

The Last Will & Testament of
William Gregory, of How Caple, Esq.

dated 3 April 1702



In the name of God Amen, I William Gregory of How Caple in the County of Hereford Esqr. being weak in body but of perfect mind and understanding thanks be given to Almighty God doe make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at anytime heretofore made in manner following First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God hoping for salvation through Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body to the Earth to be decently interred And as for my worldly Estate I dispose thereof as followeth First I give and bequeath unto my loveing wife Elizabeth all her jewells and also her set of dressing platte And also I give and bequeath unto my said wife Elizabeth the summe of four hundred pounds of lawfull money and doe appoint the same to be paid her within one yeare next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Gregory the summe of one thousand pounds and doe appoint the same to be paid her at her attaining the age of one and twenty yeares or marriage which shall first happen and the interest thereof in the meantime after the rate of five pounds x centum x Anno for an increase of her portion Item I doe make and appoint my loveing wife Guardian of my two children William Gregory and Elizabeth Gregory during her widowhood and after her decease or second marriage which shall first happen then I doe appoint my loveing mother Elizabeth Gregory Widow and my mother in law Elizabeth Geers Widow Guardians of my said children untill they shall respectively attaine the age of one and twenty yeares or be married Item I give and bequeath unto my sonn William Gregory all my silber plate And as for touching[?] and concerning all the rest and residue of my household goods and household stuff cattle chattells debts and Bills Bonds Mortgages in fee or tentures and all money won thereby wages and all other my personall Estate whatsoever I doe give devise and bequeath the same unto my said mother and mother in law Elizabeth Gregory and Elizabeth Geers their Heires Exectutors Administrators and Assigns forever they paying and discharging all my debts and the legacies herein bequeathed and after my funeral expences and after those paid and discharged then intrust that they shall pay and dispose the residue thereof unto my said two children Wm Gregory and Elizabeth Gregory or either of them according to their discretion And I doe nominate and appoint my said mothers Elizabeth Gregory and Elizabeth Geers joint Exectors of this my last Will and Testament And doe direct and appint that it shall be lawfull for them respectively to reimburse themselves all such charges and expenses as they shall reasonably expend or be put into in the execution and performance of this my Will and Trust in witnesse where of I have hereunto set my hand and seale the third day of April in the first yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne Anno Dm 1702 ./. W. Gregory the Testator in the sight and presence of James Wellington Dr Williams James Bridges ./. .

Wm
William
Gregory

In the Name of God Amen

I William Gregory of New-Castle in the County of Northfolke Esq. being
 weak in body but of perfect mind and understanding thanks be given to
 Almighty God do make this my last Will and Testament hereby not taking
 all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made in manner following
 first I bequeath my soul to Almighty God hoping for salvation thro
 Jesus Christ my saviour and my body to the Earth to be decently interred
 And as for my worldly Estate I dispose thereof as followeth first I give
 and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth all her Jewells and also
 her suit of dressing Platte And also I give and bequeath unto my said
 wife Elizabeth the summe of four hundred pounds of lawfull money and
 do appoint the same to be paid her within one year next after my
 decease Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Gregory
 the summe of one thousand pounds and do appoint the same to be paid
 her at her attaining the age of one and twenty years or marriage
 which shall first happen and the Interest thereof in the meane time
 after the rate of five pounds per Centum per Annum for an increase of her
 portion Item I do direct and appoint my loving wife Guardian of
 my two Children William Gregory and Elizabeth Gregory during
 her Widowhood and after her decease or second marriage which shall
 first happen then I do appoint my loving mother Elizabeth Gregory
 Widow and any mother in law Elizabeth Gregorys Widow Guardians of
 my said Children until they shall respectively attaine the age of one
 and twenty years or be married Item I give and bequeath unto my
 son William Gregory all my silver Platte And as for touching and
 returning all the rest and residue of my household goods and all
 household stuff Cattle Chattells debts due by Bills Bonds Mortgage
 iudges or for yeares and all money due thereby and all other
 my personall Estate whatsoever I do give devise and bequeath the
 same unto my said mother and mother in law Elizabeth Gregory and
 Elizabeth Gregory their Executors Administrators and Assignes
 for to be they paying and discharging all my debts and the charges
 hereon bequeathes and also my funerall expences and after those
 paid and discharged then in trust that they shall pay and dispose the
 residue thereof unto my said two Children Wm Gregory and Elizabeth
 Gregory or either of them according to their discretion And I do
 nominate and appoint my said mother Elizabeth Gregory and Elizabeth
 Gregorys joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament And do
 direct and appoint that it shall be lawfull for them respectively to
 retaine burse themselves all such charges and expences as they shall
 reasonably expend or be put unto in the execution and performance
 of this my Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal the third day of April in the first year of the Reigne of our
 Sovereign Lady Queen Anne Anno Dni 1702 W. Gregory signed
 sealed and published by the above named William Gregory the Testator
 in the sight and presence of Ja. Wellington Da. William S. James
 Bridges

