

CROWCH, Richard
Will dated 10 July 1775, codicil dated 1
July 1783, proved 7 June 1784



Probate Court:

Prerogative Court of Canterbury, PROB 11/1117

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Testator:

Richard Crowch, of Tytherington, Heytesbury, Wilts, Gentleman

Executor:

Mary Crowch, wife

Beneficiaries:

John Crowch, Clerk; cousin

Bartholomew Crowch, cousin

Richard Crowch, cousin

Stephen Crowch, son late deceased cousin John Crowch

Mary Crowch, wife

Sarah Lewis, spinster } daughter of Sarah Lewis, deceased, aunt

Elizabeth Brewer, wife of John Brewer, Clerk } daughter of Sarah Lewis, deceased, aunt

Gilbert Jesser, nephew, deceased in codicil

Roger Jesser, nephew

Elianora Martha Pickard, niece, wife of Edward Pickard

Richard Jesser, brother-in-law

Elizabeth Bayley, niece, daughter of Richard Jesser, wife of Benjamin Bayley

William Jesser, nephew

Susannah Coope, niece

Elizabeth Jesser, niece

Mary, nee Ring, cousin, married name unknown

Poor of Tytherington

Thomas Blagden, servant

William Salmon, Devizes, Gentleman, friend; trustee

Joseph Everett, Heytesbury, Clothier, friend; trustee

Witnesses:

Will: Robert Wilkins, W^m March, R^d Snelgrove

Codicil: Ja^s Raxworthy, Tho^s Flower, J^s Godwin

Other names:

Richard Barry, Clerk, deceased, late Prebend

John Crowch, cousin, deceased

Jane Ring, aunt, deceased

Thomas Crowch, bother, deceased

Richard Crowch, cousin, deceased, surgeon of Warminster

Anne Crowch, deceased, wife of Thomas Crowch and also wife of Richard Crowch

Peirce A'Court Ashe Esquire, deceased

Janet Edmonds who was Janet A'Court Ashe Widow and Relict of Peirce A'Court Ashe

Notes

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I Richard Crowch

of Tytherington within the parish of Heytesbury in the County of Wilts Gentleman do hereby revoke annul and make void all Will Wills Testament and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and do declare my only last Will and Testament to be as follows (that is to say) First I do will and order that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses be fully paid and satisfied and discharged and that my Body be Interred in my Family Vault at Heytesbury aforesaid with my late Deceased Wife and also with only a with my Father Mother and Brother and that it be done after a plain and decent manner and as for and concerning my Estate I do by virtue of the Power and Authority to me given and reserved in and by certain Indentures of Lease and release entered into and executed before my Marriage with mine now Wife in case there shall be no Child or Children of my Body on the Body of my said Wife lawfully to be begotten living at the time of the decease of the Survivor of me and my said Wife give devise and bequeath the reversion and Inheritance of all that my Freehold Messuage or Tenement Lands Hereditaments and Premises in Tytherington aforesaid where I now live together with all and singular the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging and appertaining unto my Friend **William Salmon** of the Borough of Devizes in the said County Gent and **Joseph Everett** of Heytesbury aforesaid Clothier to hold the same and every part thereof from and immediately after the decease of the Survivor of me and of my said Wife to them the said **William Salmon** and **Joseph Everett** and their heirs for ever upon the Trusts and to and for the several uses intents and purposes hereinafter limited expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say) to the use of and in Trust for my Cousin **John Crowch** Clerk and his Assigns for and during the term of his natural life without impeachment of or for any manner of waste and from and after the decease of my said cousin **John Crowch** to the use of and in trust for the heirs of the body of my said cousin **John Crowch** lawfully to be begotten and in default of such Issue then from and after the decease of my said Cousin **John Crowch** to the use of and in trust for my cousin **Bartholomew Crowch** and the heirs of the Body of the said **Bartholomew Crowch** lawfully to be begotten and in default of such Issue then from and after the decease of the said **Bartholomew Crowch** to the use of and in Trust for Cousin **Richard Crowch** and the heirs of the Body of the said **Richard Crowch** lawfully to be begotten and in default of such Issue then from and after the decease of my said Cousin **Richard Crowch** to the use of and in Trust for my Cousin **Stephen Crowch** Son of my late deceased Cousin **John Crowch** and his heirs for ever and to and for none other Trust use intent and purpose whatsoever and all that my Moiety or half of the Parsonage of Tytherington and Horningsham? otherwise Tudrington Horningsham? in the said County of Wilts which I now hold by Lease under the hand and seal of **Richard Barry** Clerk deceased late Prebend of the Moiety or half Parsonage aforesaid for the lives of myself my said cousins **Richard Crowch** and **John Crowch** Clerk and the life of the longest liver of them subject to the unknown Covenants and Agreements in the Lease thereof contained I also give devise and bequeath unto them the said **William Salmon** and **Joseph Everett** their heirs Executors and Administrators for all my term Estate and Interest therein to come In Trust and to and for the use benefit and behoof of my beloved Wife

