, Jonas WEEKS and William WEEKS, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Upon Trust, that they and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, do and shall (if they or he, in their or his Discretion shall think fit and proper), as soon after my Decease as conveniently may be, call in and compel Payment of the said Principal Money and Interest, or such part thereof as shall be due and owing at the time of my decease, and do and shall stand and be possessed of and Interested in the said Principal Sum and Interest when received, after deducting thereout the Expenses attending the procuring payment thereof respectively, Upon and for the Trusts, Ends, Intents and Purposes following (that is to say): Upon Trust to put and place the Sum of Sixty Pounds, part thereof, out at Interest, in their or his own Names or Name, upon real or government Security and stand and be possessed of such Security and the Money thereby secured or therein invested and the Interest, Dividends and Produce thereof, Upon Trust, to pay, apply and dispose of the Interest, Dividends and Produce of the said trust Monies and Securities, as and when the same shall be rece'd, unto or for, or towards, the Maintenance, education and support of my three Gran[d]children, Hannah WEEKS, Isaac WEEKS and Sarah WEEKS (the Children of my deceased Son Elijah WEEKS), in such proportions, manner and form as they shall think proper, until they shall respectively attain the Age of Twenty one years and, when and as they shall respectively attain that Age, then upon Trust, to Pay the Sum of twenty Pounds, part of the said Principal Sum of

Sixty Pounds, or assign and transfer so much of the Stocks, Funds or Securities, in or upon which the said Sum of Sixty Pounds shall be invested, unto each of them, the said Hannah WEEKS, Isaac WEEKS and Sarah WEEKS and their respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to and for their resp'ive proper use and benefit. Provided always and it is my Will that, if any or either of them, the said Hannah WEEKS, Isaac WEEKS and Sarah WEEKS, shall die under the age of twenty one years, without leaving lawful Issue, or born in due time afterwards, then, as well the original Share or Shares hereinbefore provided for, as the Share or Shares by virtue of this present Clause, surviving or accruing to each of them so dying or so much thereof as shall not have been applied for his or her preferment in the World, in pursuance of the Power hereinafter for that purpose contained, shall go, accrue and belong to the Survivors or Survivor of them, in equal Shares and Proportions, if more than one, and be paid, assigned and transferred unto such Survivors or Survivor, at such and the same time or times, and at such and the same manner as is and are hereinbefore mentioned and expressed, touching his, her and their original share or shares. Provided also, and it is my Will that, it shall and may be lawful for the said George WEEKS, Jonas WEEKS and William WEEKS and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors, Administrato[r]/s and Assigns of such Survivor, at any time or times, to levy and raise any part or parts of the said Share or Shares of them, the said Hannah WEEKS, Isaac WEEKS and Sarah WEEKS, not exceeding in the whole, for any one of them, one Moiety or equal half part of his or her then expectant Share, notwithstanding the same shall not then have become payable, And to apply the money so to be raised, for the preferment, advancement or benefit of them, him or her, in such manner as my said Trustees, or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, shall in their or his discretion think fit. And in case all of them, the said Hannah WEEKS, Isaac WEEKS and Sarah WEEKS, shall die under the Age of twenty one Years, without leaving lawful Issue or born in due time afterwards, then my Will is that the said Sum of Sixty Pounds, and the Stocks, Funds and Securities, in or upon which the same shall be invested, shall sink into and become part of my Residuary Estate and be paid, Applied and disposed of as such, as hereinafter mentioned. And upon this further Trust that, they my said Trustees and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, do and shall pay out of the said Sum of three hundred and twenty Pounds and Interest, the Sum of twenty Pounds, which I hereby give and bequeath to my Grandson Adam WEEKS (Son of the said George WEEKS), his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to and for his and their own use and benefit, And upon this further Trust, to pay thereout the further Sum of Twenty Pounds, which I hereby give and bequeath to my Grandson John WEEKS (Son of my deceased Son James WEEKS), his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to and for his and their own Use and Benefit, the said two last mentioned Legacies to be paid within three Calendar Months next after the said Sum of Three Hundred and twenty Pounds and Interest, or a sufficient part thereof, shall be received. And as to the residue of the said sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds and Interest, after such payment as aforesaid, I direct that the same shall fall into and form part of my residuary Personal Estate and be paid and applied in manner hereinafter mentioned. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah ROWE, now the Wife of Samuel ROWE, Engineer, the Chest of Drawers, which usually stands in my Room, my Mahogany Tea Table and my Clock with it's oak Case, which Goods I hereby direct shall be delivered to her, my said Daughter, as soon after my decease as convenient may be.

