

LEWIS, Sarah

Will dated 11 Dec 1761, proved 19 Sep 1767

**Probate Court:**

Prerogative Court of Canterbury, reference PROB 11/932

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Testator:

Sarah Lewis, of Tytherington, Widow

Executors:

Richard JESSER, of Froome Selwood, Gentleman, nephew

Richard CROWCH, of Tytherington, Gentleman, nephew

Beneficiaries:

Poor of Knooke

Poor of Upton Lovell

Poor of Tytherington

Richard JESSER, of Froome Selwood, Gentleman, nephew

Richard CROWCH, of Tytherington, Gentleman, nephew

Sarah LEWIS, daughter, spinster

Elizabeth BREWER, daughter, wife of John BREWER, Clerk

Children of John & Elizabeth BREWER

Witnesses:

John Wade

Rebekah Dolman

Thomas Chuselett [mark]

Other names:

None

Notes

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I **Sarah Lewis** of Tytherington

Within the Parish of Heytesbury in the County of Wilts Widow
Do hereby Revoke Annull 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 my body
May be interred at Heytesbury aforesaid with my father and
Mother and that it be done after a very plain and private
Manner with no more Company and attendance at my Funeral
Than only six Poor Men who shall Carry me to my Grave
To whom I give the Sum of five Shillings a piece Also I Give
Unto the Poor of the Parish of Knooke in the County aforesaid
The Sum of Fifty Shillings and to the Poor of the Parish of
Upton Lovell in the said County the like sum of fifty Shillings
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And to the Poor of Tytherington aforesaid the sum of Twenty
Shillings to be paid them at the Discretion of my
Executors hereinafter named in One Month next after my
Decease Also I give unto my Nephew **Richard Jesser** of Froome
Selwood in the County of Somerset Gentleman one Guinea
To buy a Ring Also I give unto my Nephew **Richard Crowch**
Of Tytherington aforesaid Gentleman five pounds to buy Mourning
Also[?] all the rest Residue and Remainder of my money Goods
Chattels and Effects and all other my Estate whatsoever and
Wheresoever both Real and Personal (after all my Debts Legacies
And Funeral Expenses shall be fully paid Satisfied and Discharged
I do Give and bequeath unto my said Nephews **Richard Jesser**
And **Richard Crowch** upon the Trusts and to and for the several
Uses intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned (that is to say)
The one Moiety or equal half part thereof upon Trust and to
And for ... only proper use and behoof of my Daughter **Sarah**
Lewis spinster her executors Administrators and assigns and the
Other Moiety or equal half part thereof upon Trust and to
And for the Sole separate and [?] use and benefit of my
Daughter[?] **Elizabeth** [?] Wife[?] of **John Brewer** Clerk[?] for and
... Term of her Natural Life and ... her said
Husband[?] shall not Intermeddle nor shall the same or any part
.... Subject or lyable[?] to any of the Debts Incumbrances or
... her said Husband But the Receipt and Receipts of
... the said **Elizabeth** shall be sufficient Discharges to my said
... from time to time for the same as if she was sole and
... and from and after the Death and Decease of her the
Said **Elizabeth** Then Upon Trust and to and for such uses intents
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And purposes as she the said **Elizabeth** (notwithstanding her
... Shall by any Good Will or Writing to be by her
... and Signed in the Presence of Two or more Credible
... Direct and Appoint and for want of such direction and
Appointment as aforesaid Then from and after the Death and
Decease of her the said **Elizabeth**) To the Use and Behoof of
He [?] the said **John Brewer** for and during the Term of
His[?] Natural life and from and after the Decease of him the
Said John Brewer ... Child or Children
... body of the said **John Brewer** on the body of the
Said[?] Elizabeth Lawfully to be begotten shall be then living
Upon Trust and to and for the only proper use and behoof
Of each and every such Child or Children as shall be then
... when and as soon as he she or they shall have
Attained[?] his her or their respective ages of twenty one years
And in case any or either of such child or children shall dye
Before he she or they shall have attained his her or their
.. ages of twenty one years that then the part share or
Portion of all and every such child or children so dying shall
... to the Sole use of the Survivors or Survivor
of them (if more than one) But if no more than one
do survive then the whole of the use and benefit of such
Survivor and in Case no Child or Children of the Body of
The said **John Brewer** on the body of the said **Elizabeth**
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Shall be then Living upon this Further Trust and to the use
And behoof of my said Daughter **Sarah Lewis** her Executors
Administrators and assigns and to and for none other trust use
Intent or purpose whatsoever And Lastly I do make nominate
And appoint my said Nephews **Richard Jesser** and **Richard
Crowch** Joint Executors of this my said Will In Trust as aforesaid
And it is my Will that my said Executors in Trust and each
Of them shall be indemnified in the execution of this my said
Will and Trusts hereby in them reposed and shall (out of my
Estate and Effects) reimburse themselves all such Costs Damages
And Expenses which they or either of them shall or may pay
Bear sustain or be put unto in and about the Execution of this
My said Will and Trusts neither shall one of them be
Answerable for the act or default of the other of them but each
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 have to this my said last Will and Testament
Set my hand and Seal the eleventh day of December in the
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Second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third
By the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King
Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord one
Thousand seven hundred and sixty one ./ **Sarah Lewis** ./ Signed
Sealed Published and declared by the said Testatrix to be her
Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto
Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the
Said Testatrix and also in the presence of each other ./, **John Wade**
Rebekah Dolman Thomas Chuselett his mark

This Will was proved at London the nineteenth day
Of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
Hundred and sixty seven before the Right Worshipful George
Day Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative
Court of Canterbury lawfully Constituted by the oaths of **Richard**
Jesser and **Richard Crowch** the Executors named in the said
Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular
The Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased they having been
First Sworn by Commission to Administer &c