

The Last Will & Testament of  
Elizabeth Gregory ne Rodd, of Woolhope  
dated 27 October 1714



**I**n the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Gregory of the Hill House in the Parish of Woolhope in the County of Hereford Widow being in health of body and perfect mind and understanding thanks be to God but knowing the uncertainty of this life and being desirous to dispose of the Estate which the Lord have blessed me with amongst my children doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner following I bequeath my soul to Almighty God hoping for Salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body to the Earth to be privately interred in the Parish Church of How Caple by my Executors herein after named Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson William Gregory Esqr son and heir of my dear son William Gregory Esqr my lease of Tamwood which I hold under the Cathedral Church of Hereford upon condition that my grandson William Gregory do pay unto his uncle my son Robert Gregory three hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain within three months after my death and if the three hundred pounds be not paid according to this my Will that then my son Robert Gregory shall take the lease of Tamwood to himself and I do give unto my grandson William Gregory all those things I have set down in paper fixt to this my Will Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Mrs Elizabeth Gregory my diamond ring and my cabinet Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mrs Katherine Hoskyns twenty pound of good and lawful money of Great Britain to buy her mourning And I give to her my dear husbands ? that is set in gold and what ? I left at ? Item I gie and bequeath to my son ~~John Dourse Esqr ten pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to buy him mourning~~ [later stricken due to the fact that John Dourse died in July of 1715] Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mrs Anna Gregory three hundred pounds out of a Mortgage to me from Anne Apoule[?] and John Storm and Anne his wife upon lands in Brockinton in the Parish of Woolhope in the County of Hereford and one hundred pound that is mine that is in a Mortgage from Dr John Fortune of the Town of Donmouth int the County of Donmouth and Elizabeth his wife to her my daughter Anna Gregory for six hundred pound And also I do give unto her one hundred pound that is mine in a Mortgage of Dr Powells made to Dr John Scudamore in trust for my daughter Anna Gregory and Mrs Mathos of the City of Hereford And I do further give her what is in ? of money due from her to me and I do also give to her Mrs Anna Gregory the feather bed and bolster and pillows and bed clothes belonging to it and the curtains and bedcloths which my Daids used to lye on and eighteen pewter dishes that I commonly use about the house and one pot and one kettle Item I give and bequeath unto my son Dr Robert Gregory all my plate and goods and debts to inable him to pay my debts and funeral expenses and legacies and the ? plus I give wholly to him and doe nominate and appoint my son Robert Gregory my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me made in witness hereof have hereto put my hand and seal the 27 day of October 1714 ././ Eliz Gregory ././ Sealed and published in the presents of ././ Boaz Hodges Mary Harbort John Ravenhill ././

**I**tem I give and bequeath to my grandson William Gregory Esqr all my cider mills and the 2 long tables in ? and the ? and 2 iron swans and my great pott and great spit and great dripping pan and forks and knife that has a stone haft and the copy of my husbands picture Item I give and bequeath all my household linen and linen yarn between my son Mr Robert Gregory and my daughter Mrs Katherine Hoskins and my daughter Mrs Anna Gregory equally to be divided between the three in witness hereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the 12 day of November 1714 ././ Eliz Gregory ././ Signed sealed and published in the presents of ././ Mary Harburt ././ Thomas Bull ././

**I**tem I give five pound to put a ? I doe further give to my daughter Mrs Anna Gregory three hogsheads full of cider if there be four full at my death I have hereto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of June 1716 ././ Eliz Gregory ././ Sign'd sealed and published and declared as a ? to my last Will and Testament in the presents of ././ Robt Holmes Boaz Hodges Jane Evans ././

totam venerabili of egregio viro Johanne Botsworth Legum Doctore  
 Curia Prærogativa Cantuar. Magistro Custode sive Commissario  
 legitime constituto Sexto die mensis Augusti Anno Domini Millesimo  
 Septingentesimo primo Septimo Juramento Maria Pilkington uxoris  
 Adolphi Pilkington of Edwardi James Executorum in dicto Testamento  
 nominatorum quibus commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum  
 bonorum iurium et reddituum dicti defuncti de bono et fide ad administrando  
 eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia Rigore Commissionis jurati &c

*Em*  
 Richardi Bildon

**In the Name of God Amen**

I Richard Bildon of the Parish of St Martin in the fields  
 in the County of Middlesex being very ill and  
 weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory  
 do therefore make this my last Will and Testament in manner  
 and form following first and principally I bequeath my soul into  
 the hands of Almighty God hoping through the death and passion  
 of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have pardon of all my sins  
 and to inherit everlasting life My body I commit to the earth  
 to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter  
 named And as touching the disposition of my worldly goods  
 that is to say monies and estate whatsoever and wheresoever after  
 my just debts and funeral expences are paid and discharged I  
 give the same all and singular unto my loving Brother Robert  
 Bildon of the Parish aforesaid Gentleman And I do hereby make  
 ordain constitute and appoint my said loving Brother Robert  
 Bildon sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament given under  
 my hand and seal this two and twentieth day of July Anno Domini  
 1771. y<sup>e</sup> mark of Richard Bildon. Seal signed published and  
 declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the  
 presence of us and attested by us in the presence of the said Testator  
 Robert Lodges and Richard Jarrod Clerks attested.