All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of my Estate and Estates, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, Debts, Monies and Securities for Money, Dead and Live Stock, Goods, Chattels and Effects, whatsoever and of what nature, tenure, kind, quality or description soever the same may be and wheresoever situated, lying and being and not hereinbefore otherwise disposed of (subject nevertheless to the full payment and discharge of all my just Debts, my Funeral Expences and the Costs and Charges of Proving this my Will), I give and bequeath the same and every Part thereof unto my said Sons, George WEEKS, Jonas WEEKS and William WEEKS and my said Daughter Hannah ROWE, equally to be divided between them, share and share alike and their(e) respective Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Yet charged and chargeable nevertheless, as to the Proportion or Share of the said George WEEKS, with the Payments thereout of the sum of Five Pounds, which I hereby give and bequeath to each of his Children, the said Adam WEEKS, Eve WEEKS, James WEEKS and Jane WEEKS, to be paid and payable to them respectively on their attaining the Age of twenty one Years.

And Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint them, the said George WEEKS, Jonas WEEKS and William WEEKS, Joint Executors of this my Will and do hereby revoke all former Wills and Codicils by me made and do declare this to be my only last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have to this, my last Will and Testament, contained in three Sheets of Paper, set my Mark and Seal, (that is to say) my Mark to the two preceeding Sheets and my Mark and Seal to this third and last Sheet of Paper, the Twentieth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

The Mark and Seal of X James WEEKS.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named James WEEKS, 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. John HILL, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't, W'm WILLIAMS, Cl'k to Messrs LANGFORD & HILL.

Probate of the Will of James WEEKS deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 13th August 1827 to George WEEKS, Mason and Jonas WEEKS, Yeoman, both of High Littleton and William WEEKS of Camerton, Yeoman, the three Executors named in the last Will and Testament of James WEEKS, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died in the Month of August 1823. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £300 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. George WEEKS, Jonas WEEKS, W'm WEEKS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 72 No. 704)

[James WEEKS was buried at High Littleton on 18th August 1822 aged 84. He was born c.1737/8, married at Radstock in 1768 Jane CARTER, who died in 1813 and had 8 children, Mary (baptized 1768), George 1770, died 1773), James (1772, who married in 1794 Betty SAGE, had 2 children, John baptized 1795 and George 1796 who died 1798, and died in 1797), George (1774, who married at Timsbury in 1797 Sarah AMESBURY, who died in 1806 and had 4 children, Adam baptized 1800, Eve 1802, James 1804 and Jane 1806), Jonas (1776), Elijah (1778, who married at Paulton in 1801 Zipporah HEW, had 4 children, Hannah, Isaac, Sarah and Hester 1810 who died 1811, and died in 1812), William (born c.1780/1) and Hannah (1783, who married at St. James, Bath in 1805 Samuel ROWE). James WEEKS came to Hallatrow c.1782 and farmed at Ivy House Farm, which he leased with some 67 acres from John PURNELL. On his retirement the farm was taken over by his son Jonas.]

Extract of Will of **John WYKES** [WEEKS] of Clutton, gent., dated 16 December 1640.

My body to be buried in the parrish church of Clutton.

I give to my sonne John WYKES the household stuffe which belongeth to my said hall, That is to say, One longe table board, one side bord, eight ioyned stooles and one libery cupbord.

I give to my daughters Hester LANSON, Anne CHALLONER & Elizabeth WYKES, Two shillings and sixpence each, to be paid within one moneth after my decease.

