

Will of Thomas Cox, Vintner, No. 1

Son of Thomas Cox, Yeoman, of near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England

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In the Fear of God, I Thomas Cox Citizen and Vintner of London being though verry sensible of the uncertainty of my time in this world and in perfect mind and memory doo revoke all other Wills Legacies and Bequests by me formerly made and given and doo make this my last Will as followeth. That is to say I will that my just Debts be paid by my Executors out of my Estate.

Item: I give thereof unto the two Children of my late Daughter-in-law Mary Test deceased late Wife of Daniel Test the sume of Eighty pounds to be paid into the hands of my Son Thomas Cox for the use of them or the Survivor of them towards their maintenance and bringing up and setting out in the world to Apprentice or otherwise.

Item: I give unto my Daughter-in-law Mary Frankling forty Nobles and to her Six Children: Thomas, Jacob, Mary, Sarah, Anne and Elizabeth or such of them as shall be living at the time of my Decease twenty Nobles apiece.

Item: I give unto my Daughter-in-law Sarah Plumstead forty Nobles and to her Daughter Mary Plumstead Twenty Nobles.

Item: I give unto my Cousin Richard Cooper near Upton in the County of Gloucester Ten pounds. Item: I give unto Mary Edwards of Tredenton near Tewxbury in the same County five pounds. Item: I give unto my Cousin Anne Weekes who dwells in Trinity Lane Two pounds. Item: I give unto my friend Hannah Marshall five broad pieces of old Gold valued Twenty three Shillings Six pence each.

Item: I give unto the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Whitechappell so many pounds as I have or shall have lived years in the parish reckoning from the Eleventh Day of June Anno Im 1666 desiring two third parts thereof may be then be applied for and toward the putting forth Apprentices such Boys and Girls from the free School of Whitechapell as my Executors hereafter named or such of them as shall take on them the Executorship shall approve of within two or three years next after my Decease and the other third part thereof be applied towards clothing poor Children of the said School at the time called or [Page 2] Easter at my Executors' discretion.

Item: I give unto my friend and Neighbor Thomas Pittstow of Whitechappell Hatter forty pounds his having a great family of children. Item: I give unto my Servants forty pounds over and above their wages or any other Contract which I desire my Executors to distribute amongst them at their discretion mostly to such Men and Maids as shall have served me diligently and faithfully and this to reward their care and diligence.

Item: I give unto my Cousin Hannah Print Daughter of Thomas Clark late of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucester Ten pounds to be paid unto her own hands. Item: I give to my friends Samuel Waldenfield of Fenchurch Street and John Field of George Yard Lumbard Street or the Survivor of them one hundred pounds to be disposed of as they or the Survivor of them shall see meet. Item: I give unto Phillip Hariman? Cordwainer unto William Harrel? of Ratcilff and to Thomas Knapp of Ratherish? Ship Carpenter Ten pounds a piece.

Item: I give unto Elizabeth my Maid Anne's Mother Three pounds to be paid to her said Daughter Anne for her use. Item: I give unto Mary Plumstead Wife of Clement Plumstead of Pescod Street and unto Anne Whitehead wife of George Whitehead one hundred pounds to be disposed of as they or the Survivor of them shall think fitt.

Item: I give unto John Everett of Chatteris in the County of Cambridge Ten pounds. Item: I give unto Thomas Baker of Bishopsgate Street Grocer, Thomas Winter? of Fashion Street Cordwainer and John Leeneor? Spittlefield Eighty pounds to be disposed of as they or the Survivor or Survivors of them shall think fitt. Item: I give unto John Baker of Bishopsgate Street Baker and Arnold Frende? of Spittlefield two hundred pounds to be disposed of as they or the Survivor of them shall think fitt.

Item: I give unto Zachary Burroughs who hath belonged to my house many years Ten pounds. Item: I give unto Alice Bishop Widow the Interest of one hundred pounds being Six pounds per Anno for which I have a Bond from the United East India Company No. 9832 dated the thirtieth day of September Anno Im 1708 for and towards her maintenance during her natural life.

Item: I give unto my dear and loving Wife Anne Cox als Hinde the Interest of four hundred pounds for which I have a Bond from the Vintners Company being Twenty pounds per Annum during her natural life and after her Decease I give fifty pounds part of the said Four hundred pounds unto the Vintner's Company upon Trust That they shall yearly and every year forever pay and distribute one clear? Annuity or yearly sume of fifty Shillings unto and among such poor Widows of the said Company not belonging to the Almshouses as they shall judge most meet Objects of Charity to deserve the same. And I give Three hundred and fifty pounds residue thereof unto the before named Samuel

Waldenfield and John Field and John Lane of Pescod Street Merchant and the before named John Baker and Thomas Baker and the Survivors or Survivor of them to be applied and disposed of as they or the Survivors or Survivor of them shall see meet.

