

*The Last Will and Testament
Of John Jones
of Derry Hill
Will Proved
29th October 1763*



Probate Court of Canterbury
Original reference PROB 11/892/613
Will Dated - 13th October 1759
Codicil Dated -
Buried at -

Testator:	Jones	John	Drugget Maker of Derry Hill
Executors:			
Jones	Elizabeth	Wife	Sole; Died before Testator
Administrators:			
Gale	Ann	Wife of Robert Gale and Sister in law to Elizabeth Jones, deceased	
Smith	William	Appointee to the estate of Elizabeth Jones, deceased	
Trustees:			

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Sister of Mary Bear
			Poor of the neighbourhood, those judged to be the most real objects of charity
			Children of Ruth, deceased daughter of Mathew & Mary Isles
	Betty		Sister of Betty Ingram
Bear	Mary		Widow of Corsham
Bennet	John		Gentleman of Pickwick, Corsham
Brown			2 Children of Sarah Brown, Widow
Brown	Sarah		Widow, Daughter of Daniel Humphrys
Brunnsden		Cousins	Children of late cousin William Brunnsden
Dunstone	Betty	Cousin	Wife of Thomas Dunstone of Hungerford, Berkshire, Labourer
Fast			Mother of Alice Fast, Widow
Fast	Alice		Daughter of Samuel Fast late of Derry Hill
Fast	Ann		Daughter of Nathaniel Fast
Fast	Elizabeth (Betty)		Daughter of Samuel Fast late of Derry

			Hill
Fast	Jane		Spinster of Studley
Fast	John		Son of Nathaniel Fast of Derry Hill
Fast	Mary		Daughter of Nathaniel Fast
Fast	Nathaniel		Son of Nathaniel Fast
Flower			Children of Jane Flower, Sister to Daniel Humphrys
Fowler	John	Cousin	Labourer of Kingston St. Michael
Gale	Robert		Son of Brother in Law Robert Gale
Gale	William		Son of Brother in Law Robert Gale
Grubb	Thomas	Brother in law	Of Chippenham Baker and Malster
Hamblin			Youngest son of Charles Hamblin, deceased
Hamblin	Mary		Daughter of Charles Hamblin, deceased
Hamblin	Sarah		Daughter of Charles Hamblin, deceased
Ingram	Mary		Wife of John Ingram
Isles			Children of Mathew & Mary Isles, deceased
Jarvis			Children of Martha & William Jarvis
Jarvis	Martha		Wife of William Jarvis of Kington St Michael, Labourer
Jones			Four Daughters of John Jones of Malmesbury
Jones		Cousins	3 children of John Jones Late of London, Coachman
Jones	Elizabeth	Wife	
Jones	George		Grocer of Calne
Jones	James		Scribbler, Son of Edward Jones, deceased
Melsom	Betty		Wife of Samuel Melsom of Chippenham, Baker and daughter of Andrew Randall the younger late of Chippenham, Drugget Maker
Moxham			Brothers and sisters of John and Joseph Moxham
Moxham	John		Son of Joseph Moxham, deceased Late of Purton
Moxham	Joseph		Son of Joseph Moxham, deceased Late of Purton
Neate	Samuel		
Packer			3 sons of Arthur Packer, Weaver
Packer			Daughter of Arthur Packer, Weaver
Packer	Daniel		Younger son of Daniel and Mary Packer of Chippenham
Packer	Daniel		Son of Daniel and Mary Packer of Chippenham
Packer	Mary		Daughter of Daniel and Mary Packer of Chippenham
Randall	Thomas		Son of James Randell late of Chippenham, Cordwainer
Seagry otherwise Bradbury	Mary		Wife of John Seagry otherwise Bradbury of Chippenham, Butcher
Spicer			Four daughters of Thomas Spicer Late of Lambourn in Berkshire,

			Cooper
Taylor			Children of Mary Taylor
Taylor		Cousins	Children of Ruth Taylor
Taylor	Ruth	Cousin	Wife of William Taylor of Compton, Berkshire
Witnesses			
Mereweather	J.		
Trevanion	Hugh		
Trevanion	John		
Other Names			
	Ruth		Deceased daughter of Mathew & Mary Isles, mother of beneficiaries
Brunnden	William	Cousin	Deceased, Father of Beneficiaries
Dunstone	Thomas		Husband of Betty Dunstone, a beneficiary, of Hungerford, Berkshire
Fast	Mary		Widow
Fast	Samuel		Late of Derry Hill
Flower	Jane		Sister of Daniel Humphrys
Gale	Robert	Brother in law	Of Cocklebury
Hamblin	Charles		Father of beneficiaries
Humphrys	Daniel		Father of a beneficiary, deceased
Ingram	John		Husband of a beneficiary
Isles	Mary		Mother of beneficiaries
Isles	Mathew		Father of beneficiaries
Jarvis	William		Husband and father of beneficiaries
Jones	Edward		Father of a Beneficiary, deceased
Jones	John		Of Malmesbury, Father of Beneficiaries
Knee	Joseph		
Melsom	Samuel		Husband of a beneficiary
Mortimer	John		
Moxham	Joseph		Late of Purton; Father of beneficiaries
Packer	Arthur		Father of beneficiaries
Packer	Daniel		Parent of beneficiaries
Packer	Mary		Parent of beneficiaries
Perkins	Matthew		
Randall	Andrew, Jnr.		Father of a beneficiary, Late of Chippenham, Drugget Maker
Randall	James		Father of a beneficiary, late of Chippenham, Cordwainer
Seagry otherwise Bradbury	John		Husband of a beneficiary
Spicer	Thomas		Deceased, Cooper of Lambourne, Berkshire; Father of Beneficiaries
Taylor	Mary		Mother of Beneficiaries
Taylor	William		Husband and Father of Beneficiary of Compton, Berkshire
Vivash	Simon	Tenant	

