

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of John Gibbs  
of Melksham  
Admon with Will Proved  
24th May 1758*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference PCC Prob11/838

<b>Testator:</b>	Gibbs	John	Innholder of Melksham
<b>Executors:</b>			
Gale	John		Joint Executor
Gibbs	Thomas	Brother	Joint Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Gale	John		Yeoman of Melksham and Trustee to Will
Gibbs		Children	To benefit after the death of Everist Gibbs
Gibbs	Everist	Wife	Legacy held in trust
Gibbs	Thomas	Brother	Trustee to Will
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Chivers	John		
Stantiall	Chris		
<b>Other Names</b>			

In the Name of God Amen I John Gibbs of Melksham in the County of Wilts Innholder being sick and weak in Body but of sound Mind Memory and Understanding do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) All my Goods and Chattels Stock in Trade Credits Money and wearing Apparel I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Gibbs and John Gale of the said Parish of Melksham Yeoman but In Trust for the use and benefit of Everist my beloved Wife for and during her natural Life if she shall so long continue my Widow and my Will and meaning is that if she keep unmarried during her natural Life that then and in such Case She may and shall have such Power and Authority to make a Will and dispose of all such Goods Chattels Stock in Trade Credits and Money as she shall be possessed of at the time of her Death to such Children of mine as shall be then living at her Discretion in such manner as shall best appear to her but if my Wife shall Marry then my said brother Thomas Gibbs and John Gale may and shall have full Power and Authority to take All such Goods Chattels Stock in Trade Credits Money and so forth (as by my Inventory to be made thereof soon after my Decease) that shall be then and at the time of such Marriage appear to be in her Possession and dispose thereof to such of my Children as shall be then living share and share alike

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as appears most Equitable to them Allowing for what some of them have had before And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Brother Thomas Gibbs and the said John Gale to Executors in Trust of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven *J: Gibbs*

(Attestation Clause)

*John Chivers\_ Chris Stantiall*

24 May 1758 Administration with Will annexed to Everist Gibbs Widow (Thomas Gibbs and John Gale having renounced)

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