

*CROWCH, John*

*Will dated 1 May 1799, proved 24*

*January 1800*



**Probate Court:**

Prerogative Court of Canterbury, PROB 11/1335

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**Testator:**

Revd John CROWCH, Clerk, Rector of Upton Lovell

**Sole Executor:**

Revd Brouncker THRING, of Sutton Veny

**Beneficiaries:**

Albyn BUTT, of Mere, Cooper

Joseph BUTT, of Heytesbury, Labourer

John LANDER, of Mere, Gentleman

John LANDER of New Sarum [*Salisbury*], Baker

Martin BUTT, of Mere, Yeoman

William LANDER, of Mere, Brazier

Richard CROWCH, of Bath, late of Warminster, Apothecary, cousin  
Poor of Upton Lovell

Brouncker Crowch THRING, of Sutton Veny, godson, son of:

Revd Brouncker THRING, of Sutton Veny

Mary ALFORD, of Upton Lovell

John THRING, of Warminster, Gentleman

Children of Joseph BUTT [*unnamed*]

Children of Ann SNOOT, of Tisbury, deceased [*unnamed*], minors

Mary PONTON, "now living with me" [*housekeeper?*]

William SNOOT, of Tisbury, son of Henry & Ann SNOOT, minor

**Witnesses:**

Jn<sup>o</sup> Raxworthy

Jn<sup>o</sup> Palient

Tho: Lampard

**Other names:**

Thomas RANSOM, tenant

Harry SNOOT, of Tisbury, Butcher, deceased, husband of Ann SNOOT

Nathaniel ALFORD, of Upton Lovell, Higler, husband of Mary ALFORD

Richard PONTON, of Warminster, Labourer, father of Mary PONTON

**Notes**

The text of the will has been transcribed from the Court copy of the will. Capitalisation, punctuation and line breaks are as in the source. Text in square brackets [] has been added by the transcriber, Colin Moretti, and is not in the original.

[folio 109v]

I The Reverend **John Crouch**

Rector of Upton Lovell in the County of Wilts Clerk do make ordain publish and declare my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principally I commend my Soul to God in hopes of Mercy at the Day of Judgement and my Body four days after my decease or more if possible but not less than four days to be deposited in the same Grave with my late Father in the Chancel of the Parish Church of Upton Lovell aforesaid And my will is that the same be done in a plain and decent manner and that the four under Bearers[?] shall have Five shillings each paid them by my Executor hereinafter named for their trouble Also I give and bequeath unto **Albyn Butt** of Mere in the county of Wilts aforesaid Cooper the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain Also I give and bequeath unto **Joseph Butt** of Heytesbury in the said County of Wilts Labourer the sum of Two hundred pounds like money Also I give and bequeath unto **John Lander** of Mere aforesaid gentleman **John Lander** of the City of New Sarum Baker[?] **Martin Butt** of Mere aforesaid Yeoman and **William Lander** of the same

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place Brazier the sum of Ten Guineas a piece of like money and I will and direct that the same six last mentioned Legacies shall be paid unto the respective Legatees thereof at the end of Six Calendar months next after my Decease Also I give and bequeath unto my Cousin **Richard Crouch** late of the Town of Warminster in the said county of Wilts Apothecary but now of the City of Bath One Guinea to be paid to him within One Calendar Month next after my Decease Also I give and bequeath unto the poor of the Parish of Upton Lovell aforesaid the sum of Five Pounds of like money the same to be divided and distributed amongst them at the discretion of and in such manner as my Executor hereinafter named shall think proper within one Calendar Month next after my Decease Also I give and to my Godson **Brouncker Crowch Thring** (Son of the Reverend **Brouncker Thring** of Sutton Veny in the County of Wilts aforesaid Doctor in Divinity my Executor hereinafter named) my Gold Watch with the Chain and Seals thereunto belonging and also my Silver Tankard the same to be delivered to him when he shall attain the age of twenty one years Also I give and bequeath unto **Mary Alford** (wife of **Nathaniel Alford** of Upton Lovell aforesaid Higler) the monthly sum of Twenty one shillings of like money aforesaid to be paid to her for the space of One Hundred Calendar Months (if she shall so long live) and the first payment thereof to be made on the first Day of the Month that shall

happen next after my Decease and every succeeding payment shall be made on the first day of every subsequent Month And my will is that the receipt of the said **Mary Alford** alone shall notwithstanding her present or any future Coverture) be a sufficient discharge for what shall be paid to her and that the same shall not be liable to the debts control or intermeddling of her present or any future Husband Also I give and bequeath unto the said **Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** of Warminster aforesaid Gentleman the sum of Five hundred Pounds Principle Stock in the Funds of the three per cent Consolidated Navy Annuities now standing in my name Upon the Trusts and to and for the said intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of and to concerning the same (that is to say) in Trust that they the said **Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** and the Survivor of them his Executors and administrators do and shall pay and apply the Interest Dividends and Profits of the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds half yearly unto the said [folio 110 v]

