

Extracted from the registry of the prerogative court of Canterbury.

In the name of God Amen I John Simpson of Covington in the county of Huntingdonshire gentleman do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I direct that all my just debts, legacies annuities payments and funeral expenses shall be fully paid and satisfied by my executors hereinafter named I give and demise all my messuages cottages closes lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate standing lying and being in Covington aforesaid and Dean in the County of Bedford unto John Head of Milton Cains in the County of Buckingham his heirs and assigns to hold unto and to the use of the said John Head his heirs and assigns for ever subject nevertheless and I do hereby subject charge and make liable and chargeable my said estate in Covington so given to the said John Head with the payment of the sum of three pounds a year for ever to the minister and churchwardens of Covington to be by them distributed to the industrious poor there not receiving collection at St. Thomas's in every year and I do hereby give and bequeath unto the minister and churchwardens of Covington aforesaid for the time being for ever the said sum of three pounds to be distributed as aforesaid I give and bequeath all my estate in Ringstead or Cotton in the Parish of Ringstead in the County of Northampton until William Head of Wootton in the Green in the said County of Buckingham his heirs and assigns to hold unto and to the use of the said William Head his heirs and assigns for ever I give and bequeath unto Martha Reeve of Higham Ferrers in the Country of Northampton one annuity or xxx yearly sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain for and during the term of her natural life to be paid unto her by my executors hereinafter named by four quarterly payments in the year the first payment thereof to begin and be made upon the first quarter day that first happen next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto Mary Wyman wife of John Wyman of Higham Ferrers aforesaid the sum of three shillings and six pence a week and to be paid her weekly during the term of her natural life to be paid also unto her by my executors hereinafter named the first payment thereof to commence and be made the first week after my decease and her receipt alone notwithstanding her coverture shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Simpson the sum of one thousand pounds to my sister Susanna Wylde the sum of one thousand pounds to Mrs Ann Meer of Rushden widow the sum of one hundred pounds To my servant Sarah Russell the sum of three hundred pounds exclusive what I shall owe unto her upon note of hand or otherwise at the time of my decease all which said legacies and payments last mentioned I direct shall be paid by my executors within six months next after my decease. Also I give unto my said servant Sarah Russell the bedstead and hangings bed pillows bolsters blankets quilt and three pair of sheets of which I make use of and all the furniture thereof and window curtains the bureau in the closet adjoining my room with the clock called Paxtons with the chairs and all other the furniture in the room I sleep in to be absolutely at her own disposal also I give and bequeath unto George Simson of Raunds in the said County of Northampton the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid unto him by my executors within three months next after my decease also I give and bequeath unto John Simson elder brother of the said George Simpson the sum of one hundred pounds to be paid by my executors within three months next after my decease also I give and bequeath unto my labourer John Goode the sum of ten pounds to be paid by my executors within one month next after my decease also I give and bequeath to all the sisters of John head and William Head the sum of five hundred pounds apiece to them severally paid within twelve months next after my decease if they shall have attained the age of twenty one years or in

case any of them shall be under that age to be paid as they severally arrive to that age by my executors Also I give and bequeath all my silver plate unto and to be equally divided between my said two sisters Mary Simpson and Susanna Wylde And as to for and concerning all the rest residue and remainder of my ready money and securities for money and also all my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever or of what nature or kind soever the same shall or may consist of at the time of my decease subject to the payment of all my debts legacies annuities payments and funeral expenses I give and bequeath the same unto the said John Head and William head to be equally divided between them share and share alike and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said John Head and William Head joint executors of this my Will and lastly hereby revoking and making void all former and other wills by me before made to declare this to be my last Will and Testament in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand to the four preceding sheets of paper and to the fifth my hand and seal this sixteenth day of October and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight John Simpson signed sealed published and declared by the above named John Simpson the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other William Yorke Edward Dudley Thomas Moore Maydwell

Proved at London 17<sup>th</sup> October 1799 before the worshipful William Baltine Doctor of Laws and surrogate by the oaths of John Head and William Head the executors named in the Will to whom administration was granted they having been first sworn duly to administer.