

*The Last Will and Testament of  
Devinck Druce  
of Bradford on Avon  
Will proved 27th May 1734*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference PCC Prob11/665

<b>Testator:</b>	Druce	Devinck	Clothier of Bradford on Avon
<b>Executors:</b>	Druce	Susan	Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Bailward	John		
Druce	John	Brother	
Druce	Mary	Sister	
Druce	Susan	Mother	
Sheppard	Elizabeth		
Sheppard	Gregory	Cousin	
Sheppard	William	Cousin	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Bailward	Jno		
King	Richard		
Marks	Roger		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Druce	Anthony	Deceased Grandfather	
Sheppard	Elizabeth	Deceased Sister	

I Devinck Druce of Bradford in the County of Wilts Clothier being Sick in Body but through the mercy of God of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and fforme following that is to say ffirst I Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as to such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to give me I dispose thereof as followeth that is to say first I give and devise to my Dear Mother Susan Druce all my Messuages or Tenements Closes Land Hereditaments and Premises whatsoever within the Burrough of Bradford aforesaid and Tything of Winsley within the said Parish of Bradford or either of them or elsewhere and every part and parcell thereof with the Appurtenances To hold to my said Dear Mother Susan Druce her heirs and Assigns for ever Subject and chargeable nevertheless in such manner as the same is hereinafter Subjected and Charged Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother John Druce One Annuity or yearly payment of thirty Pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to him by quarterly payments that is to say on the ffive and twentyeth day of March the four and twentyeth day of June the Nine and

twentyeth day of September and the One and twentyeth day of December by equal Portions by and out of the rents Issues and Profitts of my said Messuages or Tenements Closes Lands and Hereditaments within the said Burrough of Bradford and Tything of Winsley in the said Parish of Bradford and Appurtenances thereto belonging for and during the natural life of my said Brother John Druce without any Deductions whatsoever And with the payment thereof accordingly I do hereby Charge my said Messuages or Tenements Closes Lands and Hereditaments and every part and parcell thereof to be made on such of the said days of Payment as shall first and next happen after my decease with Liberty of Distress and Entry In case of Default of Payment as in such cases usual and accustomed Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear Sister Mary Druce three hundred Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain to be Paid her by my Executrix herein after named within six months after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousins William Sheppard Gregory Sheppard and Elizabeth Sheppard (Children of my late Sister Elizabeth Sheppard) and to each of them One hundred pounds to be paid them and each of them within twelve months after my decease Item I give and bequeath Joseph Hull of Thranckley in the Parish of Bradford aforesaid Clothier and to John Bailward of Bradford aforesaid Gent Ten Pounds to be paid them by my Executrix hereinafter named within twelve months after my decease In trust and to the Intent and Purpose that they the said Joseph Hull and John Bailward and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor do and shall with all convenient Speed lay out and apply the same in and about the repairing Beautifying and... the Quakers Meeting house at Cornerwell where my late Grandfather Anthony Druce lyeth Interred Item all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate both real and Personal whatsoever and wheresoever not herein before devised or bequeathed after payment of my debts and Legacys I give devise and bequeath unto my said dear Mother Susan Druce her heirs Executors and Admors and her my said dear Mother Susan Druce I do hereby constitute and appoint Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time formerly made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Devinck Druce have to this my last Will and Testament written on two Sheets of Paper to the first Sheet set my hand and to the last my hand and seal this ninth day of January in the Seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second King over Great Britain and so forth And in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and thirty three \_  
*Devinck Druce*

(Attestation Clause)

*Jno Bailward \_ Richd King \_ Roger Marks*

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