**Probatum** fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud  
 London totam vobis viro Gulielmo Phipps Legum Doctore Inquirente  
 venerabilis of egregio viro Johanne Botsworth Legum Doctore  
 Curia Prærogativa Cantuar. Magistri Custodis sive  
 Commissarii legitime constituti Quod primo die mensis Augusti  
 Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo primo Septimo Juramento  
 Roberti Bildon fratris dicti defuncti of Executoris in dicto Testamento  
 nominati cui commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum  
 bonorum iurium et reddituum dicti defuncti de bono et fide ad  
 administrando eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia jurati &c

*Em*  
 Elizabetha Gregory

**In the Name of God Amen**

I Elizabetha Gregory of the Mill House in the Parish of Abchurch  
 in the County of Middlesex being in health of body and  
 perfect mind and understanding thanks be to God but knowing the

uncertainty of this life and being desirous to dispose of the  
 Estate which the Lord hath blessed me with amongst my  
 Children doe make this my last Will and Testament in a  
 manner following I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God hoping  
 for salvation thro' the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and  
 my Body to the Earth to be privately interred in the Parish  
 Church of Howtable by my Executor herein after named  
 from I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Gregory  
 Esq. son and heir of my dear son William Gregory Esq. my  
 Lease of Cannwood which I hold under the Cathedral Church  
 of Hereford upon Condition that my Grandson William Gregory  
 do pay unto his Uncle my son Robert Gregory three hundred  
 pound of good and lawful money of Great Brittain within three  
 Months after my death and if the three hundred pound be  
 not paid according to this my Will that then my son Robert  
 Gregory shall take the Lease of Cannwood to himself and  
 I do give unto my Grandson William Gregory all those things  
 I have set down in a Paper fixt to this my Will from I give  
 and bequeath to my Granddaughter M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Gregory  
 my Diamond Ring and my Cabinet from I give and bequeath  
 to my daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Katharine Hoskins fifty pound of  
 good and lawful money of Great Brittain to buy her Mourning  
 and I give to her my dear husbands Purse that is set in  
 Gold and what power I left at her death from I give and  
 bequeath to my son John Mowse Esq. five pound of good and  
 lawful money of Great Brittain to buy her Mourning from I  
 give and bequeath to my daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Anna Gregory  
 three hundred pound out of a Mortgage to me from Ann  
 Apolls and John Storn and Anna his wife upon lands in  
 Hereford in the Parish of Boolehope in the County of  
 Hereford and one hundred pound that is mine that is in a  
 Mortgage from M<sup>r</sup> John Fortune of the Town of Woumouthe  
 in the County of Woumouthe and Elizabeth his wife to her  
 my daughter Anna Gregory for six hundred pound and also  
 I do give unto her six hundred pound that is mine in a  
 Mortgage of M<sup>r</sup> Powells made to M<sup>r</sup> John Stidamote in a  
 trust for my daughter Anna Gregory and M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth of the  
 City of Hereford and I do further give her what is in account  
 of of money due from her to me and I do also give to her M<sup>rs</sup>  
 Anna Gregory the feather bed and bolster and pillows and bed  
 clothes belonging to it and the curtains to the bed which I doe  
 use and the feather bed and bolster and bed clothes which my  
 Maids used to use on and eight or ten powder dishes that I  
 commonly use about the house and out of and one kettle  
 from I give and bequeath unto my son M<sup>r</sup> Robert Gregory  
 all my plate and goods and debts to enable him to pay my  
 debts and funeral expences and legacies and the over plus I give  
 wholly to him and doe nominate and appoint my son Robert  
 Gregory my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament  
 hereby revoking all other Wills by me made In witness whereof I  
 have hereto put my hand and seal the 27 day of October 1741.  
 Eliz: Gregory. Sealed and published in the presence of J. Boaz  
 Gorges Attorney at Law and J. Harbott Esq.

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**I**tem I give and bequeath to my Grandson William Gregory Esq<sup>r</sup> all my Cedar Mills and the 2 long Tables in this hall and the furniture and 2 Iron Swais and my great Pot and great Spit and great Dripping Pan and Forks and a knife that has a Stone haft and the Copy of my husbands Pitts I then give and bequeath all my household Linen and Linnen Yarn betwixt my son Mr Robert Gregory and my Daughter Mr<sup>s</sup> Chastine Gostyns and my Daughter Mr<sup>s</sup> Anna Gregory equally to be divided and betwixt the three Indivision hereof I have hereof set my hand and seal the 12 day of November 1714. Eliz Gregory signed sealed and published in the presence of J. Dury and J. Thomas Bull.

**I**tem I give five pound to put a Child provision for full of Cedar if there be four full at my death I have hereof set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of June 1716. Eliz Gregory signed sealed and published and doctored as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament in the presence of J. Robert Holmes Esq<sup>r</sup> and J. Hodges Jane Evans.

**Probatur** fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud Londoniam duobus Codicillis annexis totam venerabili D<sup>no</sup> Gulielmo Phipps Legum Doctori subrogato D<sup>no</sup> et Gregij Viri Johannis Botswort Legum Doctoris Curia Praetorialis Cantuar<sup>um</sup> Magistri Custodis sive Commissarii legitime constituti. D<sup>no</sup> primo tertio die mensis Augusti Anno Domini M<sup>o</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> LXX<sup>o</sup> Septimo decimo septimo Juramento Roberti Gregorii filij dictae defunctae et Executoris in dicto Testamento nominati Cuiusmodi fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et reddituum dictae defunctae de bono et fideliter adstante eadem adstante dei Evangelia iurati.

Jacobi Stroobham

**I**n the Name of God Amen  
The Twentieth third day of September Anno Domini 1709 and in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne Queen of Great Britain I James Stroobham of the parish of St. Paul Shadwell in the County of Middlesex a Minister duly considering the uncertainties of this present life and the perils and dangers of the seas do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as following that is to say first I will and appoint that all my just debts shall be paid and satisfied and all and singular my Debts and Land Tenements and hereditaments Salaries and wages and other debts goods chattels and all other my Estate whatsoever I do give devise and bequeath unto my loving Friends William Sibison of St. Paul Shadwell aforesaid Vicar and Mr. Trol his wife and the Survivors And I do hereby nominate