

*Last Will and Testament
of Mary Aldridge
17 April 1716*



In the name of God Amen I Mary Aldridge of Bratton in the County of Wilts Widow being of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding praise be to Almighty God has called to mind the uncertainty of this life here on Earth do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following Whereas I have by my deed in writing bearing date the day next before the date hereof freely given granted assigned and set over unto Thomas Clark of Trowbridge in the said County of Wilts Baker and Phillip Blatch of Bratton aforesaid Yeoman all my mortgaged bonds notes book and books of accounts with all and every the sum and sums of money therein mentioned or thereby due and payable plate rings household goods implements and utensils of household and also all other my personal estate wherein I have any right either and Executrix to my late deceased husband or otherwise to hold all and singular the said promised unto the said Thomas Clark and Phillip Blatch their executors administrator and assigns for and their own proper goods and chattels forever Now to the intent the said promises may beenjoyed by the said Thomas Clark and Phillip Blatch according to the true meaning of the same deed and to prevent any ...either at Law or in equity which shall or may happen relating to the said deed or disposition of my personal estate therein I so by this my Will corroborate strengthen satisfy and confirm the same deed and do hereby make and ordain the said Thomas Clark and Phillip Ballard sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills by me at any time herefore made Inwhereof I the said Mary Aldridge have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of April Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen Mary Aldridge her mark Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Aldridge to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said Mary Aldridge

John Blatch Marie Hill Thos. Drewett
[all three have not signed their own names]

A short text written in Latin follows the Will of Mary Aldridge.