And whereas I hold and enjoy, by Indenture of life [*? lease intended*] bearinge date the Tenth day of August in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Kinge Charles [1625], A certaine tenement in High littleton in the Countie aforesaid, of the demise and Grant of William WALTON of Compton Dandoe and Joane his wife, for and dureinge the tearme of the naturall life of my sonnes William WYKES, Michael WYKES and John WYKES and the life of the longest liver of them, My will is that my wife shall have and enjoy the said Tenement, together with all the landes and premisses thereunto belonginge, soe longe and untill such tyme as my said sonne William WYKES shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty yeares. And then I give and bequeath, and my will is that my said sonne William WYKES shall have and enjoy the said tenement and landes, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonginge, dureinge the whole estates and tearme in the before recited Indenture mentioned.

I give to my wife Bridgett WYKES two of my best beds with all the furniture thereunto belonginge, and my silver bowle.

And whereas the said John WYKES have granted unto mee from Sir John STRANGWAYS, a Reversion of one Tenement called Hunt's Tenement in Abbotsbury, Dorsett, after the decease of the widdowe HAYNE, my sonne John beinge Reversioner after mee, Now my will is that my said wife shall put out my said sonne John and put in my said sonne William, that the reversion may remaine to William, accordinge to the Custome of the said Mannor.

And whereas the said John WYKES holdeth by Coppie of Court Roll of Sir John STRANGWAYES, Knight, two other Tenements in Abbotsbury called Butler's and Readon's, my sonne John beinge Reversioner in them both, My will is that my said wife shall putt out my sonne John WYKES and put in my sonne Michael WYKES, so that the Reversione may remaine to Michael, accordinge to the Custome of the said Mannor.

I give to my Fower grandchildren of Richard LANSDON and Richard CHALLONER Five shillings each, to be paid within one moneth after my decease.

I give to the poore of the parrish of Clutton Tenn shillings.

The rest of my goods and chattles I give to my daughter Bridgett WYKES, whome I make my only and whole Executrix.

I appoint Richard LANSDON of Camerton and Tho. HIPSLEY of Eastcourt, gent. overseers.

Signed John WYKES. Witnesses Tho. HIPSLEY, Tho. SPIRRINGE, Anne NASH.

Proved at PCC London on 24th February 1650 English style [1650/1] by Bridgett WYKES, daughter of the deceased and Executrix named in the Will.

(Q.41 PROB11/215 f.316-7)

[Hester was the wife of Richard LANSDOWN, gent. of Camerton and Anne the wife of Richard CHALLONER of Clutton. Michael WEEKS and his wife Mary (died 1661) had at least 2 children in High Littleton, William (died 1656/7) and William (born 1658, died 1662).]

Extract of Will of **Thomas WEST**.

November 15th 1542. Sir Thomas WEST, parson of Chelworth in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

My body to be buried in the chauncel of Chelworth, to which church 6s. 8d.

To the cathedral church of Wells 8d.

To the chapell of Chew 3s. 4d.

To the bretherhed of Keynsham 3s. 4d.

To the church of Olde Sadbery 3s. 4d..

To the churches of Farnborowe, Lyttelton, Clutton, Staunton Drewe, Pensford and Publowe 20d. each.

I will that an honest priest say masse for my soul and all christian souls for one year, having for his labour and for singinge, bred, wyne and waxe £5.13s.4d, he to be provided by the discretion of maister Thomas TREWBODY.

To John WEST, servant to our Sovereigne Lord the King £3. 6s. 8d.

To William WEST of the parish of Abston £3. 6s. 8d.

To Roger WEST, John WEST and Thomas WEST, sons of my brother John WEST, £3. 6s. 8d. each.

To Agnes, daughter of Thomas WEST, 20s.

To her sister 20s.

To John, son of Thomas WEST, 20s.

To each of my godchildren 8d.

The residue to my godson Thomas WEST of Abston, William PUPPYN of Colley, John COCKES and Isabell TEWE of Chelworthe, my executors, who shall make penny dole at my burial and month's mynd to all people resorting then.

Overseer - Master Thomas TREWBODY. I will all goods bequeathed to John COCKES, one of my executors, remain in the custody of Richard PARSONS of Chelworth and of William PUPPYN of Colley, until he be 24 years of age.

