

The Last Will & Testament of  
Thomas Geers, of Hereford, Sergeant-at-Law  
dated 15 December 1696



**I**n the name of God amen, I Thomas Geers of the City of Hereford Serjt. at Law make my last will and testament in manner and form following Imprimis I commend my soule to Almighty God my creator in the hopes of eternall life through the meritts of the blessed Jesus and as I have lived so I dye a member of the Church of England which I believe to be truly orthodox and primitive in her restitutions and ? And my body to be buryed where I shall happen to dye or else where at the discretion of my Executrix And as to what estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof in manner following Imprimis I give and devise to my dear wife Elizabeth Geers her heirs and assigns all such mannors messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever where of I am seized (and which are ? to me in mortgage for any summe or summes of money) in Stoke Edyth Stretton Granson Bishop Frome Showle Harrington Ledbury Canon Puon Weobley or Wellington or elsewhere in the County of Hereford which shall not be redeemed at the time of my decease to have and to hold the said mortgages lands tenements and hereditaments to my said dear wife and her heirs and assigns to the extent she may retrieve the money thereby respectively payable which is part of the personall estate of my father Cope left to my children and disposed by me at interest for them as out of his executors. And I likewise devise to her my chambers in Serjeants June[?] in Fleet street for which there will be two hundred and three pounds payable at my decease which is likewise payable to my daughters or to one of them as she shall direct I having disposed of two hundred pounds of theirs which I retrieved from Sir John Walter executor of Sir William Walter Baronet deceased. Item I give to my son Timothy all my books and furniture in my said chamber and desire that care be taken to deliver those that belong to Sir Thomas Powell of which there is a catalogue in my study. Item I give to him the said Timothy all the law books in my study at Hereford my Sumpter Serjeant robes cloak and [?] and the great silver tambard which was given me by Dr. Aubrey after his mothers decease desiring her to leade it him accordingly. Item to Margaret James if living with me at the time of my decease five pounds and to each of my other servants twenty shillings apiece. Item I further give and devise to my said dear wife my house in the Castle street in Hereford with the appartments and all the rest and residue of my personall estate goods chattels ? debts and credits whatsoever to dispose at her will and pleasure and do hereby nominate and appoint my said dear wife Elizabeth Geers sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills and do sign seale and publish this to be my last will and testament this fifteenth day of December Anno Domini one thousand six hundred ninety six ./. Thomas Geers ./. Signed sealed and published in the presence of the witnesses hereunder written who attested the same and put their names thereunto in my presence ./. David Williams ./. Diam Fisher ./. Sam Jennings ./.

Alexander twenty pounds to be paid within one year after my decease  
 Item I give him the present possession of Mount shears after my  
 decease and such rent as at such time of my decease shall be due for  
 the same towards reparacion Item I give Alexander one redd rug one  
 paire of new blaubetts j. paire of ramos sheets one bolster draider one  
 great bettle one vion pott one grate new barrill one round tubb one pail  
 Item I give my son William ffourteen pounds to be paid within one  
 year after my decease Item I give unto my Grandson William the son  
 of William one Shiny Item I give unto my son George ffive  
 ffourteen pounds to be paid within one year after my decease Item I  
 give my daughter Jane one Shiny to be paid within one month  
 after my decease Item I give her one petticoate with a blew pocket  
 Item I give her my longest Scotland apron and one bouclare napin  
 that is my best Item I give unto my son Thomas ffive  
 pounds to be paid within one year after my decease Item I give him  
 a redd rug one new paire of blaubetts one paire of ramos sheets one  
 little new barrill one little bettle two old trowles Item I give unto my  
 Granddaughter Isannah twenty shillings to be paid within one  
 year after my decease Item I give her one black serge fowre and  
 one redd petticoate with redd and blew lace Item I give her a couple  
 of my best changes and one suite of my linnen and one great white  
 whittle and one Scotland apron All the rest of my Goods Chattells  
 and Credits not before bestowed and bequeathed I give and bequeath unto  
 my daughter Margaret ffive whom I make and ordaine sole  
 Executrix of this my last Will and Testament to pay my debts legacies  
 and funerrall expences and I doe hereby revoke and make void all former  
 and other Wills by me heretofore made and doe ratify and confirme  
 this my Testament wherof I publish and declare this to be my last  
 Will and Testament this eighth day of January Anno Domini One  
 Thousand six hundred ninty nint. Signum Alie ffive. Siquid  
 sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of  
 the abovesaid Alie ffive in the presence of us Christopher  
 Snobbe Edmund Shepards Peter Cleaves.