I John Jones of the Derry Hill in the Forest of Pewsham near the Town of Chippenham in the County of Wilts Drugget Maker being of sound mind and memory and understanding (praised be to God for it) do make this my last Will and Testament as follows (that is to say) I give and devise All that my Messuage Tenement and Farm at Cocklebury near Chippenham aforesaid and which my Brother in Law Robert Gale now rents of me with all lands and Grounds thereunto

belonging unto my Wife during her natural life And from and after her decease I give and devise all and singular the same premises with their and every of their Appurtenances unto John Bennet of Pickwick in the parish of Corsham in the said County of Wilts Gentleman and Samuel Neate in the same County Gentleman and their Heirs and Assigns for ever On Trust to and for the several lives Intents and purposes hereinafter limited expressed and declared that is to say to and for the use and Behoof of John Fast son of Nathaniel Fast of the Derry hill aforesaid weaver during the natural Life of him the said John Fast And from and immediately after the Grant Surrender or other sooner Determination of his said Estate Then to and for the use and Behoof of them the said John Bennet and Samuel Neate and their heirs during the natural life of the said John Fast In Trust to preserve the contingent Remainders uses and Estates hereinafter limited from being barred defeated or destroyed but nevertheless to permit and suffer him the said John Fast to receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof to his own proper use And from and after the Decease of him the said John Fast Then to and for the use and Behoof of the Heirs of the Body of the said John Fast lawfully begotten And for want or in default of such Issue Then to and for the use and Behoof of my Cousin John Flower of Kingston St Michael in the said County of Wilts Labourer and his Heirs and Assigns for ever and to and for none other use Intent or purpose whatsoever Also I give and devise my Copyhold Lands and Tenements at Laycock in the said County of Wilts late Dummers unto William Gale Son of my said Brother in Law Robert Gale and all my Estate and Interest whatsoever there To hold to him the said William Gale his Executors and Administrators according to the Custom of the Manor thereof Also I give and devise unto my said Wife her Heirs Executors and Administrators for ever all my Tenement with its Apurtenances at Calne Green in the said County of Wilts now rented of me by one Simon Vivash and which John Mortimer mortgaged to me for two hundred pounds principal Money of which twenty pounds only has been paid and all my Estate and Interest whatsoever therein Also I give and devise unto Daniel Packer the younger son of Daniel and Mary Packer of the Parish of Chippenham aforesaid and unto his heirs and Assigns for ever All that my Tenement with its Appurtenances at Calne Quarry in the said County of Wilts which I purchased of one Matthew Perkins Also I give and devise the Leasehold Tenement wherein I myself now live with the Orchard Garden Land and all other its Appurtenances unto my said Wife for and during so long of my Term Estate and Interest therein as she shall happen to live And from and after her Decease I give and devise the same unto Robert Gale Son of my aforesaid Brother in Law Robert Gale for the then Remainder thereof Also I give and devise unto my said Wife her Executors Administrator and Assigns all that my other Leasehold Cottage at the Derry hill aforesaid now in the several possessions of Joseph Knee and Mary Fast Widow and all my Estate Term land Interest whatsoever therein Also I give and devise my Beast Leazes in Calne Common in the said County of Wilts unto George Jones of Calne aforesaid Grocer his Heirs and Assigns for ever I also give and bequeath the several pecuniary Legacies hereinafter particularly mentioned to be paid out of my personal Estate by my Executrix hereinafter named one half thereof at the end of twelve Months and the other half at the end of eighteen Months after my Decease except otherwise particularly Directed that is to say to Daniel and Mary the Son and Daughter of Daniel and Mary Packer of the Parish of Chippenham forty pounds a piece To the three Sons and one Daughter of Arthur Packer Weaver deceased thirty pounds a piece To Martha the Wife of William Jarvis of Kington St Michael aforesaid Labourer and her children one hundred and twenty pounds to be equally divided between them To Mary the Wife of John Seagry otherwise Bradbury of Chippenham aforesaid Butcher sixty Pounds To Betty the Wife of Samuel Melsom of Chippenham aforesaid Baker Daughter of Andrew Rendall the younger late of Chippenham aforesaid Druggit Maker deceased sixty Pounds To Thomas Rendall son of James Rendal late of Chippenham aforesaid Cordwainer twenty pounds To Nathaniel Ann and Mary the son and Daughters of the aforesaid Nathaniel Fast fifty pounds a piece To Alice and Elizabeth otherwise Betty the Daughters of Samuel Fast late of the Derry hill aforesaid Scribbler Deceased five hundred Pounds a piece subject to the particular Directions herein after given concerning the same To Jane Fast of Studley in the said County of Wilts Spinster twenty Pounds To the four Daughters of John Jones of Malmesbury in the said County of Wilts thirty pounds a piece To Mary Bear of the Parish of Corsham in the said County of Wilts Widow and to her Sister fifty Pounds a piece To James Jones Scribbler Son of Edward Jones Deceased fifty pounds To the children of Mary the late wife of _____ Taylor forty pounds a piece To the three children of my Cousin John Jones late of London Coachman twenty pounds a piece To Sarah Brown Widow and to Daughter of Daniel Humphrys deceased and her two Children two hundred pounds to be equally divided between them To the Children of Jane Flower Deceased Sister of the aforesaid Daniel Humphrys forty pounds a piece To Mary the Wife of John Ingram and to her Sister Betty fifty pounds a piece To John and Joseph Moxham Sons of Joseph of Moxham late of the parish of Purton in the said County of Wilts Decreased fifty pounds a piece and to their Brothers and Sisters twenty pounds a piece To the children of Mathew and Mary Isles deceased forty pounds a piece to the Children of Ruth the deceased Daughter of the aforesaid Matthew and Mary Isles forty pounds to be equally divided between them To my Cousin Betty the Wife of Thomas Dunstone of or near Hungerford in Berkshire Labourer one hundred pounds To Mary and Sarah the Daughters of Charles Hamblin deceased and their youngest Brother twenty pounds a piece To the Children of my late Cousin William Brunnsden deceased one hundred and twenty pounds to be equally divided between them To the four Daughters of Thomas Spicer late of Lambourn in the County of Berks Cooper deceased one hundred pounds a piece To my Cousin Ruth the Wife of William Taylor of Compton in the said County of Berks and her Children two hundred pounds to be equally divided between them and unto my Brother in Law Thomas Grubb of Chippenham aforesaid Baker and Malster two hundred pounds and as for and concerning the five hundred pounds a piece