Witnesses - Maister Thomas TREWBODY, parson of Norton, Thomas SHOLBROKE of Norton, Richard PARSONS, John PARSONS of Chelworth and John HOOGEYS of Farborowe.

Proved April 13th 1543.

(PCC 18 Spert - Somerset Medieval Wills 1531-1558 SRS)

This is the last Will and Testament of me **William WEYMOUTH**, now living in the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset (Yeoman), made this 6th day of March 1844.

I Give and bequeath unto my dear Wife, Elizabeth WEYMOUTH, the whole of my property which I may die possessed of, whether Freehold, Leasehold, Stock, Household Furniture, Plate, Money and Securities for Money and whatsoever else and wheresoever the same may be at the time of my death, to her own sole use, during her lifetime, and afterwards to be equally divided between my Daughter Ann LOVE, the Wife of Richard LOVE (Yeoman) of the Parish of Farmb[orough] in the County aforesaid and Ann Weymouth EDGELL, now aged about four years, my Grandchild, now living with me, provided my dear Wife should not want to make use of the aforesaid property during her lifetime, so that whatever sums of Money or other property she does not make use of, but leave at her death, shall be equally divided between the aforesaid Ann LOVE and Ann Weymouth EDGELL, but, if she, the said Ann Weymouth EDGELL, should depart this mortal life before attaining the age of twenty one years and unmarried, leaving no lawfully begotten issue by Marriage, then her part and portion of the above property shall belong to my Daughter Ann LOVE aforesaid but, should the said Ann LOVE die before her Mother, then I Give the same, and in likewise the same manner, to her children William Weymouth Albert LOVE and Elizabeth LOVE, now living and, if there should be any more Children born by her, then each shall take the same proportionate part with the above named two children.

I also nominate and appoint the aforesaid Richard LOVE of the Parish of Farmbrough and James WEEKS of Hallatrow, in the Parish of High Littleton, as Trustees to this my last Will and Testament, each of them to be answerable for their own Acts and deeds and not for the Acts and deeds of each other.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set and subscribed my hand and seale, this 6th day of March 1844. William WEYMOUTH

Signed, sealed and declared by the within named William WEYMOUTH, in his presence and in the presence of us and each other of us, on the day and year above named. Witness - George BLINMAN, William ROBBINS.

Letters of Administration, with Will annexed, were granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 12th April 1848 to Richard LOVE of Farmborough, Yeoman and James WEEKS of Hallatrow, Yeoman, of the Goods etc. of William WEYMOUTH, late of High Littleton, Yeoman, who died on 11th November 1846. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £300 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. Richard LOVE, James WEEKS.

(SRO ED Wills Box 229 No. 338)

[William WEYMOUTH and his wife Elizabeth had 2 daughters, Ann (who married Richard LOVE, had 2 children, William Weymouth Albert (baptized 1840) and Elizabeth (1842) and died before 1850, when Richard LOVE was already married to his second wife Mary BOULTER) and Elizabeth (who married John EDGELL, had 2 children, Ann Weymouth (baptized 1839) and Elizabeth (born and died 1841) and predeceased her parents). In 1839 William WEYMOUTH was farming at Southover House, which he leased from William Jones BURDETT with 38 acres. The 1841 Census shows him there, aged 69, with wife Elizabeth 65, John EDGELL, Coal miner, 25 and Ann EDGELL 1.]

Extract of Will of **John WHATLY** of High Littleton.

Wife, Sarah WHATLY, residuary legatee for life.

After the death of my wife, two Cottages, a Close containing four Acres, with the appurtenances, in Edington, Wilts. to my Son John WHATLY & my Daughter Sarah GRAY equally, or to the Husband of my Daughter in case of her death. The Residue for life, after her death, to my said Daughter Sarah GRAY and her Husband.

Probate of the Will of John WHATLY deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 22nd October 1807 to John WHATLY, one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of John WHATLY, late of High Littleton with Power reserved to Joseph GRAY the other Executor.

Estate valued under £200.