Mary for and during the term of her natural life and from and after the death and decease of my said Wife upon Trust and to and for the like powers restrictions and Limitations as are hereinbefore limited expressed and declared of and concerning the said hereinbefore devised Freehold Messuage Lands and Premises or as near thereto as may be and the nature of the said Leasehold Estate will admit of to the end that the same Leasehold Estate and Premises may be held and enjoyed and go along with my said Freehold Estate and Premises so long as the same may be and the Laws of England will permit and my will and desire is and I do hereby order and direct that the Lease which I now have or at the time of my decease may have of the said Moiety or half of the said Parsonage shall and may from time to time when and so often as need shall be and require and that the same can be done on reasonable terms but not otherwise be renewed and Filled up by and out of the Rents and Profits thereof in the name or names of them the said **William Salmon** and **Joseph Everett** or the survivor of them or his legal Representative upon the trusts aforesaid in order and to the intent that the same premises and every part thereof may go along with and be enjoyed with my said Freehold Estate and Premises as long as the same may be and the Laws of England will permit and whereas by Copy of Court Roll of the Manor of Tytherington aforesaid bearing Date the First day of September in the twenty third year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain I am possessed of or intitled unto one messuage or Tenement in Tytherington aforesaid and one Close of Pasture called a Parrock to the same adjoining and two Acres of Land in the Common Fields of Tytherington aforesaid and Fifteen Acres of Land in the South Field of Heytesbury aforesaid (as sole purchaser) for the term of my own life and the lives of **Sarah Lewis** spinster and **Elizabeth** now Wife of **John Brewer** Clerk Daughter of my late deceased aunt? **Sarah Lewis** something and the life of the longest liver of them Successively at the Will of the Lord according to the Custom of the said Manor as by the said Copy may appear and whereas in case my said Wife shall happen to Survive me she will be intitled to the said Premises for the term of her Widowhood according to the Custom of the said Manor and whereas I have a Bond or Obligations from the said **Sarah Lewis** Spinster and **John Brewer** in case the said **Sarah Lewis** spinster and **Elizabeth Brewer** his Wife should me Survive for their Surrendering up the said Premises and all their and each and either of their right Title Interest property Claim and demand of in and to the same and every part thereof to the use of me my Heirs Executors or Administrators when thereunto required as by the said Bond may appear now it is my further will and desire and I do hereby order and direct that my said Wife (in case she shall me Survive shall have hold and enjoy all and singular the said Copyhold Premises and every part thereof for and during the term of her natural life and from and after the Death and decease of my said wife then in case any Child or Children of my Body on the Body of my said Wife lawfully to be begotten shall be living that they the said **Sarah Lewis** Spinster **John Brewer** and **Elizabeth** his Wife and every and each of them be and shall surrender and yield up the same Copyhold Premises and all their and each and either of their Estate Right Title

