

*The Last Will and Testament of
William Druce
of Bradford Leigh, Bradford on Avon
Will proved 19th October 1693*



Probate Court of London
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Testator:	Druce	William	Gentleman of Bradford Leigh, Bradford on Avon
Executors:			
Druce	Mary	Wife of deceased	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			50 poor people of Bradford
Druce	Mary	Wife	
Little	Anne		Widow
Little	Cicilia		
Little	Elizabeth		Wife of Richard Little
Little	Thomas		Son of William Little
Matravers	Alice	Kinswoman	Wife of Elias Matravers
Read	Katherine		Wife of Thomas Read
Sartin	Susanna		Wife of John Sartin
Silby	Susan	Sister	
Streete	Elizabeth	Niece	
Streete	Mary	Cousin	Wife Stephen Street
Streete	Mary	Niece	
Streete	Stephen	Nephew	
Thomgate	John		The Elder
Witnesses			
Batsby	Charles		
Cottle	Sarah		
Salmon	Thomas		
Whatley	John		
Other Names			
Hall	John		Esq., Lord
Little	Richard		
Little	William		
Matravers	Elias		
Read	Thomas		
Sartin	John		
Streete	Stephen	Brother-in-law	

In the Name of God Amen I William Druce of Bradford Leigh in the Parish of Bradford in the County of Wilts Gentleman being of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be given to Almighty God therefore calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life and calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life Doe therefore make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and principally I Committ my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping through merritts death and passion of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to obtaine fill and free pardon and Remission of all my sinns And my body I Committ to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried att the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And for the Setling and disposeing of that worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me withal Doe give devise and bequeath the same in manner and forme following that is to say Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing Sister Susan Silby the summe of Twenty pounds and all my Right and Tytle in and to my Leasehold Estate whereof John Hall Esq is Lord Item unto all and severall and Respective person and persons hereafter named unto my Cosen Mary Streete Wife of Stephen Streete Elizabeth Streete Mary Street and Stephen Streete her son and daughters Thomas Little Sonne of William Little Susanna Sartin wife of John Sartin Katherine Read wife of Thomas Read Cicilia Little John Thorngate the elder Elizabeth Little Wife of Richard Little and unto every and each of them I give and bequeath the sum of five pounds Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Little widdow the foure pounds which she oweth me Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Alice the now Wife of Elias Matravers the summe of twelve pence Item I give and bequeath unto fifty poore persons of the parish of Bradford aforesaid the summe of Twelve pence apiece to bee paid them on the day of my Interment at the Discretion and by my Executrix hereafter named and my Will is that all and every other the Legacies before mentioned to be bequeathed shall bee paid within Twelve Moneths after my Decease Item all the Rest and residue of my Estate both Reall and Personall Lands and Tenements goods and Chattles wheresoever not hereinbefore bequeathed I give devise and bequeath unto my dear and Loveing wife Mary and to her Heires Executors and Assignes for ever And her I Doe make and ordaine to be the Sole and onely Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revokeing all former and other Wills and Testaments whatsoever by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament sett my hand and Seale the Ninth Day of June In the fifth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady King William and Queene Mary over England etc. Annoq Domini One Thousand six Hundred Ninety three *William Druce* Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said William Druce in the presence of *Charles Batsby John Whatley Tho: Salmon Sarah Cottle*

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