

Will of James Shrapnell 1757



In the Name of the Only living and true God Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen I James Shrapnell of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts late Clothier Do Revoke and make Void all and every Will and Wills Testament and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made And I do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament as followeth Item I Give the Remainder of the time to come on the Leases of the Mills and the Courts to my Son James Shrapnell he paying his Mother Ten Pounds per Annum and also performing the Covenants of the said Leases Item I Give and Devise all my ffreehold Messuages Tenements Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever to my Son Richard Shrapnell and his Heirs for ever to for and upon the Several uses and Subject and liable to the Several charges and Payments hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, the profits to the use and behoof of my said Wife for and during the Term of her natural life and from and Immediately after her Death, that is to say, of my said Wife to the use and behoof of my said Son Richard Shrapnell his Heirs and Assigns for ever But Subject nevertheless And I do hereby charge all and Singular the same Premises with the Payment of the Several Sums of Money following that is to say with the Sum of ffour hundred and ffifty pounds to my Son James Shrapell with the Sum of ffour hundred and ffifty pounds to my Son in Law James Whereat with the Sum of ffour hundred and ffifty pounds to my Son in law James Coles to be paid to them respectively in manner following, that is to say, In Six Months next after the Decease of my said Wife and my said Sister Shrapnell that is in Six Months after the Death of the longest liver All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels and Personal Estate I Give and bequeath to my Son Richard Shrapnell In Trust that he do and Shall manage the same to the best Advantage he can and pay and Apply and Dispose of the Interest and profits that may arise to the Paying my Sister in Law Shrapnell during her life the Interest on her Settlement which is the Sum of ffifty ffour Pounds per Annum the remainder to my Wife during her life And after the Decease of my said Sister in Law Shrapnell for this further use and Trust that the Sum of Eleven hundred pounds being my Sister in Law Settlement shall be Divided in Equal Shares to all my Children And after the Decease of my Wife and also of my said Sister Shrapnell I Do hereby Direct that the residual or remaining part of my Personal Estate Shall be Equally divided between my Son James Shrapnell my Sons in Law James Wereat and James Coles Share and Share alike And In Case of any Dispute or difference shall arise between the partys mentioned in this my said Will concerling anything relating thereunto or to the Execution of the same My Will is and I do hereby direct that such disputes and differences shall be adjusted and finally determined by my said Son Richard Shrapnell whom I Constitute and Appoint Executor in Trust of this my Will written with my own hand may you my Dear Wife and Children bear and forbear with each other having your hearts united and nitt together in love In Witness of this being my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Second day of July In the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and ffifty Seven Jas Shrapnell

(Attestation Clause)

Nicholas Cross _ Elizabeth Cross _ Henry Coles