

*The Last Will and Testament
Letter of Intention
Of John Skuse
of Trowbridge
Admon with Will Proved
15th December 1748*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC Prob11/766
Letter Dated 18th January 1746

Testator:	Skuse	John	
Executors:			
Brooks	John	Cousin	Baker of Horseferry, London & Sole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Witnesses			
Other Names			
Dodsworth	Ramsden	Commissioner of Oaths	
Grant	John	Gentleman	Of Trowbridge; Swore oath as to confirm handwriting of the deceased
Mortimer	Joseph	Principal Creditor	Of Gosport, Hampshire
Rider	Abel	Mealman	Of Staverton; Swore oath as to confirm handwriting of the deceased

Portsmouth January 18th 1746

Dr Cossin

I am very sorry I had not the Oppertunity of seeing you before I left London for I was hurried on board without any time to speak to a friend but now am safe arrived at Portsmouth but with great difficulty being in a hard Gale of wind was drove on shore Therefore I make bold to Inform you how matters stand I am going to Gibraltar and from thence to Port Mahone where perhaps I may stay all my lifetime or at least six or seven Years but that's uncertain You know when my Sister is of Age I am intitled to a considerable Sum of Money and as I have no friend in London and Life is uncertain I do hereby Authorize and Impower you when my Sister is of Age to receive of the Trustees all my share and Interest of and in my ffather's effects and I give such Receipts for the same as shall be necessary And in Case I should happen to dye I give all my Moneys Goods Chattles and Credits whatsoever to you whom I make sole Executor When I came away from London I

was quite destitute and wanted Money and continued so ever since Therefore I desire you'l be so kind as to send me a truffle (which will be of vast Service to me) by the Portsmouth Carrier who puts up at the White Hart in the Burrough by directing for me on board the St Lewis Captain Shesty Commandr at Spithead pray let me hear from you forthwith for we expect to sett Sail every Day do no more but remain Your Loving Kinsman & Hble Servt _ *Jno Skuse* P.S. pray be expeditious N.B. a little Money now will be of more Service to me than all the Money I ever had in my life for I can make a penny fetch me a Shilling _ To Mr John Brooks

John Grant of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts Gent and Abel Rider of Staverton in the Parish of Trowbridge aforesaid Mealman severally make Oath and say that they were well acquainted with John Skuse late of Trowbridge aforesaid Gent. Deceased and with his manner and Character of Handwriting having often seen him write And these Deponents further made Oath and say that they having viewed the paper writing hereunto annexed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus (Portsmouth January 18th 1746) ending thus (N.B. a little Money now will be of more Service to me than all the Money I ever had in my life for I can make a penny fetch me a Shilling) thus Subscribed Your Loving Kinsman & Hble Servt _ *Jno Skuse* _ and thus directed (To Mr John Brooks a Baker at the Horse fferry Westminster London) they these deponents do verily believe the whole of the said Paper Writing Subscription and Direction to be all totally wrote Subscribed and directed by and with the proper hand Writing of the said John Skuse *Jno Grant* _ *Abel Rider* The above named John Grand and Abel Rider were sworn to the truth of the Premises the twelfth day of December 1748 before me Ramsden Dodsworth a Commissioner

On the fifteenth day of December One thousand Seven hundred and fforty eight Administration (with the Will annexed) of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of John Skuse late of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts Gent. But at Gosport in the County of Southampton deceased was granted to Joseph Mortimer Principal Creditor of the said deceased being first sworn by Commission duly to Administer John Brook the sole Executor and residuary Legatee first renouncing

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