

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Richard Matthews or Mathews  
of Oaksey  
Will Proved  
13<sup>th</sup> December 1770*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference  
Will Dated 5th April 1770

<b>Testator:</b>	Matthews	Richard	Butcher of Kemble Wick, Oaksey
<b>Executors:</b>			
Matthews	John	Son	Joint Executor
Matthews	William	Son	Joint Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Fisher	Ann	Daughter	
Fisher	Ann	Grand Daughter	Child of Ann Fisher
Fisher	Betty	Grand Daughter	Child of Ann Fisher
Fisher	John	Grandson	Child of Ann Fisher
Fisher	June	Grand Daughter	Child of Ann Fisher
Fisher	Mary	Grand Daughter	Child of Ann Fisher
Fisher	Richard	Grandson	Child of Ann Fisher
Fisher	Sarah	Grand Daughter	Child of Ann Fisher
Matthews	John	Son	
Matthews	Sarah	Daughter	
Matthews	William	Son	
Parker		Grand Children	Children of Betty Parker
Parker	Betty	Daughter	
Parker	Mary	Grand Daughter	Daughter of Betty Parker
Sparrow	John	Grandson	
Sparrow	Mary	Daughter	
Sparrow	William	Grandson	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Fisher	Edward		
Prince	John		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Chout {?}	Elizabeth		Tenant of property
Fisher	George		Tenant of property
Gibbins	John		Tenant of property
Golding	Samuel		Tenant of property
Seviford {?}	Ralph		Tenant of property

In the Name of God Amen. I Richard Matthews of Kemble Wick in the parish of Oaksey in the County of Wilts Butcher being weak in body but of a Sound and Disposing Mind Memory and understanding (blessed be God therefore) Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

Imprimus I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who Gave it me And my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection through the Merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and as for that Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows

Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my Son William Matthews and his Heirs for ever All that Freehold Messuage or Tenement wherein I now Dwell with all and every of the appurts thereunto belonging and also Two Freehold Grounds called by the name of Morrisses and also two Grounds called by the name of Moulders Wickses And also two Grounds called by the name Cambridges all which Said Premisses are Situate lying and being in the Parish of Oaksey in the said County of Wilts And also all that Copyhold Messuage or Tenement now or late in the Occupation of Elizabeth Chout {?} and also the little Ground called by the name of Cardryes Acre all which last mentioned Land and premisses are lying and being in the Parish of Kemble in the County aforesaid To have and To hold all and Singular my said Freehold and Copyhold Messuages and premisses with all the appurts thereunto belonging (above mentioned) unto my Said Son William Matthews his Heirs and Assigns for ever Paying to my Daughter Mary Sparrow for and During her natural life yearly and every year One Rent Charge of Eight pounds a year to be Issuing out of the above mentioned Grounds (that is to say) the Grounds and Lands called Moulders Wickses and Cambridges and to be paid into the hands of my said Daughter Mary Sparrow half yearly (that is to say) at the Feast of St Michael and Lady Day by even and equal portions (and with power for to Distrain for the same in Case the said Sum of Eight pounds a year or any part thereof shall not be paid as before mentioned) the first payment to be made at or upon the first of the said Feast Days as shall first happen after my Decease

Item I Give and bequeath to my two Sons William and John Matthews all that my Leasehold Messuages and Premisses called or known by the name *Wick Lease otherwise Esquires Ground* {?} and also three Grounds thereunto belonging One Ground called Mileses Wood Grounds Majors Wood Grounds one called Wick Lease otherwise Esquires Ground all which said premisses are situate lying and being in the Parish of Kemble in the County aforesaid To have and To hold to them my said Sons William and John Matthews their Executors Admors and Assigns from and Imediately after my Decease for and during the residue of the Term then to come and unexpired therein Granted to me but nevertheless Upon Trust that they my two Sons William and John Matthews and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors or Admors of such Survivor shall permit and suffer her my said Daughter Ann Fisher to have hold and enjoy the said Leasehold Estate (herein last above mentioned) and to then receive the Rents Issues and profits thereof from and Imediately after my Decease for and during so much of the term as shall run out and Expire in the life time of her my said Daughter Ann Fisher

And after her Decease upon this further Trust that they the said William and John Matthews and their Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Admors of such Survivor shall permit and suffer them the said Children of my Daughter Ann Fisher which shall be then living at her Decease To have hold possess and Enjoy all the aforesaid Leasehold Estate with all and every of the Appurts thereunto belonging (share and share alike) and to Receive the Rents issues and profits thereof to their own proper use and uses from and imediately after her my said Daughter Ann Fishers Decease for and during all the residue of the Term therein to me Granted which shall be then to come and unexpired

And further my Will and meaning is that if in case my said Daughter Ann Fisher shall happen to die before the youngest child arrives to his or her respective age of twenty one years that then and in such case it is my Will that the four youngest Children (of my Daughter Ann Fisher) shall receive all the Rents Issues and Profits of the before mentioned Lands and premisses untill the youngest Child arrives to the Age of Twenty one years And after the said youngest Child arrives to his or her respective age of Twenty one years the said Land and Premisses above mentioned shall be Divided equally between all and every respect as first above mentioned

Item I Give and bequeath to my two Sons William and John Matthews all that my Leasehold Messuage and Premises called or known by the name of Fishers House now or late occupied by Ralph Seviford {?} and Samuel Golding Also that Ground and Orchard called Fishers Also all my Leasehold Ground called Pits Wood Ground two Grounds called Halls Wood Grounds one Ground called Mistress Turners Wick Leaze All which said premises are Situate lying and being in the Parish of Kemble in the County aforesaid To have and to hold to them my said Sons William and John Matthews their Executors Admors and Assigns from and Immediately after my Decease for and during the residue of the Term then to come and unexpired therein Granted to me