Item: I give unto my said Dear Wife Anne Cox als Hinde one Annuity of Twenty-one pounds thirteen Shillings per Anno which I have in the Orphans [Page 3] House during her natural life and after her Decease I give the principall being five hundred thirty three pounds which I have in the Orphans House hereunto my Son Thomas Cox in trust for his Six Children Grace, Thomas, John, Anne, Russell and Mary or such of them as shall be living at the Decease of my said Wife equally to be divided among them share and share alike at their respective ages of One and Twenty years.

Item: I give unto my said Dear Wife Anne Cox als Hinde the neat? produce of the two Tenements I lately built in the Burying Ground of the people called Quakers near Coverelys ffields being twelve pounds per Annum free of all charges during her natural life and from and after her Decease I give the said two Tenements to the Proprietors of the ground to whom it falls by Agreement. Item: I give unto my said Dear Wife Anne Cox als Hinde five hundred pounds to be paid out of the moneys to be raised by my household goods and Stock.

Item: I give unto my said Dear Wife Anne Cox als Hinde the Lease of my now Dwelling house that she may be the better enabled to carry on the Trade of my said House and the many Servitors we have for many years been greatly blessed and prospered in and also that she may be the more furnished and enabled before and at her decease to give and distribute to such charitable uses and Legacies and Services as she shall think fitt. But whether she shall keep on the House and Trade or not I must leave that to her as she is free and shall see if her place? and be able to bear and go through the trouble of it. If not I greatly desire it may be lett to such as may be the most likely to bear a sincere and faithful Testimony for Truth against Debauchery Excess and Disorder.

Item: I give unto Thomas Cooper of Alya Street and the before named John Kent and Thomas Winter one hundred pounds to be disposed of as they or the Survivors or Survivor of them shall think fitt. Item: I give unto my said Son Thomas Cox and to Grace his Wife the sum of One hundred pounds I having given my said Son Thomas Cox his portion already.

Item I give and devise unto my said Son Thomas Cox In Trust for his Six Children before named and their heirs and assigns forever Eight hundred Acres part of my Nine Hundred and twenty Acres of Land already taken up in the County of Philadelphia in the Province of Pensilvania. Item: I give to my Cousin Mary Chandler now dwelling at Pensilvania the other remaining one hundred and twenty acres of my said Land in Pensilvania. Item: I

give unto my said Cousin Mary Chandler Thirty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain.

Item: I give unto my Son John Cox the sum of One hundred pounds I having given him a portion already. Item: I give and devise unto my said Son John Cox and his heirs and Assigns for ever my four hundred acres of Land lying part upon a Branch of Cooper's Creek in the County of Gloucester in the Province of West New Jersey in America with the improvements thereupon and affects? thereunto belonging.

Item: I give unto my Son-in-Law Lassells Metcalfe and my Daughter Christian his Wife [Page 4] all my Share or Shares which I have in the Pensilvania Land Company and in the first Old Pensilvania Company. Item: I give unto the two Children of my said Son-in-law Lassells Metcalfe and of my said Daughter Christian his Wife the before mentioned One hundred pounds for which I have a Bond from the United East India Company the Interest whereof is before by this my Will given unto Alice Bishop Widow for her life to be paid unto my said Son-in-Law and in Trust for them. Item: I give unto my said Son-in-Law and Daughter Lassells Metcalfe and Christian his Wife In Trust for their said two Children one hundred pounds which I disbursed towards assisting William Penn to compose his matters with Philip Forde.

Item: I give unto such of my Executors hereafter named as shall undertake the Probate and Execution of this my Will the sum of Forty pounds equally between them or wholly for him or her of them that shall so undertake the Execution thereof. Item: I give unto my Overseers hereafter named Twenty pounds apiece for their care and paines therein. Item: I give unto my Executors four pounds to bee distributed among such poor ancient people of the said parish of White Chappell or also whoso as they shall think most worthy and best to deserve the same.