Interest Claim and demand of in and to the same premises and every part thereof in order and to the intent that the same Copyhold Premises and every part thereof may also go along with and be enjoyed with my said Freehold Messuage Lands and Premises as long as the same may be and the Laws of England will permit and in case they the said **Sarah Lewis** spinster **John Brewer** and **Elizabeth** his Wife or any or either of them shall upon request to him her or them made by my said Wife Child or Children if any refuse or unknown to Surrender up the said Copyhold Premises to the use aforesaid then and in such Case I do hereby further order and direct that they and every and each of them shall be compelled thereto by due Course of Law and in case no Child or Children of my Body or the Body of my said Wife lawfully to be begotten as aforesaid shall be then living them from and after the death and decease of the Survivor of me and my said Wife my will and desire is that they the said **Sarah Lewis** Spinster **John Brewer** and **Elizabeth** his wife do and shall upon request and at the Cost and charges of the person or persons (to whom the immediate reversion and inheritance of my said Freehold Estate and Premises shall then belong or appertain Surrender up the same Copyhold Premises and all their and each and either have their right Title Interest Claim and demand therein to the uses their hereinbefore mentioned or in default thereof to be compelled thereto and my will is that all my Household Goods Pictures and Furniture that shall be in my Freehold Messuage and Premises at Tytherington aforesaid at the time of my decease or any of them or any part thereof and which shall to me then of right belong or appertain except such of them as I shall otherwise disposed of by this my Will or by any Codicil or Codicils to be by me at any time made thereto and except also such Goods Pictures and Furniture as I am possessed of or intitled unto in right of my present Wife shall for ever be enjoyed as far as the law will admit by the person or persons who for the time being shall be intitled to the rents and profits of my said Freehold Messuage and Premises by virtue of this my Will and my Will is and I do hereby order and direct that so soon as Conveniently may be after my deceased my Executrix hereinafter named do cause a true and perfect Inventory to be made and taken of all my said Household Goods Pictures and Furniture which are to continue remain and be in the same Freehold Messuage and Premises according to this my Will and that all and every the Person and Persons respectively who by virtue of this my Will are to have the use of my said Goods shall at or before the time of taking possession thereof give a receipt for the same under their respective hands at the Foot of the said Inventory also all my Silver Plate of what kind soever which I am possessed of or intitled unto in right of my First Wife the particulars of which are mentioned expressed and contained in a Paper of my own handwriting I give to Mary my present Wife to and for her own proper use and benefit for and during her natural life and from and after the decease of my said Wife I do give all the same plate and every part thereof to part to my Nephews and Niece **Gilbert Jesser Roger? Jesser** and **Elianora Martha** now Wife of **Edward Pickard** equally to be divided between them also I give to my Brother in Law **Richard Jesser** and to my Niece **Elizabeth Bayley** his daughter now wife of **Benjamin Bayley** One Guinea apiece to buy them a Ring

also I give to my Nephew **William Jesser** and to my Nieces **Susannah Coope** and **Elizabeth Jesser** One Guinea apiece to buy them a Ring Also I give to my Cousin **John Crowch** Clerk One Guinea to buy a Ring Also I give to my said Cousin **Bartholomew Crowch** the Rest of all my Wearing Apparel both Linnen and Woollen to be delivered to him at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named and as she shall think fit and most Convenient for his use and benefit Also I give to my said Cousins **Sarah Lewis** and **Elizabeth Brewer** and also to my said Cousin Richard Crowch One Guinea apiece to buy them a Ring Also I give to my said Cousin **Stephen Crowch** Son of my late deceased Cousin **John Crowch** the Sum of Twenty Pounds if he shall attain his full age of Twenty One Years Also I give to my Cousin **Mary** the Daughter of my late deceased Aunt **Jane Ring** the Sum of Ten Pounds to and for her own separate use and wherewith the person who is reputed to be her Husband and whose name is unknown to me shall not intermeddle but the receipt of her the said **Mary** shall be a Sufficient discharge to my said Executrix for the same Also I give to the poor of Tytherington aforesaid the Sum of Five Pounds to be paid at the discretion of my said Executrix herein after named at the end of the First three Calendar Months which shall happen next after my decease all my Household Goods Pictures and Furniture which I am possessed of or intitled unto in something of Mary my now Wife and which I have herein before excepted and also all the rest residue and remainder of my Money Goods Chattels Stocks Funds Securitys for Money and all other my Personal Estate of what kind soever and wheresoever after all my Debts Legacys and Funeral Expenses shall be fully paid satisfied and discharged I do give to my beloved Wife Mary and I do make nominate Constitute and appoint my said wife sole Executrix of this my said Will [*erasure*] and my said Friends **William Salmon** and **Joseph Everett** Trustees and Overseers thereof desiring that they will be aiding and assisting to my said Wife in the due execution of this my said Will pursuant to my true intent and meaning and I do give and allot to each of them the sum of Five Guineas and a Gold Ring as an Acknowledgement for their care and Trouble therein and Lastly it is my Will that my said Trustees and each of them shall be Indemnified in the Execution of this my said Will and Trusts [*erasure*] hereby in them reposed neither shall one of them be answerable for the Act or default of the other of them but for himself only and for his own separate Act any thing in this my said Will contained to the contrary notwithstanding In Witness whereof I the said **Richard Crowch** the Testator have to this my said last Will and Testament contained in this and the three preceding Sheets of Paper set my hand and Seal to wit my hand to the bottom of each of the said three preceding Sheets and my hand and Seal to this last Sheet and my Seal at the Top of the First of the said Sheets (where all the said Sheets are fixed together with this Tenth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Five [signed] **Ri^d Crowch** (LS) the within writing contained in this and the three preceding Sheets of Paper was Signed Sealed Published and declared by the within named Testator Richard Crowch to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the within named Testator and