hereinbefore given to Alice and Betty the Daughters of Samuel Fast of the Derry hill aforesaid Scribbler deceased My Will is that the same shall not be paid them but as they severally arrive to their respective Ages of twenty four years nor then until eighteen Months next after my Decease but that the same shall be put out at interest in the Names of my Wife and Brother in Law Robert Gale and that the Interest thereof to be computed from the said eighteen Months shall be paid unto the Mother of the said Alice and Betty until the principals shall become payable to them as aforesaid if she their said Mother shall so long continue a Widow and unto themselves if their said Mother dye or marry again in the meantime And my further Will is that if any of the persons to whom I benefit with any other one or more persons given any sum or sums of Money to be paid to each or divided between them shall happen to dye in my Life time the Legacy of him her or them so dying shall not be deemed as a lapse of legacy but shall be paid to or among the survivors or survivor of them him or her so named together And in case any Dispute shall arise to anything the Identity of any of the Legatees herein named from the want of proper Descriptions or through any other Error or Defect or by reason of there happening to be more than one of the same Name who may severally answer the Descriptions hereby given of them Then my Will is that the same shall be finally determined by my Wife to whom my Mind respecting thereof is fully known I also Will and direct that the Sum of ten pounds be distributed within one Month next after my Decease among the Weavers who have worked for me in such manner as my Wife shall judge properest and also the further sum of twenty pounds among such poor persons of the Neighbourhood as she my said Wife and my Brother in Law Robert Gale shall judge to be the most real Objects of Charity And all the rest and Residue of my personal Estate I Do give and bequeath unto my said Wife whom I do make sole Executrix of this my Will and I do hereby revoke all former Wills Testaments and Codicils by me at any time made In Witness whereof I the said John Jones the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the thirteenth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty nine *John Jones* Signed Sealed published and declared by the said John Jones the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our respective Names *J Merewether John Trevanion Hugh Trevanion*

On the twenty ninth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty three Administration (with the Will annexed) of the Goods Chattels and Credits of John Jones late of the Derry Hill in the Tything of Pewsham in the Parish of Chippenham in the County of Wilts deceased was granted to William Smith and Ann Gale Wife of Robert Gale the natural and lawful Brother and Sister next of Kin and Administrators of the Goods Chattels and Credits of Elizabeth Jones Widow deceased whilst living the Relict sole Executrix and residuary Legatee named in the Will of the said deceased they having been first sworn by Commission only to administer the said Elizabeth Jones survived the said Testator but dyed before she had taken upon her the Execution of the said Will