(SRO IR 26/291 207)

[John WHATLEY was buried at High Littleton on 29th April 1807. He married in 1769 Sarah WHIPPIE, who died in 1817 aged 80. They had 3 children, Sarah (born c.1770, who married at St. Philip & Jacob, Bristol in 1796 Joseph GRAY and died in 1854), Mary (baptized 1772, died 1773) and John (1774).]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Ruth WHERRIT** of Hallatrow within the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Spinster.

I Give and bequeath unto my Cousin Elizabeth EMERY, Wife of Abraham EMERY, now residing at Shepton Mallett in the County of Somerset, all my wearing apparel of every kind and description and also all my Household Furniture, Plate, Linen and Moveables, of whatever nature or quality, to and for her own use and benefit.

All the rest, residue and remainder of my Personal Property, Monies and Securities for Money, Debts and Effects (Subject nevertheless and liable to the payment of my just Debts, my Funeral Expences and the Costs attendant on proving and executing this my Will), I give and bequeath unto my much esteemed and honoured Mistress Jane SCOBELL of Hallatrow aforesaid, Widow, her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Upon Trust,

in the first place, to pay unto my Cousin William WALLEN, now residing at Gurney Slade in the said County of Somerset, the Sum of Twenty Pounds,

and to his Brother Edward WALLEN, now residing at Oakhill in the same County, the like Sum of Twenty Pounds,

and to their Sister Ann HANNEY, Wife of --- HANNEY, the like Sum of Twenty Pounds,

such payments to be made at the expiration of one Year next after my decease,

and after such payments, then, Upon Trust to put and place the remainder of my Monies and effects out at Interest and pay and apply the Interest to or for the use of my said Cousin Elizabeth EMERY, separate and apart from her present or any future Husband, for and during the Term of her natural Life and, from and after her decease, Upon Trust, to pay the whole of such Principal Monies and Effects unto and equally between all the Children of my said Cousin Elizabeth EMERY, as shall be living at the time of her decease.

And it is my Will that my said Trustee shall reimburse herself all such Costs, Charges and Expences, as she shall or may sustain or be put unto, in performing the Trusts of this my Will, of which I nominate, constitute and appoint her sole Executrix.

In Witness whereof I have to this, my last Will and Testament, set my hand and Seal this Eighteenth day of April One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty five. Ruth WHERRIT.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Testatrix Ruth WHERRIT, 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. W'm WILLIAMS, John REES MOGG, Cl'k to Messrs LANGFORD, HILL & WILLIAMS, Sol'rs, Hallatrow, Som't.

Probate of the Will of Ruth WHERRIT deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 17th September 1829 to Jane SCOBELL of High Littleton, Widow, the Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of Ruth WHERRIT, late of the same Parish, Spinster, who died on 27th August 1829. Sworn that Personal Estate, before deducting debts, was under £300 and that the Deceased was not possessed of any Leasehold Estate. Jane SCOBELL.

(SRO ED Wills Box 88 No. 384)

[Ruth WHERRIT of Hallatrow was buried at High Littleton on 3rd September 1829 aged 84. Her Mistress Jane SCOBELL (born Jane SKEY c.1770) lived at Hallatrow Cottage (now called The Grange) and was the widow of Dr Peter Edward SCOBELL M.D., who died in 1820.]

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John WILKINS** of the Parish of High Littleton in the County of Somerset, Coal Bailiff.

I Give and bequeath unto my Wife Ann all such rents, Monies and Debts as shall be due or payable to me at the time of my decease, to and for her own use and benefit.

I also Give, devise and bequeath unto her, my said Wife, All my Tenements or Dwelling Houses, Garden Ground, Hereditaments and Premises, with their Appurtenances, situated in the Parish of High Littleton aforesaid, or elsewhere, Together with the use of all my Household Goods and Furniture and other personal Effects, To hold the same respectively unto her, my said Wife, for and during her natural life, Subject nevertheless, to the payment of my Funeral and Testamentary Expences, And all my Simple Contract Debts (Except Bills of Exchange and Notes of hand) and to the paying and keeping down the Interest of any Mortgage or Mortgages, Bonds, Bills or Notes, which may be due from me or my Estate at the time of my decease and which may thereafter accrue due, and to keeping all the said Premises in good repair, and Insured from fire, to the extent of the present Policy or Policies thereon at least.