**Mary Alford** for and during the term of her natural life to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit And upon this further Trust that they my said Trustees or the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall within three months next after the decease of the said **Mary Alford** sell out the said sum of Five hundred pounds Principal Stock and the neat[?] monies arising by Sale thereof do and shall pay and apply in manner following (that is to say) As to one Moiety or half part thereof In trust to pay and divide the same unto and equally between all and every the Child and Children of the said **Joseph Butt** share and share alike (if more than one) on their respectively attaining the age of twenty one years And if but one Child then to such only Child on his or her attaining such age And in the mean time (after the decease of the said **Mary Alford**) the Interest Dividends and Profits of such Moiety or half part to be paid and applied for and towards the maintenance education or other use and benefit of such Children or Child respectively until they he or she shall respectively attain that age And as to the remaining Moiety or half part of such neat[?] monies on Trust to pay and divide the same unto and equally between all and every the Children of **Ann Snoot**[?] deceased late Wife of **Harry Snoot**[?] of Tisbury aforesaid Butcher Deceased share and share alike (if more than one) on their severally attaining the age of twenty one years And if but one Child then to such only Child on his or her attaining that age And in the maintenance (after the decease of the said **Mary Alford**) the Interest Dividends and Profits of the said last mentioned Moiety or half part to be paid

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and applied for or towards the maintenance education or other use and benefit of such Children or Child respectively until they he or she shall respectively attain that age And it is my Will and I do hereby declare that in case any or either of the Children of the said **Joseph Butt** and **Ann Snoot**[?] respectively shall happen to die before their his or her part or share shall be shall by virtue of this my Will become due and payable that part or share of him her or them so dying shall be nevertheless devised? and considered a vested Interest and be [unknown] to their his or her respective [unknown] And to or for no other Trust [Unknown] Intent or Purpose whatsoever Also I give devise and bequeath unto the said **Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** all that my

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Leasehold Estate called or known by the name of Flowers[?] otherwise Bendall's[?] living[?] situate lying and being in Upton Lovell aforesaid Together with all my Rights and Interest in and to the same To have and to hold the said Leasehold Estate with all and every the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said **Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** their Executors and Administrators upon the Trusts and to and for the ends Intents & Purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of and respecting the same (that is to say) in Trust that they the said Brouncker Thring and John Thring and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall Pay and apply the Rents Issues[?] and Profits thereof unto the said **Mary Alford** for and during the term of her natural life to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit And I do hereby declare that what I have by this my Will given unto or for the use and benefit of the said **Mary Alford** shall not be subject or liable to the Debts Control or Intermeddling of her said Present or any future Husband And her own receipt from time to time (notwithstanding her Coverture) shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my said Trustees or the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators for the same And from and after her Decease on Trust to permit and suffer him the said **Brouncker Thring** and his Assigns to have [unknown] and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part thereof for and during the term of his natural life to and for his own use and Benefit and from and after the decease of the said **Brouncker Thring** then I give and bequeath the same Leasehold Estate called Flowers otherwise Bendall's living And every part thereof with its Rights Members and Appurtenances unto my said Godson **Brouncker Crowch Thring** To hold to him his Executors Administrators and Assigns absolutely for and during all the remainder of [unknown] Estate Titles[?] and Interest then to come therein also I give devise and bequeath unto the said **Joseph Butt** All that my Cottage or Dwellinghouse with the Garden

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and Appurtenances thereunto belonging now in the possession of **Thomas Ransom** To hold to him the said Joseph Butt his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns absolutely for all the remainder of my Estate Term and Interest which shall be to come therein at the time of my Death Also I give and bequeath unto **Mary Ponton** (Daughter of his of **Richard Ponton** of Warminster aforesaid Labourer) now living with me[?] if she shall be living with me at the time of my Decease but not otherwise) all that my Long Leasehold [folio 111v]