also in the presence of each other some Interlineations
and erasures in several places in the within mentioned
Will been first made [signed] **Robert Wilkins W^m March R^d Snelgrove**

Codicil

I **Richard Crowch** of Tytherington
within the parish of Heytesbury in the County of Wilts Gent
do make this Codicil to my last will and Testament which
is as follows (that is to say) all that my Freehold Estate in
the parish of Sutton Veny in the County of Wilts which was
my late deceased Brother **Thomas Crowch**'s and which by
the death of **Anne** his late Widow who was afterwards
the Wife of my Cousin **Richard Crowch** of Warminster in
the said County Surgeon is now come to my hands or
possession together with all and every the Rights Members
and other the Appurtenances thereunto belonging I give
devise and bequeath to my beloved wife **Mary** and
her Assigns for and during the term of her natural life
and from and after the Death and decease of my said Wife
in case there shall be no Child or Children of my Body
on the Body of my said Wife lawfully to be begotten
then living I do give devise and bequeath the same
Freehold Estate and Premises and every part thereof with
the Appurtenances to my Trustees in my said Will named
to hold to them and their heirs to for and upon the
like several Trusts uses interests and purposes as are
therein and thereby limited expressed and declared of and
concerning my several Estates Lands and Premises
therein particularly mentioned declared and written
and to and for none other uses intent or purpose
whatsoever and all that my Estate called the Overhouse
and two Yard Lands in Tytherington aforesaid and which
by the Death of the said **Anne Crowch** is now also come
to my hands or Possession together with all and every
the Appurtenances thereunto belonging I also give to my
said Wife **Mary** her Executors Administrators and Assigns
for all the residue and remainder of my estate term?
and Interest then to come therein on Condition that the
Lord of the Manor of Tytherington aforesaid do and shall
permit and suffer my said wife her Executors Administrators
and Assigns to hold and enjoy the same without any
Interruption or disturbance whatsoever but in case the
Lord of the said Manor of Tytherington shall give my
said Wife any Interruption or Disturbance in about or
concerning the use Occupation or enjoyment of my said
Estate and Premises called the Overhouse and Two Yard
Lands or any part thereof on Account of a Lease in
reversion under the hand and Seal of **Peirce A'Court
Ashe** Esquire deceased to me thereof granted to something
from and after the determination of a Copy of Court Roll
then and now in being thereon and for which I paid
him the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds as by my said
Lease may appear then and in such Case it will be
in the Power of my said wife who is the Executrix
and Residuary Legatee in my said Will named to sue
for recover get in and secure? the same of and from
Janet Edmonds the now Wife of [space] Edmonds Esquire
who was **Janet A'Court Ashe** Widow and Relict and
also Executrix of the said **Peirce A'Court Ashe** deceased
and whereas I have in and by my said Will directed
that all my Household Goods pictures and Furniture
that shall be in my Freehold Messuage and Premises at
Tytherington aforesaid at the time of my decease or any of

