

*The Last Will and Testament of
Richard Shrapnell
of Trowbridge
Will proved 28th May 1730*



Probate Court of London

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Testator:	Shrapnell	Richard	Clothier of Trowbridge
Executors:	Shrapnell	James	Sole Executor Son of Deceased

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
		Free School	Trowbridge
Coles	Henry	Grandson	
Coles	James	Grandson	
Coles	Margaret	Grandaughter	
Coles/Cooke		Grandchild	No Given Name Recorded
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Cooke	Honnor	Daughter	
Shrapnell		Wife	
Shrapnell	Edward	Son	
Shrapnell	James	Son	
WITNESSES			
Webb	Mary		Made her mark
Willett	Henry		
Willet	Thomas		
OTHER NAMES			
Cooke	John	Son in law	
Holloway	William	Master	Of the Free School in Trowbridge
Shrapnell	Phillip	Son	
Watts	John		Gentleman of Trowbridge

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Shrapnell of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts Clothier being in health and of sound and perfect Mind and Memory praise be to Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in the following Manner and fform Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Wife all such goods as she brought with her Item I give

and bequeath unto my Daughter Honnor Cooke One Annuity or yearly Sum of Tenn Pounds per Ann. Clear from all Deductions whatsoever during her natural life to and for her own sole separate use and disposal exclusive of her Husband who shall not intermeddle with or have any power or Authority over the same to be payd unto her on the two most usual ffeasts or days of Payment in the Year that is to say the ffeasts of St Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary by even and equal portions the first Payment thereof to be made and begin on such of the said ffeasts as shall first and next happen after my decease And my Will is that the Receipt alone of my said Daughter shall be from time to time a sufficient Discharge in the Law for the same and it is my earnest desire that the Sum of one hundred pounds given by my son Philip to the said Honnor Cooke may be equally divided between her five Children to wit Margaret Coles and James Coles when they respectively attain the age of one and twenty years and that they may have Interest for the same from my death untill paid Item I give unto Henry Coles one other son of my said Daughter Honnor Cooke the sum of ffifty pounds to be paid unto him when he attains the age of one and twenty years together with lawful Interest for the same from my death and I do hereby earnestly desire my son James Shrapnell to take care to put the said James Coles out an Apprentice at his own Cost And to provide for him in such Manner that he may not be in any ways burthensome to my Son in Law John Cooke Item I give unto the ffree School in Trowbridge aforesaid for the Instruction and Education of Young whereof William Holloway is now Master the Sum of Twenty pounds and in the mean time and untill the said twenty pounds can be laid out in an Estate for the Benefitt of the School I do give Twenty Shillings per Annum to be paid on the nine and twentieth day of September yearly and for the payment of all which Annuities or Rent Charges Legacyes sum and Sums of money before mentioned and likewise my Debts I do subject and charge all my Reall and Personall Estate Item all my Messuages Tenements Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever wherein I am seized in ffee otherwise situate lyeing and being in Trowbridge or elsewhere charged and chargeable nevertheless as aforesaid I give and devise unto my said son James Shrapnell and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever likewise all my Goods Chattles and Personall Estate whatsoever of what Nature kind or quality soever the same may be I do give unto my said son James Shrapnell and do make his sole Executor of this my Will And in case my said son James Shrapnell shall neglect or refuse to take upon him the Burthen and Execution of this my Will and to pay off my debts and Legacyes in Manner as is hereinbefore directed then and in such case all my Reall and Personall Estate hereinbefore given to my said son James Shrapnell I do give and devise unto John Watts of Trowbridge aforesaid Gent his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns and do here empower him to sell all or such parts thereof as he shall think fitt for payment of my payment of my Debts and Legacyes rendring the Overplus to the said James Shrapnell his Executors or Administrators and it is my Will and Desire that my son Edward Shrapnell his Executors Administrators or Assigns shall not be molested or interrupted in the enjoyment of the House he now lives in during his present Interest therein and I do hereby revoke all former Wills In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventh day of Aprill in the twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Brittain ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith etc and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty six _ *Richard Shrapnell*

(Attestation Clause)

Mary Webb her Mark _ *Henry Willett Tho: Willett*

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