And from and immediately after the decease of my said Wife, I dispose of all my Property in the following manner, (that is to say),

I Give and devise my Tenement or Dwelling House, Garden Ground and Premises at Mearnes, in the said Parish of High Littleton, now in the occupation of James CARTER, with the Appurtenances, unto and to the use of my Son James WILKINS, his heirs and Assigns for ever.

I give and devise my Tenement or Dwelling House, Garden Ground and Premises at Mearnes aforesaid, now in my own occupation, with the Appurtenances, unto my Daughter Joyce CLEEVEES, for and during her natural life, to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit, And from and immediately after her decease, I Give and devise the said last mentioned Premises unto and to the use of her Husband John CLEEVEES, for and during his natural life, and from and immediately after the decease of the Survivor of them, the said Joyce CLEEVEES and John CLEEVEES, I Give and devise the said last mentioned Premises unto all and every, or such one or more, in exclusion of the others or other of the Children or Child or the Issue of any Children or Child of the said Joyce CLEEVEES, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, for such Estates or Interests, and in such manner and form, in all respects, as the said Joyce CLEEVEES shall, by her last Will and Testament or Testamentary Appointment in writing, or any Codicil or Codicils thereto, or any Instrument in Writing purporting to be in the nature of her last Will and testament or a Codicil or Codicils thereto, to be by her, at any time or times (notwithstanding Coverture) executed in the presence of, and attested by, two Credible Witnesses, or more direct, limit or appoint, give or devise the same. And, in default of any such limitation, direction or appointment, gift or devise and as to such part of the said last mentioned Hereditaments and Premises or any Estate or Interest therein, to which any such shall not extend or take effect, I Give and devise the same unto all and every the children and Child of the said Joyce CLEEVEES, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, who shall be living at the decease of the Survivor of her, the said Joyce CLEEVEES and her said Husband and the lawful Issue of such of them as shall be then dead, leaving Issue (such Issue nevertheless, to take amongst themselves as joint Tenants and per stirpes only and not per Capita), to be equally divided between them (if more than one), share and share alike, as tenants in common, in fee simple. And, if there shall be but one such child or Issue, Then I give and Devise the said last mentioned Premises unto and to the use of such only Child or Issue and his or her heirs and assigns for eve. And, if there shall be no such child or Issue of the said Joyce CLEEVEES, living at the time of the decease of the Survivor of her and her said Husband, Then I give and devise the same, unto and to the use of my said Son James WILKINS, his heirs and assigns for ever.

I Give and devise my Tenement or Dwelling House, Garden Ground and Premises, situated at High Littleton aforesaid, now in the occupation of James DIX, with the Appurtenances, unto my Daughter Hester PERKINS, for and during her natural life, to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit, and from and immediately

after her decease, I Give and Devise the said Premises last mentioned, unto and to the use of my Grandson Thomas CLEEVEES, Son of the said Joyce CLEEVEES, his heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise my Tenement or Dwelling House, Garden Ground and Premises situated at High Littleton aforesaid, now in the occupation of George HAWKINS, with the Appurtenances, unto my Daughter Judith HILLIAR, for and during her natural life, to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit. And, from and immediately after her decease, I Give and devise the said last mentioned Premises unto and to the use of all and every the children and child of the said Judith HILLIAR, lawfully begotten or to be begotten, who shall be living at the time of her decease and the lawful Issue of such of them as shall be then dead, leaving Issue (such Issue nevertheless, to take amongst themselves as joint Tenants and per stirpes only and not per Capita), to be equally divided between them (if more than one), share and share alike, as tenants in common, in fee simple. And, if there shall be but one such Child or Issue, Then I give and devise the same unto and to the use of such only child or Issue, and his or her heirs and assigns for ever. And, if there shall be no such child or Issue of the said Judith HILLIAR, living at the time of her decease, Then I give and devise the said last mentioned Premises, unto and to the use of all my other children, in equal shares and proportions, as Tenants in common, in fee simple.

