

*The Last Will and Testament of  
William Rooke  
of Potterne  
Will proved 17 November 1701*



Will dated 17 June 1701  
Buried 24 June 1701, Potterne  
Court of London  
Original reference: PCC Prob 11/462

<b>Testator:</b>	Rooke	William	Gentleman
<b>Sole Executor:</b>			
Rooke	Richard	Son	Whole and sole executor
<b>Trustees and Overseers:</b>			
North	Thomas		
White	Thomas		

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
North	Jane	Daughter	Wife of Thomas
North	Thomas	Son in law	Mr
Rooke	-	child	Due to be born
Rooke	Ann	Daughter	
Rooke	Charles	Son	
Rooke	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Rooke	Hester	Daughter	
Rooke	Hester	Wife	
Rooke	Richard	Son	
White	Thomas	Brother in law	Mr
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Sainsbury	William		
Snell	Joyce		
Taylor	Jane		

*In the name of God Amen* I William Rooke of Potterne in the County of Wilts gent being sick and weake in Body but of a sound minde and disposing memory praise be given to God therefore and being sensible of the frailty and imertainly of this life doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament following revoking disanulling and making void all former and other wills by me made whatsoever And first I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me trusting in through the meritts of his sonn Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and dear Redeemer to inherit eternall life and salvation And my body I committ to me earth from where it was taken to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named And as for touching and concerning that temperall Estate the Lord of his mercy hath here bestowed upon me I dispose thereof as followeth Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto Hester my loveing Wife the use of all

and singular my household goods and implements of household and plate for and during the terme of her naturall life And from and after her decease I give and bequeath the same to and amongst all and every of my children that shall be liveing at the time of my said wives decease to be equally divided between them share and share alike according to the best judgement and discretion of my Executors in trust herein after named

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son in law Mr Thomas Northand my daughter Jane his wife twelve pence a piece.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann the sum of one hundred pounds of lawfull money of England.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughters Hester and Elizabeth the sumes of three hundred pounds a piece of like lawfull money

Item. I give and bequeath unto my sonn Charles Rooke the sume of four hundred pounds of the like lawfull money

Item. Whereas my Wife is now with childe and very near the tome of her delivery my will is and I do hereby give unto such childe that my said Wife now goeth with all the sume of three hundred pounds of like lawfull money

All which said legacies my will is shall be payd unto my said children at their and every of their severall and respective ages of one and twenty years or dayes of marryage which of them shall first happen And in the meane time my will is that all and singular my said childrens legacies and portions shall be putt forth at interest for their best benefitt and advantage by my Executors in trust hereinafter named And that the interest and product thereof shall goe remaine and before and towards the maintenance education and livelihood of my said children until their respective legacies shall become due as aforesaid and if any overplus of interest shall happen to be my will is that the same shall be payd unto my said children respectively when their said legacies shall become due and payable unto them And my will is that if any of my said children any or either of them shall happen to dye before his her or their legacy and legacies shall become due and payable as aforesaid That then the legacy and legacies of all or such of my said children children soe dyeing shall goe remaine and be to and amongst the survivors and survivor of my said children (excepting my daughter Jane) to be equally divided between them.

Item. My further will and meaneing is and I doe hereby order and direct that if any of my said childrens portions and legacies when the same shall be putt forth at interest shall happen to be lest and the person and persons who shall or may have the same shall happen to prove insolvent and not able to pay the same That then and in such case my will is That all and on of my said children shall bear their and every of their ratable and proportonable less thereof and that my trustees and executors in trust hereafter named shall be saved harmless and kept indemnified there from And also I doe will and order that what cost charges and expence my Executors in Trust shall be at and putt unto about the management and execution of this my Will that the same shall be borne and payd unto them and either of them out of my personall Estate

Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my said sonn in law Mt Thomas North and my loveing brother in law Mr Thomas White of Potterne aforesaid All those my freehold messauges lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever with their and every of their appurtenances situate lyeing and being in Potterne in the said County of Wilts. To hold to them the said Thomas North and Thomas White their heires and assigns forever in trust nevertheless to and for the uses intents and purposes hereinafter mentions and declares and to and for none other use intent or purpose whatsoever (that is to say) That if all and singular my goods chattells and personall estate my household goods and implements of household and plate excepted after my debts and funerall expences shall be payd and discharged shall not amount unto and be sufficient to raise and paying said childrens legacies That then they the said Thomas North and Thomas White and the survivor of them his heires and assigns shall may either by sale of all or any part of my freehold lands aforesaid or by demiseing or mortgageing the same or any part thereof for any terme or number of years whatsoever or by raiseing out of

the yearly rents issues and profitts they or either of them in their discretion shall think best and convenient raise such sume and sumes of money out of the rents issues and profitts of the said premisses or by sale or mortgage thereof or any part or parcell thereof As together with the goods chattells and personall estate aforesaid will raise and make up all and singular said children legacies aforesaid And afterwards I give and devise my said freehold lands unto my sonn Richard Rooke his heires and assigns forever

Item. My debts legacies and funerall expenses being payd and discharged I give and bequeath the residue and remainder of my goods and chattells unto my said sonn Richard Rooke whom I doe hereby make my whole and sole Executor of this my Will And I doe hereby devise nominate and appoint the said Thomas North and Thomas White Executors in trust of this my will dureing my said sonns minority and do wholly appoint them Trustees and and Overseers of my said children dureing their minority In witness where I the said William Rooke have hereunto set my hand and seale the seventeenth day of June in the thirteenth year of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord William the third over England King x-- Annoq Dui one thousand seven hundred and one the marke of William Rooke signed sealed published and declared to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of Jane Taylor the marke of Jouce Snell, Wm Sainsbury.

*Probatum* fuit hujusnodi testamentum apud London

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[17 November 1701]