them or any part thereof and which should to me then of right belong or appertain except such of them as I should otherwise dispose of by my said Will or by any Codicil or Codicils is to be by me made thereto and except also such Goods Pictures and Furniture as I was then and now am possessed of or be entitled unto in right of my Present Wife should for ever be enjoyed as far as the Law would admit by the Person or Persons who for the time being should be entitled to the rents and Profits of my said Freehold Messuage and Premises by virtue of my said Will and I did thereby also direct and order that so soon as Conveniently might be after my decease my Executrix therein named did raise a true and Perfect Inventory to be made and taken of my said Household Goods Pictures and Furniture which were to remain continue and be in my said Freehold Messuage and Premises according to my said Will and that all and every the Person or Persons respectively who by virtue of my said Will were to have the use of my said Goods should at or before the time of taking possession thereof give a receipt for the same under their respective hands at the Foot of the said Inventory as by my said Will may appear Now I do by this my said Codicil order and direct and my said will is that such part of my said Household Goods and Furniture as shall by any two indifferent persons the one to be elected and chosen by my Executrix in my said Will named and the other by the next legal representative of my said Freehold Messuage and Premises be thought useless and unnecessary shall be sold by Auction or all otherwise at or for the best price as can be gotten for the same and the Moneys arising by such Sale shall remain continue and be to the Sole use and benefit of my said Executrix and to and for none other uses intent or purpose whatsoever and whereas also in and by my said Will together with and amongst other things therein particularly mentioned I have given all my Silver Plate of what kind soever which I then was and now am Possessed of in right of my First Wife the Particulars which are mentioned expressed and contained in a Paper of my own hand writing to my Present Wife Mary to and for her own proper use and benefit for and during the term of her natural life and from and after the decease of mice said Wife I have given the same Plate and every Part thereof to my Nephews and Niece **Gilbert Jesser** since deceased **John Jesser** and **Elianora Martha** now wife of **Edward Pickard** equally to be divided between them share and share alike as by my said Will may also appear now I do by this my said Codicil also further order and direct that the same Plate and every part thereof shall continue and be to the use of my said Wife **Mary** for and during her natural life as in my said Will is mentioned and from and after the decease of my said Wife I do give the same Plate and every part thereof to and amongst my said Nephew **John Jesser** and my Nieces **Elianora Martha** (the now Wife of the said **Edward Pickard** and **Elizabeth Bayley** the now Wife of **Benjamin Bayley** equally to be divided between them share alike and the Sum of Twenty Pounds which by my said Will I have given to my Cousin **Stephen Crowch** (Son of my late deceased Cousin **John Crowch** I do order and direct shall not be paid him unless he shall at the time of my decease be returned and legally be discharged from the Regiment of Soldiers in which he is now Enlisted I give to my servant **Thomas Blagden** in case he shall be in my service at the time of my decease the Sum of Five

Pounds and a suit of mourning over and besides what shall then be due to him for Wages and with these alterations I do hereby ratify and confirm my said last Will and Testament to all intents and purposes whatsoever

* [It is not clear where this is to be inserted]

desiring that this my present Codicil may be accepted of and made a part of my said last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have to this my [unknown] containing two sheets of paper [unknown] and declare to be a Codicil to my now last Will and Testament and [unknown]

is to be accepted and taken as part thereof set my hand and Seal to wit my hand at the bottom of the First of the said Sheets and my hand and Seal to the last of the said Sheets and my Seal at the Top of the First of the said Sheets where each of the Said Sheets are fixed together this First day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three [signed] Richard Crowch (LS) this Writing was signed Sealed Published and declared by the above named Richard Crowch as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in his Presence and also in the Presence of each other with some Interlineations and an erasure therein being made [signed] **Ja^s Raxworthy, Tho^s Flower J^s Godwin**

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the seventh day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Four before the Right Worshipful Peter Calbert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of **Mary Crowch** Widow the Relict of the deceased and Sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased she having been first sworn by Commission duly to adm^r