**Probatum** fuit huius Testamentum apud Londoniam  
 coram vobis et egregio viro domino Richardo Raines Militi legum  
 Doctori Curie Praerogative Cantuariensis Magistro Custode sicut  
 Commissario hinc constituto secundo die mensis Decembris Anno Domini  
 Millesimo Septingentesimo Juramento Margareta ffive filia et  
 Executrix in eodem Testamento nominat. Cui rursus fuit aduistrato  
 omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti  
 de bene et fideliter aduistrando eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia  
 (vigore Communis) iurata.

Thomas ffive

**In the name of God Amen**  
 I Thomas ffive of the City of London being at law  
 make my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following  
 Inprimis I commend my soule to Almighty God my Creator in  
 sure hopes of eternall life through the meritts of the blessed Steud



and as I have lived, soe I dye a Member of the Church of England  
 which I beleve to be truly orthodox and primitive in her constitution and  
 doctrines And my body to be buried where I shall happen to dye or else  
 where at the discretion of my Excutrix And as to what estate as it has  
 pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof in manner  
 following Imprimis I give and devise to my deare Wife Elizabeth  
 Secundo her services and Assignes all such Mannors Mesuages Lands  
 Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever whereof I am seized  
 (and which are conveyed to me in mortgage for any summe or summes of  
 money) in Stobt Dyth Stretton & Trausam & Bishopps ffrome Showle  
 Harrington Sedbury Canon Pyou Dobleby or Dwellington or elsewhere  
 in the County of Shereford which shall not be redeemed at the time of  
 my decease So have and to hold the said mortgaged Lands Tenements  
 and hereditaments to my said deare Wife and her Assignes to the  
 intent she may receive the money thereby respectively payable which is  
 parte of the Personall Estate of my ffather Cope left to my children and  
 disposed by me at interest for them as one of his Executors And I likewise  
 devise to her my Chambers in Serjeants Inne in ffleetstreet for which  
 there will be two hundred and thirtie pounds payable at my decease which  
 is likewise payable to my Daughters or to one of them as she shall direct  
 I having disposed of Two hundred pounds of thiers which I received  
 from Sr John Walter Executor of Sr William Walter Baronet deceased  
 Item I give to my son Timothy all my Booke and ffurniture in my said  
 Chamber and desire that rare be taken to deliver those that belong to  
 Sr Thomas Powell of which there is a catalogue in my Study Item I give  
 to him the said Timothy all the Law booke in my study at Shereford my  
 Sumpter Serjeants Doves Gloate and Boxes and the great silver  
 taward which was given me by Mr Aubrey after his Mothers decease  
 desiring her to leave it him according to Item to Margarett Domes if living  
 with me at the time of my decease ffive pounds And to each of my other  
 servants twenty shillings apiece Item I further give and devise to my  
 said deare Wife my house in the Castle street in Shereford with the  
 appurtenants And all the rest and residue of my Personall Estate  
 goods chattells arrears of rent debts and credits whatsoever to dispose  
 at her will and pleasure And doe hereby nominate and appoint my said  
 deare Wife Elizabeth Secundo sole Excutrix of this my last Will and  
 Testament hereby revoking all former Wills and doe signe seal and  
 publish this to be my last Will and Testament this ffiftenth day of Decemb:  
 Anno Domini One thousand six hundred ninety six . C. Sex. Signed  
 sealed and published in the presence of the Witnesses hereunder  
 written who attested the same and put to their names therunto in my  
 presence Da: Williamus Linn: ffisher Sam: Demings.

**Probatum** fuit huius Testamentum apud London. coram  
 vobis et egregio viro Domino Richardo Davies Milite Legum Doctore  
 Curia Praesogativa Cantuariensis Magro Custode sub Compas  
 ltime constituto Diversis die mensis Decembris Anno Domini  
 Millimo Septingentesimo Juramento Elizabetha Secundo Relicta et Excutrix  
 in eodem Testamento nominat. Cui remissa Administratio omnium et  
 singulorum bonorum juriu et creditoru dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter  
 administrando eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia (vigore Communis) Jurat. *[Signature]*