

*The Last Will and Testament of
William Lewis
of Heytesbury
Will proved 20 January 1738/9*



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Testator:	William	LEWIS	Heytesbury
Executors:	Tristram	BIGGS	Little Langford
	Thomas	BIGGS	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Given Name	Surname		
Anne	Biggs	kinswoman	daughter of Tristram Biggs
Catherine	Biggs	kinswoman	daughter of Tristram Biggs
Thomas	Biggs	kinsman	son of Tristram Biggs
Tristram	Biggs	kinsman	
male child	Dyer		son of John Dyer of Upton Lovell
William	Lewis	kinsman	son of John Lewis of Heytesbury
Christopher	Turner	kinsman	son of Christopher & Mary Turner deceased
Elizabeth	Turner	kinswoman	dau of Christopher & Mary Turner deceased
John	Turner	kinsman	son of Christopher & Mary Turner deceased
WITNESSES			
Mary	Child		
Jo:	Hughes		
OTHER NAMES			
none			

I **William Lewis** of Heytesbury in the county of Wilts shopkeeper do hereby revoke and make void all and every Will and Wills Testament and testaments by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this to be my only last will and Testament which followeth that is to say first I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid and satisfied also I give and bequeath to my kinswoman **Anne Biggs** daughter of **Tristram Biggs** of Little Langford in the said County of Wilts the sum of five hundred pounds at the age of twenty one years and if she shall dye before she attains to the said age twenty one years then I give the said five hundred pounds to her Sister **Catherine Biggs** at her age of twenty one years and if they shall both dye under the said age then I give and devise the said five hundred pounds to my Kinsman **Thomas Biggs** their Brother Also I give and bequeathed to my said Kinswoman **Katherine[sic] Biggs** the sum of one hundred pounds at the age of twenty one years and if she shall happen to dye before she attains the said age then I give the said one hundred pounds to her Brother **Thomas Biggs** also I give and bequeathed to my Kinsfolk **Christopher Turner John Turner** and **Elizabeth Turner** children of **Christopher** and **Mary Turner** late of Fisherton Delamare deceased the sum of one hundred pounds apiece at their respective ages of twenty one years and if either of them dyes before the said age the Legacy of him her or them so dying shall go to and be to the same use as the residuum of my personal Estate and [unknown] therein Also I give and bequeath to **William Lewis** son of my Kinsman **John Lewis** of Heytesbury aforesaid Yeoman the sum of One hundred pounds at his age of twenty one years and if he shall dye under the said age then the said one hundred pounds shall go and be to the sole use of my residuary Legatee hereinafter named Also I give and bequeathed to my Godchild the son of **John Dyer** of Upton Lovell in the said County Yeoman the sum of one hundred pounds at its age of twenty one years and if the said child shall dye before it attains the said age then I will that the said one hundred pounds shall go and be to my said residuary Legatee hereinafter named and to the same use as I shall give the Residuum of my personal Estate Also I give and bequeath to the poor of Heytesbury aforesaid the sum of twenty pounds to be given and distributed amongst them by ten pounds at the next Christmas and ten pounds the Christmas following at the discretion of my Kinsmen the said **Tristram Biggs** and **Thomas Biggs** his son Lastly I give devise and bequeathed to the said **Tristram Biggs** and **Thomas Biggs** all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Moneys Goods Chattels and Effects and all other my personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever In Trust nevertheless and for the use of my Kinswoman **Elizabeth Townsend** to be paid and delivered to her at her age of twenty one years and if she shall happen to dye before she attains said age then to and for the sole use of them the said **Tristram Biggs** and **Thomas Biggs** whom I make nominate and appoint Executors of this my said last Will in trust and for the use aforesaid and I give to them for their trouble herein ten pounds apiece In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of August 1738 Will^m Lewis - Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator **William Lewis** in the presence of **Mary Child Jo: Hughes**

This will was proved at London before the Rt Worshipful John Betterworth[?] Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the twentyeth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight by the Oaths of **Tristram Biggs** and **Thomas Biggs** Executors in Trust in the said Will named to whom

Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased they being first sworn by Commission duly to administer the same.