I Give and devise my Tenement or Dwelling House, Garden Ground and Premises at High Littleton aforesaid, now in the occupation of William STICKLER, with the Appurtenances, unto my Daughter Margaret ROBBINS, for and during her natural life, to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit. And, from and immediately after her decease, I give and devise the said Premises last mentioned, unto and to the use of all and every the children and Child of the said Margaret ROBBINS and their Issue, in the same manne, in every respect and with such remainders over as is and are lastly hereinbefore declared and contained in relation to the Premises hereinbefore devised to my said Daughter Judith HILLIAR.

I Give and Devise my Tenement or Dwelling House, Garden Ground and Premises at High Littleton aforesaid, now in the occupation of William BRIMBLE, with the Appurtenances, unto my Daughter Anne JAMES, for and during her natural life, to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit. And, from and immediately after her decease, I give and devise the said last mentioned Premises, unto and to the use of her eldest Son John PAIN, his heirs and assigns for ever.

I Give and devise my Tenement or Dwellinghouse, Garden Ground and Premises at High Littleton aforesaid, now in the occupation of Richard PARFREY, with the Appurtenances, unto my Daughter Mary PARFITT, for and during her natural life, to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit. And, from and immediately after her decease, I Give and Devise the said Premises lastly mentioned, unto and to the use of all and every the Children and Child of the said Mary PARFITT and their Issue, in the same manner, in every respect and with such remainders over as is and are hereinbefore declared and contained in relation to the premises hereinbefore devised to my said Daughter Judith HILLIAR.

I Give, devise and bequeath unto my good Friends, George PERRY (the Elder) of Fry's Bottom, James HALL (the Younger) of Mearns, Samuel WHITING and Elijah CHIVERS, both of High Littleton, my four Tenements or Dwelling Houses, Garden Ground and Premises at High Littleton aforesaid, now occupied by James TUCKER, John RAPPS, James EVANS and George RAPPS, with their Appurtenances; Also, all my Household Goods and Furniture, also such Thirty six of the Apple trees growing upon my Premises at Mearns, as they shall select, and all other my Estates and Effects whatsoever, both real and personal, To hold the same respectively unto and to the use of them, the said George PERRY (the Elder), James HALL (the Younger), Samuel WHITING and Elijah CHIVERS, their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for ever and otherwise according to the several natures thereof, Upon trust, that they, my said trustees or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the heirs, Executors or Administrators of such Survivor, do and shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after the decease of my said Wife, sell and dispose of and convert into money, the said real and personal Estates lastly Devised to them, either altogether and in one Lot or in Parcels and several Lots and either by Public Auction or Private Contract or partly in the one mode and partly in the other and with free liberty, in case of an Auction or Auctions, to buy in the whole or any part of the said real and personal Estates, and to sell what shall be so bought in at any future Auction or Auctions, or by private Contract or partly in the one mode and partly in the other, without being answerable for any diminution of price on re-Sale, and so from time to time, as often as occasion shall be and require, and do and shall make and execute all proper Conveyances, Assignments and Assurances for conveying, Assigning and Assuring the property sold to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof or as he, she or they shall direct or appoint. And I direct that the Trustees or Trustee for the time being, of this my Will, do and shall stand and be possessed of and interested in the monies to arise or be received by the ways and means aforesaid, and from the rents, Issues, profits and Produce of the said real and Personal Estates and Effects in the mean time, and until the same shall be respectively sold and converted into money as aforesaid (after full payment and satisfaction of all costs, charges and expences of and attending the execution of the trusts of this my Will), Upon Trust, in the first place to pay off and discharge all such Principal and Interest Monies, as may then be due and owing from me or my Estate, upon any mortgage, Bond, Bill or Note and then upon trust, to pay and divide the clear residue of such Purchase and other Monies, Rents, Issues, Profits and produce, unto and between

