

The Last Will & Testament of
William Cope, of Icomb, Esq.

dated 24 September 1690



In the name of God amen, I William Cope of Icomb in the County of Gloucester Esqr. being of sound and perfect memory and understanding make this my last will in manner and form following Imprimus I commend my sould into the hands of Almighty God the Lord and giver of life in hopes of salvation and eternall life through the merittous passion of the Saviour of the world And my body to Christian buryall And as to the personall effect wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and dispose thereof in manner as is herein after expressed. I give to my daughter Geers wife of Thomas Geers Sergeant at Law All my jewells rings and plate that I do not otherwise give and dispose in my lifetime. Item I give and devise to my kinswoman Abigail Owen and Anne Owen daughters of Thomas Owen of Westfroth Chase to each of them the sum of seventy five pounds to be paid to them respectively at their respective age of fifteen yeares or marriage which shall first happen And if either of them dye in the meantime that the whole shall pass to the survivor. Item I give and devise to my ? Abigail Owen wife of the said Thomas Owen if she survive her husband the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid within one month after his decease. Item I give and devise to my servant William Dube if living with me at the time of my decease five pounds and a yeares wages more then shall be due to him then. Item to every other of my hired servants then living with me half a yeares wages more than shall be then due to them. Item I give and devise to my Daughter Geers children (after my legacies and funerall expenses satisfied and discharged) all my ready money mortgages and securities for money either in my own name or ? for me in the name of others to be payable to them and to be divided between them at such time or times and in such shares and proportions as my said Daughter Geers shall divert(?) - and appoint by any writings under her hand and seale in her lifetime to the intent they may be dutifull to her and not dispose of themselves in manner without her approbation and consent And in default of such appointment then to be equally divided between them and to be laid out in the meantime by my Executors at interest or in the purchase of lands for the best benefit and advantage of the said children. Item I give and devise all my household goods and ? not disposed in my lifetime to my sonne Henry Cope for his life And after his decease to my daughter Geers and her children And do therefore direct that the same shall be inventoryed and appraised after my decease and my sonne Henry to enter into bond of double the value of the said goods to my said Daughter to leave the same accordingly. Item I devise my silver watch to Mrs Anne Chamberlain. Item I give to my Executors herein after named for their care and trouble in seeing to the ? performance of this my Will thirty pounds a piece. Item to my said sonne Henry I give and devise all my cattle ? horses implements of husbandry and other chattells whatsoever being upon my grounds or farme of Icomb at the time of my decease. Item I do devise that for the more ? disposall of my funerall and accomodation of my children and executors the housekeeping shall be continued six days after my decease out of such provisions ? and other ? as I shall leave at the time of my decease and I do hereby constitute and appoint my good friends Sir William Walter Baronett, Thomas Chamberlain of Oddington Esqr. and Thomas Geers Serjeant at Law executors of this my

last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills in witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the fourth and twentyeth day of September in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and ninety ./. William Cope ./. Signed and sealed by the above named William Cope and published as his last will and testament in the presence of T Chamberlayne, Edward Chamberlayne, Lewis Turvile[?], and after Thomas Whitham.

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Probatum fuit huius Testamentum apud Londoniam
 coram et coram viro domino Riccardo Raines Archie et Legum Doctore
 Curia Praevocativa Cantuariensis Magistro Custode sive Commissario
 hinc constituto Undecimo die mensis Decembris Anno Domini
 Millesimo Septuagesimo Primo Juramentis Domini Williami
 Walter Barouetti Thomae Chamberlayne Armigeri et Thomae
 Secrs

Secus Scripsit ad Legem Beatus annu in hunc Testamento nunciat
Quibus commissa fuit ad iudicium omnium et singulorum bonorum
jurium et creditorum dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter ad iudicando
eadem ad iurata dei Evangelia (vignat. Coram) Durat. /

Carol Day

In the name of God Amen

At the same

I Charles Day of Cambridge in the County of Cambridge gent. doe
make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and
force following wherein I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God
my most gracious Creator humbly beseeching him in his good time to take me into
his mercy through the only merits and satisfaction of his blessed soune my
Saviour Jesus Christ of my worldly goods by the blessing of God bestowed upon
me I give and bequeath as followeth I give and bequeath all my
Meesages Lands Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in Cottenham
in the said County of Cambridge unto my soune Robert Day for and during
the terme of his naturall life and after his decease to the issue of his body
lawfully begotten or to be begotten and for want of such issue to my Grand-
soune Charles Day and his heires forever I give and bequeath unto my said
soune Robert all my household goods and stock of what kind or nature
soever whereof I shall dye possessed both in Cottenham aforesaid and
Doniford at Doniford within the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge
except forty of my best rouples of sheep which I give and bequeath unto my
Grandson Charles Day if hee shall happen to survive me and also
except other twenty rouples which I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter
Anne Day the daughter of my soune Edward Day if shee shall be
living at the time of my death I give and bequeath unto my said soune Robert Day
that hee would take care of the bringing up maintenance and education
of the children of my said soune Edward Day I give and bequeath
unto my said soune Robert Day and his heires all my Lands Tenements
and hereditaments whatsoever in Cambridge and Doniford aforesaid
and Damworth in the said County of Cambridge In Trust that my
said soune Robert shall make sale of the same and with the money
raised by the said sale to pay my debts Legacies and funerall charges
I give and bequeath unto my soune Edward Day fifty pounds
to be paid him within three months after my decease I give
and bequeath unto my Grandson Robert the soune of Edward Day
the summe of fifty pounds to be paid at his age of one and twenty years
I give and bequeath unto my said Granddaughter Anne Day
the summe of fifty pounds to be paid at her age of one and twenty
years or day of marriage which shall first happen I give and bequeath
and release unto my soune Edward Day one debt of four hundred
pounds due to me by bonds upon condition that hee give to my
Executor such release and discharge of a legacy of two hundred pounds
given him by the will of his Grandfather Abbot as by my said
Executor or his Counsell learned in the Law shall be thought reasonable
and convenient I give and bequeath my way loving friends Robert Drabe
the elder gent and Robert Drabe the younger gent to be Supervisors
of this my will and doe desire them to see that the same be truly
performed and for their care therein I give unto each of them five
Shillings I doe hereby constitute and appoint my said soune
Robert