

# *The Last Will and Testament Of William Viva(i)sh of Croughton in Great Bedwyn*



*Will Written  
13th March 1790*

Probate Court of  
Original reference  
Will Dated 13th March 1790

<b>Testator:</b>	Viva(i)sh	William	Labourer of Croughton
<b>Executors:</b>			
Vivaish	William	Son	Sole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Freebins	Mary	Daughter	
Vivaish	Mary	Wife	
Vivaish	William	Son	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Neale	Aemy		
Neale	Phillip		
<b>Other Names</b>			

In the name of God Amen I William Vivaish of Croughton in the Parish of Great Beding in the County of Wilts labourer am in good Helth and of sound and well Disposing mind and Memore thanks be to God for it And revoking all former wills by att aney times made I do make and decler this to be my last will and Testament and as for such money estates goods and chattles as it heav pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of them as follows Imprimes I Bequeath my soul to god desireing Marcy and pardon for all my sins for the merits of my Dear Redeemer Jesus Christes seake and Body to the Earth to be buried in a plain decent manner at the discesion of my Executer herein after named Item my will and express order is that my funeral expences and all my debts shall be paid as soon as posable after my disceas Item I give my Dearly and well Beloved wife Mary Vivaish my two Coppeyhold houses and gardens and a close of land or ground belonging to one of them att Croughton in the parish aforesaid for the time of her natural life and likewise I give to my well beloved wife Mary Vivaish all my goods wearing aparal and everything of every kind whatsoever that I have belonging to me within and without moneys and everything of every kind whatsoever for the time of her natural life and without aney interuption and after the death of my wife Mary Vivaish I give my only and well beloved son William Vivaish my cobby hold house garden and close or ground thereto belonging at Croughton in the Parish and County aforesaid And wheras I have another Coppey hold house and garden if I should steat it before my death I likewise give that to my son William Vivaish Item My will and express order is that after the death of my wife that my son William

Vivaish shall pay my daughter Mary Freebins thirty shillings a year during the time of her natural life or lett my daughter Mary Freebins live in one of my copeney hold houses rent free during the time of her natural life but if my son William Vivaish pays my daughter Mry Freebins thirty shillings a year for the time of her natural life she shall not have a living in either of my houses rent free and after the death of my wife Mary Vivaish I do make Institut and ordain my dearly and well beloved son William Vivaish my only and sol executer of this my last will and testament to home I give all the rest and residue of my money wearing aparl goods and chattals and my working tools and every thing of every kind whatsoever within and without after the death of his mother he paying my daughter Mary Freebins the thirty shilling a year or letting her live in one of my houses rent free please to take notice of the interlining In witness wherof I have hearunto sett my hand and seal this Thirteenth Day of March in the Thirtyth year of the reign of our Sovering Lord George the Third by the grease of god over great Brittain france and Ireland King Defender of the faith and in the year of our Lord god one thousand seven Hundred and Ninty

*William Vivash*

Signed sealed and published and Declared By the Testator William Vivaish to be his last will and testament in the Presence of his Wittnesses *Phillip Neale* *Aemy Neale*

**OPC Notes:**

1. It is interesting though not unusual that a labourer owned 2 copyhold houses
2. The neat and accurate spelling of his signature indicates that William Vivash was well educated for a farm labourer compared with the scribe who persisted in spelling the name "Vivaish" and used initial capitals indiscriminately