Estate called or known by the name of Imberd[?] living situate lying and being in Upton Lovell aforesaid And all my right [unknown] and interest therein To hold the same and every part thereof with its appurtenances unto the said **Mary Ponton** her Executors Administrators and Assigns absolutely for and during all the remainder of my Estate Term and Interest which shall be to come therein at the time of my Death I also give the said **Mary Ponton** (if she shall be living with me at the time of my Decease as aforesaid but not otherwise) the sum of Ten Guineas and all the Furniture which usually belong to hand shall be in my own[?] Bed Chamber commonly called the Red Room and also in her Bedchamber commonly called the Yellow Room at the time of my Death Together with my Silver Watch and a Silver half pint the said sum of Ten Guineas to be paid her at the end of one Calendar month next after my Decease and the Furniture Watch and Half Pint to be delivered to her immediately after my Decease Also I give and bequeath unto the said **Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** the sum of Fifty Pounds of lawful money of Great Britain In Trust that they or the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall pay and apply the same unto or for the use and benefit of **William Snoot** of Tisbury aforesaid (Son of the said **Henry Snoot** and **Ann** his wife deceased) at such time or times and in such shares and proportions manner and form as they the said **Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** or the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators shall think proper together with lawful Interest for the same or the unapplied part or parts thereof in the mean time from the day of my Death until the whole shall be fully paid and applied And in case any part of the said Sum of Fifty Pounds and the Interest thereon shall remain unapplied at the time of the said **William Snoot's** attaining the age of twenty one years Then in Trust to pay the whole thereof then remaining in their or his hands unapplied unto him the said **William Snoot** on his attaining that age to and for his own proper use and benefit Also I give unto the said **Brouncker Thring** the sum

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of Ten Guineas to be by him laid out in the purchase  
of a Ring as soon after my Decease as can be  
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for the said **John Thring** unto whom I give and  
bequeath the same accordingly And all the rest  
residue and remainder of my monies and Securities  
for money real and Personal Estate and Effects  
whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature  
or kind soever which I have any power of  
disposal And all my right title and interest therein  
respectively (after payment of all my just Debts  
Legacies before mentioned Funeral expenses the  
Costs and Charges of proving this my Will and of  
executing the Trusts hereof I give and bequeath  
the same and every Part and Parcel thereof with  
the Appurtenances unto the said **Brouncker Thring**  
his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns  
absolutely as his and their own for ever And I  
do hereby make nominate constitute and appoint  
the said **Brouncker Thring** Sole Executor of this my  
last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other  
Wills by me at any time heretofore made provided  
and I do hereby enable and authorised my said  
Trustees the said Brouncker Thring and John Thring  
and the Survivor of them his Executors and  
Administrators from time to time during the  
continuance of the Trusts hereby by me declared  
to call in and to compel payment of all or any  
of the monies that may be by them or other of  
them placed out at Interest and also to change  
or alter any of the Funds or Securities wherein or  
whereupon all or any part of my said Trust monies  
and effects are shall or may be placed put out on  
or invested from time to time and with all  
convenient speed thereafter to lay out and  
invest such monies so called paid or received in out  
against on such securities † and to lay out the same  
again during the continuance of the said Trusts  
Provided also and it is my Will that the said  
**Brouncker Thring** and **John Thring** or the Executors  
or Administrators of them or either of them shall  
not be answerable or accountable for any more  
of my monies and effects than what shall fairly  
and actually come to their or either of their  
hands nor for the Defect or insufficiency of any  
Security or Securities whereon the said Trust monies  
or any part thereof shall or may be placed  
happening without their wilful default nor be  
liable to make good any casual or involuntary loss  
of the said Trust monies or any part thereof nor  
shall one of them be answerable for the other of  
them but each for himself and his own Acts and  
Defaults only they joining in receipt for conformity  
[folio 112v]

notwithstanding And that it shall and may be lawful to  
and for my said Trustees their Executors and Administrators  
by and out of the said Trust monies which shall come to  
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[added in RH margin]  
† as they or he shall  
think proper and so  
from time to time to  
call in change or alter  
such securities

their or either of their hands to deduct and retain and reimburse themselves and himself respectively all such Costs Charges and Expenses as they or either of them shall or may pay bear suffer sustain expend or be put unto in or about the execution of all or any of the trusts hereinbefore by me willed or declared or the Defence[?] or Execution of them or any of them or any matter or thing relating thereto and shall from time to time by and out of the said Trust monies and premises be well and sufficiently saved harmless hand indemnified of from and against the same In Witness whereof I the said **John Crouch** have to this my last Will and Testament contained in six sheets of paper are fixed together to the first five sheets thereof set my hand and to this sixth and last sheet my hand and seal this first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety nine [signed] **John Crouch** (LS)  
Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said **John Crouch** the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses [signed] **Jn<sup>o</sup> Raxworthy** [signed] **Jn<sup>o</sup> Palient** [signed] **Tho: Lampard**

This Will was proved at London the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred before The Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of The Reverend **Brouncker Thring** Doctor in Divinity the Sole Executor named in the will to whom Admon was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Deceased having been first sworn by Commission duly to Administer