

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Lewis Brabant
of Shaw, Melksham
Will proved 24th January 1757*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC Prob11/827

Testator:	Brabant	Lewis	Gentleman
Executors:			
Brabant	John	Brother	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
		6 Pall Bearers	
Archer	Thomas		Clothier of Whitley, Melksham - Trustee to Will
Brabant	John	Brother	Cabinet Maker, Late of Birmingham but now of London
Pinnegar	William		Gentleman of Chippenham
Rutty	Mary	Servant	
Rutty	Samuel		Clothier of Melksham
Spender	Thomas		Victualler of Newton, Bradford on Avon - Trustee to Will
Thatcher	John		Son of Sarah Thatcher, Spinster of Tytherton Kellaways
Witnesses			
Harvey	John		
Reeves	William		
Rutty	Jane		Made her mark
Other Names			

In the Name of God Amen I Lewis Brabant of Shaw in the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts Gentleman being Weak in Body but of Sound and Disposing Mind Memory and Understanding thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to have full pardon of my Sins and my Body I commit to the Earth to be Decently burried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter mentioned And as touching and concerning such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath Pleas'd God to bless me in this life I Give and Dispose thereof as followeth First I Give Devise and bequeath unto Samuel Rutty of Melksham aforesaid

Clothier Thomas Archer of Whitley in the Parish of Melksham aforesaid Clothier and Thomas Spender of newtown in the parish of Bradford in the said County Victualler All that my freehold messuage or Tenement Malthouse Barns Stables Outhouses Gardens Orchards Closes of Arable Meadow and Pasture Land with all Commons feedings and Common of Pasture with their and every of their Appurtenances Situate lying and being in the Parish of Melksham aforesaid or Elsewhere in the said County of Wilts To hold to the said Samuel Ruty Thomas Archer and Thomas Spender and the Survivors and Survivor of them their Heirs and Assigns for ever In Trust to Sell and Dispose of the same as soon as conveniently may be after my decease for the best price and prices that can or may be gotten for the same and out of the monies arising by such sale or Disposall in the first place to pay all my just Debts Legacys and funeral Expences and the Overplus of such moneys (if any) to pay to my Executor hereinafter named Also I Give devise and bequeath unto John Thatcher Son of Sarah Thatcher of Tytherton Kellaways in the said County Spinster the Sum of fifty five pounds of lawful money of Great Britain (that is to say) fifteen Pounds part thereof to place him out an Apprentice when he arrives to the Age of fourteen years and forty Pounds residue thereof Age of Twenty four years both which sums of fifteen Pounds and forty Pounds I direct shall be paid by my Trustees or Executor hereinafter named as aforesaid Also I Give Devise and bequeath to Mary Ruty now Servant with me the Sum of Twenty Pounds of like lawful money of Great Britain Also I Give to the said Thomas Archer and Thomas Spender Ten Guineas each as a Gratuity to them for any Trouble they may have in the Execution of the Trust in them reposed Also I Give to William Pinnegar of Chippenham in the said County Gentleman the sum of Ten Guineas to advise my said Trustees how to act in the Execution of the Trust in them reposed in the best manner he can Also I Give to my six paul bearers One Guinea A Piece to buy them Mourning Rings Also I Give devise and bequeath unto my Brother John Brabant late of Birmingham Cabinet Maker but now of the City of London All my Household Goods Household furniture Stock in Trade Stock of Cattle of all Sorts and kinds ready Money Securities for monies Book Debts together with all the rest residue and remainder of all and Singular my real and Personal Estate not herein before disposed of after my Debts Legacys and funeral Expences shall be fully Satisfyed and Paid as aforesaid And I do hereby nominate constitute and Appoint my said Brother John Brabant Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of November In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty Six *Lewis Brabant*

(Attestation Clause)

Jno Harvey _ Wm Reeves _ Jane Ruty her Mark

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