Probatum

fuit summi Testamentum apud Londoniam
 coram vobis et Gregorio viro Dno Richardo Reingio Militi ad iur.

In nomine Domini Amen. Prærogativa Cantuar. Magistro Custode Duce Com. Anno constituto vicesimo septimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini millesimo septingentesimo secundo. Juramentis Elizabethæ Gregorij et Elizabethæ. Executorum in dicto Testamento nominat. Quibus comissa fuit ad administrandum omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et reatorum dicti defuncti debite et fideliter adstricto et ad sancta Dei Evangelia argore. Courtois / Jurat.

In the Name of God Amen

Thomas Gibbs

I Anne Gibbs of Bromley in the County of Middlesex Widow and Relict of Thomas Gibbs of the said Parish deceased dyer being of sound mind and memory doe make this my last Will and Testament first and principally I resigne my soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting that by the merits and intercession of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ after this life ended I shall inherit eternall blisse my body I desire may be decently buryed in the Vault with my deare husband which is in the Churchyard of the Parish aforesaid at the discretion of my Executor and my daughter Smith I give to the poor of the Parish of Bromley aforesaid five pounds to be paid one month after my decease and distributed amongst them at the discretion of my Executor I give to my son Thomas Gibbs two shillings and six pence a weeke to be paid him weekly or monthly at the discretion of my Executor without any abatement for taxes or on any other occasion above and above the thirty pounds which I am oblig'd to pay him by contract I also give him mourning to the value of five pounds which I declare to be full of all benefitt which he might claime out of the Estate of me or of his deceased father And if he claime anything further not contenting himself with his former contract and this legacy I will that the legacy here by given shall cease and be void I give to my son John Gibbs six hundred pounds and the one hundred pounds which was laid out upon the Wharfe I also give him ten pounds to buy him mourning And to his wife I give her twenty pounds to buy her mourning And wher as my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Benjamin Smith is unfortunate in her marriage soe that I thinke it not fitt to leave any thing to her in such a manner that her husband shall have any power over it I doe give unto my good friend and kinsman Joseph Wilson Cittizen and Goldsmith of London the summe of fifty pounds together with the full moiety of all my surplus or residuary Estate after my debts discharged and funerall expences fully paid And also all my household goods and furniture of what nature and kind soever with all my Plate Silver Brass pewter and all my wearing apparrell In Trust that he the said Joseph Wilson his Executors and Administrators shall from time to time dispose of the said Plate Silver Brass pewter wearing apparrell and household goods to such persons or persons and for such purposes only as the said Elizabeth (altho' married and under coverture) shall solely without the concurrence of her husband direct without her husbands having any interest therein or right or power to controule such direction of my said daughter And shall also in like manner dispose of the interest and profits of the five hundred pounds and of the moiety of the surplus or residuary Estate from time to time during the

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