my Five daughters, Joyce CLEEVES, Mary PARFITT, Margaret ROBBINS, Judith HILLIAR and Ann JAMES, in equal shares and proportions and their respective Executors, Administrators and assigns. And, I do hereby declare that, if any doubt, difference or dispute shall arise, touching the Boundaries, Extent or Identity of any of the Premises hereby devised, the judgment and determination of the Trustees or Trustee for the time being, of this my Will, in reference thereto, shall be final, binding and conclusive on all persons and for all purposes whatsoever. And I hereby also declare, that the receipt and receipts of the Trustees or Trustee for the time being, of this my Will, shall, in all cases and upon all occasions, be good and sufficient as a discharge and discharges to all and every Purchasers and Purchaser and other Persons and Person, who shall pay to them or him any Sum or Sums of money under or by virtue of this my Will, or upon or in pursuance of all or any the Trusts and Powers thereof, for so much money as in such receipt or receipts shall be expressed to be received, and that the Purchasers or Purchaser, Persons or Person so paying the same, shall not afterwards be required to see to the application of the same money nor be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or nonapplication of the same or any part thereof. And I do also declare, that none of the Trustees and Executors of this my Will shall be answerable for the other of them or for the Acts, deeds, receipts or Defaults of the other of them, nor for involuntary losses, nor for money received under receipts, in which they shall join only for conformity, And that the said Trustees and Executors shall and may reimburse themselves and each other out of the said Trust Premises, or out of any monies that may come into their hands by virtue of this my Will, all costs and expences to be incurred by them in relation thereto and may adjust and allow the accounts of any deceased, unable or unwilling Trustee or Trustees, Executor or Executors and give discharges for the balances thereof, And that all costs, charges and expences allowed the Trustees and Executors, shall be allowed as between Solicitor and Client.

And I do nominate and appoint them, the said George PERRY (the Elder), James HALL (the younger), Samuel WHITING and Elijah CHIVERS, Joint Executors In trust of this my Will and do hereby revoke all former Wills and Codicils by me made and declare this to be my last and only Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, (that is to say), to the five preceding sheets set my hand and to this sixth and last sheet, my hand and seal, this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one. John WILKINS.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator John WILKINS, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us altogether, who, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other altogether, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses. W'm WILLIAMS, Sol'r, Hallatrow, Som't, Henry FERBRACHE, Clerk to Messrs HILL & WILLIAMS, Solicitors, Hallatrow, Somerset.

Probate of the Will of John WILKINS deceased was granted in the Consistorial Episcopal Court of Wells on 4th October 1842 to George PERRY the Elder of Clutton, Accountant, James HALL the Younger, Blacksmith, Samuel WHITING, Accountant and Elijah CHIVERS, Coal Miner, all of High Littleton, the joint Executors in trust named in the last Will and Testament of John WILKINS, late of High Littleton, Coal Bailiff, who died on 3rd September 1842. Sworn that Personal and Leasehold Estate, before deducting debts, was under £100. George PERRY, James HALL, Sam'l WHITING, The mark of X Elijah CHIVERS.

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[John WILKINS was buried at High Littleton on 7th September 1842 aged 77. He was baptized in 1765, son of James WILKINS and Joyce PICKFORD and married at Clutton in 1789 Ann PARFITT, by whom he had 9 children, Hester (baptized 1790, who married Edward PERKINS of East Horrington), Judith (who married at St. Mary Redcliff in 1810 Parfitt HILLIER), Ann (who married at Farrington Gurney in 1810 Isaac PAIN, had a son John PAIN and married secondly at Farrington in 1817 George JAMES), Mary (born at Chew Magna c.1793/4, who married in 1826 James PARFITT), Margaret (1794, died 1796), James (1796), Margaret (born c.1799/1800, who married in 1821 Thomas ROBBINS), John (died 1803) and Joyce (1807, who married in 1826 John CLEAVES and had several children including Thomas, baptized 1828). Ann WILKINS (John's widow) died on 14th December 1844 aged 80. In 1820 John WILKINS purchased from Joseph LANSDOWN 7 tenements and gardens at Chapel Barton, with the aid of a £200 Mortgage from James PERRY. A few years later several of the tenements were destroyed by fire and John erected 4 new ones on the site, ending up with 9 tenements. In 1845 these four were sold for £260, which was more than enough to pay off the Mortgage, which had been taken over by Edward BLANNING after PERRY died. The Mearns property, which was in 2 tenements, was leased from William Jones BURDETT in 1817, for the lives of John WILKINS and his children James and Joyce.]

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The spelling of many names has been "modernized"

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