But nevertheless Upon Trust that they my two Sons William and John Matthews and the survivors and survivor of them and the Executors or Admors of such a Survivor shall permit and suffer her my said Daughter Betty Parker To have hold possess and enjoy all the said Leasehold Estate and premises herein last above mentioned and to receive the Rents Issues and Profits thereof from and Immediately after my Decease for and during so much of the Term as shall run out and Expire in the life time of her my said Daughter Betty Parker

And after her Decease upon this further Trust that they the said William and John Matthews and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Admors of such Survivor Shall permit and Suffer them the said Children of my Daughter Betty Parker which shall then be living at her Decease To have hold Possess and enjoy all the aforesaid Leasehold Estate Messuage and premises with all and every of the appurts thereunto belonging Share and Share alike and to receive the Rents Issues and Profits thereof to their own proper use and uses from and Immediately after her my said Daughter Betty Parkers Decease for and during all the residue of the Term therein to me Granted which shall be then to come and unexpired

Item I Give and bequeath to all my Daughter Ann Fisher's Children namely Mary John Sarah Ann June Richard and Betty Fisher Twenty pounds a piece of Good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to them (by my Executors or the Survivors of them or the Executors of such Survivors) at their respective age or ages of Twenty one years. And further my Will is that if in case any one or more of them my said Grand Children Shall Die before they arrives to their respective Age or Ages of Twenty one years then and in such case the Survivors of them shall have their Shares So dying divided equally between them And also my Will is that the said Money Shall be put out to Interest by my Executors until they arrive to their respective Age or Ages of Twenty one years and the Interest arising thereof Shall be paid into the hands of my said Daughter Ann Fisher by my Executors or the Survivors of them yearly and every year towards the maintenance of the said Children

Item I Give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary Parker the sum of Twenty pounds of Good and lawful money of Great Britain, to be paid to her by my Executors or the Survivors of them or the Executors of such Survivors at her respective Age of Twenty one years And also my Will is that the said Twenty pounds (before mentioned) shall be put out to Interest by my Executors until her my said Grand Daughter Mary Parker arrives to the age of Twenty one years and the Interest thereof to be paid into the hands of my said Daughter Betty Parker yearly and every year until her my said Grand Daughter Mary Parker arrives to the age of Twenty one years

And Further my will and meaning is, if in case my Grand Daughter Mary Parker Shall Die before her arrives to the Age of Twenty one years then the said Twenty pounds Shall Survive to the next Child which my said Daughter Betty Parker shall have if all of them shall Dye before her or his respective Age of Twenty one years then in such case the said Twenty pounds shall be Divided equally between such of my Children which shall then be living

Item I Give and bequeath to my two Sons William and John Matthews all that my Leasehold Messuage and premises called or known by the Name of Gibbins's now or late Occupied by George Fisher and John Gibbins also three Grounds called Gibbinses two little Wood leazes called Fishers and the Wood Land thereunto Adjoining and all that Wood Leaze called Wallis's one Ground called Lucks {?} Wood Ground All which said Land and premises are situate lying and being in the parish of Kemble aforesaid To have and to Hold to them my said Sons William and John Matthews their Executors Admors and Assigns from and Immediately after my Decease for and during the residue of the Term then to come and unexpired therein Granted to me But nevertheless upon Trust that they my two Sons William and John Matthews and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Admors of such Survivor shall permit and suffer her my said Daughter Sarah Matthews To have hold possess and Enjoy all the said Leasehold Estate and premises herein last above

mentioned and to receive the Rents issues and profits thereof from and Immediately after my Decease for and during so much of the Term as shall run out and Expire in the life time of her my Said Daughter Sarah Matthews

And also my Will and meaning is if in Case my said Daughter Sarah Matthews shall have any Issue then the said Child or Children shall have hold possess and enjoy after the Decease of my said Daughter Sarah Matthews (Share and Share alike) all the said Leasehold Estate Land and Premisses herein last above mentioned and to Receive the Rents Issues and Profits thereof to his her or their own proper use and uses from and Immediately after her my said Daughter Sarah Matthews decease for and During all the rest and residue of the Term therein to me Granted which shall be then to come and unexpired

And further my Will is that if in Case my said Daughter Sarah Shall have no Issue then the said Messuage Land and Premisses herein last above mentioned shall Survive and be equally Divided between such of my said Children (or their Executors or Assigns) as shall then be living after her my said Daughter Sarah Matthews's Decease

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Matthews the Sum of Two hundred pounds of Good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executors within Six months after my Decease likewise I Give unto my Daughter Sarah all my Household Goods of what kind so ever or wheresoever And also I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah all my ready money which I shall have lay by me at my decease

Item I Give and bequeath to my two Grand Children (namely) William and John Sparrow the Sum of Twenty pounds a piece of Good and lawful Money of Great Britain the said money to be paid to them by my Executors when they arrives to the Age of Twenty one years

Item as to all the rest and residue of my personal Estate Bills Bonds and Effects of what kind so ever after my Just Debts Funeral Expenses and Legacies herein before bequeathed be paid off and Discharged I Give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Two Sons William and John Matthews whom I hereby Nominate and Appoint Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament

And I do hereby revoke and make void all other Wills by me at any time before made declaring this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Richard Matthews the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written upon four Sheets of Paper set my hand and Seal this Fifth Day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven and Seventy

----- *Richard Matthews* -----

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testator Richard Matthews as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Set our names as witnesses in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other

----- *Edward Fisher* ----- *John Prince* -----

This Will was proved at London the thirteenth Day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy before the Right Worshipful George Kay Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully Constituted by the Oaths of William Matthews and John Matthews the Sons of the deceased and Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was Granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased they having been first Sworn By Commission Duly to Administer