

*The Last Will and Testament  
of Arabella Browne  
of Minety  
Will proved  
24th September 1744*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference  
Will dated 4th May 1744

<b>Testator:</b>	Browne	Arabella	Of Minety
<b>Executors:</b>			
Calley	Arabella	Daughter	Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			Poor of the Neighbourhood
			Parish Clerk
Butterfield	Lettice	Daughter	Wife of William Butterfield
Calley	William	Son in Law	
Calley	Arabella	Daughter	Wife of William Calley
Carpenter	Jane	Servant	Servant
Carpenter	John		
Francome	Richard		
Nott	John	Son	
Nott	Joseph	Grandson	
Stephens	Ann		
Willis	Jane		
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Hayward	James		
Joachim	William		
Miles	Thomas		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Garlick	Joseph		
Pleydell	William		
Robertson	Thomas		
Stephens	William		
Taylor	Robert		

## Transcription

In the Name of God Amen I Arabella Browne of Minety in the County of Wilts do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and do declare my last Will and Testament to be as followeth that is to say

First my Will is and I do hereby order direct and appoint that all my Freehold and Leasehold & Parsonages Tythe Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever lately belonging to my Brother William Pleydell Clerk deceased shall go and be unto my Daughters Arabella Calley Wife of William Calley Esq. and Lettice Butterfield Wife of William Butterfield Clerk according to the direction and appointment by me made thereof in and by a certain Deed or Indenture bearing Date the Twenty fourth day of March which was in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and twenty six (or some other date) and I do hereby ratify and confirm the Said Deed or Indenture and everything therein contained.

*Item* I Give Devise and bequeath unto my Grandson Joseph Nott All my Copyhold Messuages or Tenement with the Closed Lands Tenements Common of Pasture and Appurtenances thereunto belonging Situate lying and being within the Manor of Midghall in the Parish of Liddiard Treygooze in the said County of Wilts To hold the same unto the said Joseph Nott his Executors Administrators and Assigns from my Death for and during so long time as the Widow of the said John Nott shall live Sole and unmarried and during all other my Term Interest and Estate whatsoever in the same Copyhold Premises.

*Item* I Give Devise and bequeath unto my said Son John Nott the sum of Three hundred pounds.

*Item* I Give devise and bequeath unto my said Daughter Lettice Butterfield the sum of Ten pounds to buy her a Suit of Mourning Cloaths Also I Give unto her the said Lettice Butterfield my Silver Coffee Pott my Wrought Silver Cup and my two Silver Spoons marked with the Letters A N.

*Item* I Give and bequeath unto Richard Francome of Minety aforesaid my Burial Cloth and the Mourning Ring which my late husband always wore.

*Item* I Give and bequeath unto my Son in Law William Calley the sum of Five upon trust that he and his Executors and Administrators shall pay and dispose of the same sum of Five pounds and the Interest that shall be made thereof if any at such time and Times and by such shares and proportions as he or they shall think fit into the proper hands of my servant Jane Carpenter Wife of John Carpenter or her assigns or into the hands of such person or persons as the said Jane by any writing under her name shall appoint To and for the sole and separate use of the said Jane and not for the use of her husband nor to be subject or lyable to his Debts Engagements Release Receipt intermedling disposition or power

*Item* I Give and bequeath unto the said Jane Carpenter for her care of me Such of my Household Goods of all sorts as my Executrix hereinafter named shall think fit the same to be of the value of Ten pounds or upwards I also give unto the said Jane Carpenter all my Wearing Apparell of every sort and kind whatsoever unless my Daughters or either of them shall be minded to keep any of it for their own use and my Desire is that the said Jane Carpenter Shall give a Little of the Worst of my Cloaths to Jane Willis and one of my Shifs to each of the Persons who shall lay me out at my death And further I Give unto the said Jane Carpenter my Red Cloath Mantle laced with Silver and the chest of Drawers in my Dining Room

*Item* I Give bequeath and devise unto my said Daughter Arabella Calley and to her Executors and Administrators All the rest and residue of my Ready Money Plate Household Goods and other Goods Chattels and personal Estate Whatsoever not hereby otherwise disposed of And I nominate Constitute and Appoint my said Daughter Arabella Calley full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And Desire her to buy a pint Silver Coffee Pott and to Give and present the same to Ann Stephens Daughter of William Stephens Clerk I also desire my said Executrix to bury me in a very private manner in my Dear Husbands Grave and to be carried to Church by Richard Francome Thomas Robertson Robert Taylor and Joseph Garlick and that she give to John Carpenter a full suit of Mourning from Head to foot and to the Parish Clerk a Grey Coat and that she give and distribute something handsome in money at or after my funerall to and amongst my poor neighbours living near to my dwelling house in such manner and by such shares and proportions as She my said Executrix in her discretion Shall think fit but the Widows to have the greater part thereof

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the fourth day of May in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Four

-----*Ara. Browne*-----

Signed Sealed and delivered by the said Arabella Browne the Testatrix and by her published and declared to be her last Will and Testament in our presence and by us attested and Subscribed in the presence of the said Testatrix

-----*Tho. Miles*-----*William Joachim*-----*James Hayward*

This Will was proved at London the Twenty fourth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and forty four before the Right Worshipfull John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Arabella Calley Wife of William Calley Esquire the Daughter 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 being first sworn by Commission duly to Administer the same