Item: My Will is that in case by any Accident or means my personall Estate shall fall short of paying and satisfying all my just debts and Legacies of moneys given by this my Will Then and in such case an equall and proportional Abatement shall be made out of every severall and respective Legacy of money aforementioned above the sum of Nineteen pounds in respect thereof. But in case my personall Estate shall amount to more than my said Debts and Legacies of money Then and in such case I give all the said Overplus whatever it may or shall all amount to unto the before named John Kent John Baker and Thomas Baker and the Survivors or Survivor of them to be disposed of as he or they shall think fitt.

But my Mind and Will is that noe alteracen or Abatement shall in any kind be made of in or removing all every or any the Houses Land Tenements Plantations Corn Cattle or

Shares in the Pensilvania Company or any of them in Great Britain or America herein before mentioned by the same to be and remain as before in this my Will given.

And I doo nominate and appoint my said Dear Wife Anne Cox and my Brother-in-Law John Antrim of Martins le Grand Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I desire and appoint the aforementioned Jacob Frankling and Samuel Waldenfield and John Field to be Overseers thereof and to advise and assist my said Executors the best they can in the performance thereof and of the greater ease of my Executors and the more speedy dispatching and pay of the greatest Legacies and Bequests in this my Will.

My desire and Will is that the greatest Legacies may be paid off with my East India Bonds and Bank Notes and with such other Bonds and Mortgages as I have or shall have left due to me at my Decease Except such Bonds the Interest whereof is before given during the naturall life of my said Wife and of the said Alice Bishop. And lastly my express Will is that all costs charges [Page 5] and disbursement which my said Executors or either of them shall expand lay out or be put into the one execution of this my Will shall be discharged out of my Estate and my Executors shall not be answerable for any costs, charges or losses happening without their or either of their willful default.

In Witness whereof I have to this my Will contained in two Sheets of paper affixed together at the top with my Seal at the foot of each Sheet sett my hand and Seal the twenty day of the Month called May Anno Im 1709 In the Eighth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne of Great Britain. Tho: Cox //

Signed Sealed and published by the Testator Thomas Cox to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our Names as Witnesses in his presence // John Craig next door to the George in Greek Street, Jno: Saunders of the George in Greek Street, Matth: Hopkinson a Scrivener in Greek Street.

[Codicil] Memorandum: That I Thomas Cox having made my last Will and Testament I Dated the twenty fourth of the third Month called May One Thousand Seven hundred and nine Doo as a further Explanation of my said will add this by way of Codicil and declare that Whereas I have in my said Will given forty Shillings unto Anne Weeks I now give the said Anne Weeks three pounds more which will be five pounds in the whole. And the Legacy I have given in my said Will to the Church Wardens of the parish of White Chappell shall be disposed by them in manner following: One half or Moiety towards Cloathing the poor Children of the said parish and the other Moiety towards putting them out to be Apprentices anything to the contrary in my Will aforesaid notwithstanding. And the one hundred pounds I have in my said Will given unto Mary Plumstead and Anne Whitehead I now give unto Susanna Cooper and Arnold Frend's Wife to dispose of as they see meet or as the others were to whom it was given.

And the Eighty pounds given unto John Baker, John Lee and Tho: White? I now give unto John Kent John Lee and John Baker to dispose as in my Will directed. And whereas I have in my Will given two hundred pounds unto Arnold Frend my Mind and Will is and I hereby order and give only one hundred of the two hundred to be disposed of as my Will directed. And I do acquit my Executors from paying Zachariah Burroughs the Legacy of Ten pounds which I had given him in my aforesaid Will. And the houses I gave after my Wife's decease to the Proprietors of those Friends in whose names the Burying Ground is for Friends use I now give the said houses unto John Baker and John Lee after my Wife's Decease for them to dispose of as they shall see meet. And I give unto Sarah Plumstead four pounds per Annum and it is my Mind and Will it shall be paid unto her own hand by my Executors during her natural life and this I declare to be my Will and Mind and direct and appoint it shall be so taken and duly [Page 7] observed and faithfully fulfilled.

In Witness whereof I have this thirteenth day of the Month called January in the year according to the English Account One Thousand Seven hundred and Eleven sett my hand and affixed my Seal.//Tho: Cox //or his Mark// Signed Sealed published and Declared to be a Codicil added unto my Last Will and to be taken a part of my said Will in the presence of us and this subscription was made by us in the presence of the Testator Thomas Cox by us 13th of 11th Mo 1711 K?. Burroughs or her mark Thos: Cox John Cox John Field//

[Probatum in Latin follows.]

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