

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Benjamin Cottle  
of Trowbridge  
Will proved 5th January 1754*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference PCC Prob11/806

<b>Testator:</b>	Cottle	Benjamin	Mercer & Draper of Trowbridge
<b>Executors:</b>			
Cottle	Richard	Brother	Clothier of Trowbridge
Cottle	Thomas	Brother	Clothier of Trowbridge

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Cottle	Martha	Sister	Spinster of Trowbridge
Cottle	Richard	Brother	Clothier of Trowbridge
Cottle	Thomas	Brother	Clothier of Trowbridge
Cottle	William	Brother	Butcher of London
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Brewer	William		
Morgan	William		
<b>Other Names</b>			

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Cottle of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts Mercer and Draper being weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory (thanks be to God for it) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (that is to say) Principally I recommend my poor Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and for my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors First my desire is that all my Debts that appear Just be Paid soon as possible and I hereby appoint constitute and ordain my Brother Richard Cottle of Trowbridge aforesaid in the said County Wilts Clothier and my Brother Thomas Cottle of the same place and County aforesaid Clothier to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament And after all my lawful Debts are discharged and paid and there should remain any Overplus of my Chattels and Goods, then my will and desire is that it should be equally divided between my three Brothers and my Sister that is to say, my Brother Richard Cottle of Trowbridge aforesaid Clothier and my Brother Willm Cottle Butcher of the City of London and my Brother Thomas Cottle of Trowbridge aforesaid Clothier and my Sister Martha Cottle of the same Place and County Spinster and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills and Legacies Bequests and Executors by me at any time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty three *Benj: Cottle* to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us *Willm Brewer \_ William Morgan*

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