

*The Last Will and Testament of  
John Druce  
of Bradford on Avon  
Will proved 6th November 1686*



Probate Court of London

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<b>Testator:</b>	Druce	John	Clothier of Bradford on Avon
<b>Executors:</b>			
Druce	William		Brother of Deceased

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Drew	Margaret		
Druce		Niece or Nephew	Child of James Druce
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Druce	Anne	Sister	
Druce	James	Brother	
Druce	Joane	Mother	
Druce	Mary		Widow of Bradford
Druce	William		The Elder of Bathford
Druce	William	Brother	
Huish	Mary		Of Tuson
Hull	Samuel		
Kniton	Daniell		
Scole		Niece or Nephew	Child of Sarah Scole
Scole		Niece or Nephew	Child of Sarah Scole
Scole	Sarah	Sister	Wife of John Scole
Wood	Jane		Of Weston
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
Methwen	Paul		
Orpen	John		
Shrapnell	Henry		
Shrapnell	Noah		
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>			
Cooper	Thomas		Of Trowbridge; Overseer to estate
Methwin	Paul	Mr.	Of Bradford; Overseer to estate
Scole	John	Brother in law	
Seele	John		Of Trowbridge; Overseer to estate
Walter	Peter		Overseer to estate

In the Name of God Amen the last will and Testament of John Druce of Bradford in the County of Wilts Clothier made and ordained the Seaven and Twentieth day of December in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand six hundred eighty and five In manner and forme following (that is to say) into the hands of God my Creator I commit my soule and my body to the Dust from whence it was taken to be buried at the Choice of my Executors in such manner as I have desired them and as touching my Temporall estate my will is that it shall be disposed of as followeth Imprimis unto my Mother Joane Druce I give and bequeath the summe of fifty pounds to bee paid her at the end of five years next after my Decease Item unto my brother James Druce I give and bequeath the sume of forty pounds to bee paid him at the end of foure years next after my Decease and unto his two Children I give and bequeath the summe of Tenn pounds a peece to bee paid when they accomplish the severall Ages of One and Twenty years a peece and if either of them depart this life under that age then my will is that the survivor of them shall have the whole Twenty pounds Item unto my sister Sarah the wife of John Scole I give and bequeath the summe of ffive pounds and unto their Two Children I give and bequeath the summe of Twenty pounds a peece to be paid at the accomplishment of Two and Twenty years a peece with interest for the same from my Death but if either of them die before that Age Then the Survivor to have the whole forty pounds at the age aforesaid with Interest Item I unto my sister Anne I give and bequeath the summe of One hundred pounds to bee paid her at the end of foure years next after my Decease if shee bee then living Item unto Jane Wood of Weston I give and bequeath the sume of five pounds and unto Mary Huish of Tuson I give and bequeath the sume of five pounds Item unto William Druce the Elder of Bathfford I give and bequeath the summe of Tenn pounds to bee paid him at the end of foure years next after my decease Item unto Margaret Drew I give and bequeath the sume of Tenn pounds to bee paid her at the end of foure years next after my decease Item unto Mary Druce of Bradford Widdow I give and bequeath the summe of Twenty pounds to bee paid her at the end of foure years next after my Decease Item unto Samuel Hull and Daniell Kniton I give and bequeath the sum of five pounds and Tenn shillings only in Trust to be disposed of by them as followeth - that is to say thirty shillings the rest as soon as they can receive it of my Executor unto such freinds as they shall thinke fitt and the foure pounds thereof to receive of my Executor in Three years time after my Decease And my desire is that they shall pay the same into the quarterly stock that is designed for the releife of poore distressed freinds in imprisonment or the like Item all the rest and reisdue of my estate I give and bequeath unto my brother William Druce who I make and ordaine Executor of this last will and Testament and my will is further that my said Executor shall give an Accompt from time to time unto Mr Paul Methwin of Bradford John Seele Thomas Cooper of Trowbridge and Peter Walter whom I make Overseers or to any two of them of my Estate ande of the true performance of the payment of my Debts and Legacies aforesaid and if hee shall not upon reasonable request to him to bee made by them or any two of them soe do then and in such case my will is that my said Overseers shall bee my Executors of this my last Will and Testament only in the true performance of my will herein contained who are to render an Accompt of my decease and paying the Surplus thereof to my said brother William after that all my Debts and aforementioned Legacies are paid out of the same and all necessary charges that they my said overseers may bee put unto in the execution hereof And lastly I do hereby make null and void all former & other wills by me made whatsoever Confirming what is herein written to bee my last Will and Testament In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written *Jno Druce* Signed sealed and published to be the last will and Testament of the said John Druce in the presence of us *Paul Methwen Hen: Shrapnell John Orpen Noah Shrapnell*

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