

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Thomas Shewring
of Hankerton
Will Proved
25th November 1718*



Probate Court of London
Original reference
Will Dated 12th September 1716

Testator:	Shewring	Thomas	Rector of Crudwell and Vicar of Hankerton
Executors:			
Shewring	Jane	Wife	Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Horton	Sarah	Daughter	
Saggars	Sarah	Mother in Law	
Shewring	Anne	Daughter	
Shewring	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Shewring	Jane	Wife	
Shewring	Joanna	Daughter	
Shewring	John	Son	
Shewring	Sophia	Daughter	
Shewring	Thomas	Son	
			Poor of Crudwell
			Poor of Hankerton
Witnesses			
Savage	Fr		
Wickes	Joseph		
Wickes	Nathaniel		
Other Names			
Shewring	Mary	Late First Wife	

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy Ghost Amen

I **Thomas Shewring** Clk Rector of Crudwell and Vicar of Hankerton in the County of Wilts being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory for which the name of God be blessed and praised do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Viz

First and principally I comend my soul into the hands of my God assuredly hoping for a full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and an inheritance with the Saints in glory Everlasting through the merits death and passion of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

And my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named but in the same Grave where my late Wife **Mary** lies Comending also my present Wife and Children to the guidance and direction of the all wise God and his Almighty Protection

And as touching the disposal of all such temporal Estate as it hath pleased benigne Providence to bless me with my meaning is that the same shall be employed and disposed of as hereafter by this my Will is more particularly expressed

Imprimus I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Joanna** if never married before my decease Three hundred pounds if married and remaining Wife or Widow one shilling Provided that before she claims the said three hundred pounds she give her Bond to surrender her Right in the Copyhold at Yatton when her Brother **Thomas** shall demand it in order to the putting in one of his Children in her stead paying her ten pounds

Item I give and bequeath to my Son **Thomas** my whole Library of Books printed and Manuscripts excepting Books of Accounts with this Proviso that my present Wife shall for her own private use command any of the foresaid Books during her life I give him also my free Lands at Yatton to him and his heirs for ever and on defect of such legitimate heir my will is the same Free Land shall be enjoyed by my Daughter **Anne** and her heirs and so successively upon defect to my Son **John** then to my daughter **Sophia** then to my daughter **Elizabeth** provided nevertheless that the said Free Land shall be quietly enjoyed by my present Wife during her Life

Item I give to my Daughter **Anne** if never married before my decease Three hundred pounds if married and remaining Wife or Widow one shilling

Item I give my Daughter **Sarah Horton** if surviving me thirty five pounds

Item I give to my Son **John** One hundred pounds to be paid in one years time after the expiration of the term of his Apprenticeship

Item All the rest of my money due upon Bonds Bills or Books of Accounts shall be distributed equally between my two Daughters **Sophia** and **Elizabeth** after that my Debts and Funeral expenses and discharged particularly twelve pounds due to the poor of Crudwell and five pounds to the poor of Hankerton the money upon Bonds xr payable to each at one and twenty years of age or if either shall marry sooner with my Wifes consent at the particular days of their respective marriages

Item revoking and disannulling all Wills by me formerly made and declaring this my last Will and Testament I do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint my most dearly beloved Wife **Jane** Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Earnestly recomending to her especial care my Mother in Law Mrs **Sarah Saggars** to provide her all necessaries as to Clothes Food xr and for this end and purpose do bequeath to my said Wife all my Plate Rings Clock Watch and all the rest of my Goods chattells Substance real and personal whatsoever not before bequeathed and the whole profits and advantages of the Executors year with this Proviso that after her decease it may be disposed of as equally amongst my surviving Children as she my Wife in her discretion shall think fit to dispose of it to them by Will

In Witness whereof I the said **Thomas Shewring** have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and sixteen

----- *Tho Shewring* -----

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Shewring to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of

----- *Fr Savage* ----- *Joseph Wickes* ----- *Nathaniel Wickes* -----

Probatum fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud Londoniam
totam venerabili viro Johanne Botsworthi Legum Doctore Curia
Prærogativa Cantuar. Magistro Custode sive Commissario legitime
constituto 20esimo quinto die mensis Novembris Anno Domini
Millesimo Septingentesimo Sereno Ottavo Juramento Janae Sherwing
vidua Relicta dicti defuncti et Executoris in dicto Testamento nominat.
Cui commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum
junctim et divisim dicti defuncti de bone et fideliter administrando
eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia [Signo Commissionis] jurat. 1. 6. 4