

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Richard Chapman
of Bishops Lavington
(Littleton Pannell)
Will Proved
7 December 1765*



Probate Court of Consistory Court of Salisbury
Original reference
Will Dated 26 February 1744

Testator:	Chapman	Richard	Yeoman of West Lavington
Executors:			
Alexander	Mary	Daughter	Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Alexander	Edward	Grandson	
Alexander	Mary	Daughter	
Chapman	Christian	Granddaughter	
Chapman	Elizabeth	Daughter in law	
Chapman	Jane	Granddaughter	
Chapman	John	Grandson	
Chapman	Mary	Granddaughter	
Chapman	Richard	Son	
Chapman	Stephen	Son	
Witnesses			
Clifts	James		
Hayward	Eleanor		
Other Names			

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Chapman of Bishops Lavington in the County of Wilts Yeoman being Sick and weak in Body but of sound and disposing memory (thro the mercy of God) and calling to Mind the uncertainty of this Life do make ordain constitute appoint and declare my last Will and Testament to be in Manner and form following (that is to say) First I give and Bequeath my Soul to God beseeching his most gracious Acceptance of it through the Merits and Mediation of my most Compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ And as for my Body I give it to the Earth in full Assurance of it's Resurrection from thence at the last Day and I desire it may be Interr'd at Bishops Lavington aforesd and near to my wifes Grave there in a decent and Christianlike manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Named who I doubt not will manage with all necessary Care and Prudence And as touching my Temporal Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me in this Life (All my Debts and Funeral Expenses being paid) I give and dispose of the same in the following manner (that is to say) I Give and Bequeath unto my son Stephen Chapman and Elizabeth his Wife during their Lives and the Life of the Survivor of them (If the Lives by which it is held or either of them shall live so long) The Two

enclosed Land Grounds which I hold by Lease from the Earle of Abingdon lying and being in Littleton Pannell in the sd Parish of Bishops Lavington containing together Seven Acres and an Half Three acres whereof lays near to the fields of Littleton aforesd And the Residue four acres and an Half thereof lays next adjoining to an enclosed Ground of William Rolfe's And if my said Son Stephen and Elizabeth his Wife shall both of them happen to die before the End of the beforementioned Term by which the same Two Land Grounds are held as aforesd or if they or either of them shall or do in any wise sell or dispose of the same Grounds or any part thereof That It is my Will from thenceforth that the same Grounds shall become the Sole Right of my Two Grandchildren Stephen and Ann Son and Daughter of my Son Stephen and to be shared equally between them during the Residue of the said Term

Also I give to my son Stephen the sum of Twenty Pounds of lawfull Money of England to be paid to him by my Executors when and as soon as he shall begin building of him a dwellinghouse

Also I give to my son Richard Chapman One Large Coffe

Also I give to my son Stephen's Three Daughters (viz) Mary Christian and Jane each one large Pewter Dish and also to Another Daughter of Stephens three Pewter Plates

Also I give to my Grandson John Chapman One Bell Brass Pott and One Kettle Brass Pott

Also I give all the residue of my Household Goods (not before mentioned) Cloaths both Linen and Woolen my Bed whereon I usually laid and Household furniture whatsoever to my Grandson Edward Alexander

Also I give unto my Daughter Mary Alexander the Rent of the Two Land Grounds abovementioned that shall happen to be due thereon to me before and from the Day of my Decease to the Michaelmas Day next after my Decease she paying therefore all Rates and Taxes that shall then happen to be due on the same to that time

Also all the residue and Remainder of my Temporal Estate as well immovable as movable of what kind or Nature soever and wheresoever I give bequeath and dispose of the same unto my said Daughter Mary Alexander whom I do make Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby utterly revoke and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me made and do hereby declare this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand and Seal this Twenty Sixth Day of February in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second (by the Grace of God) of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc And in the Year of our Lord 1744

Signed Sealed pronounced and declared)	Eleanor Hayward (her mark)	Richard Chapman
By the abovementioned Testator (Richard)	James Clifts?	
Chapman) to be his last Will and)		
Testament in the Presence of us Witnesses)		

Attestation Clause:

This Will was proved at Sarum on the 7th day of December 1765 before the Revd Richard Koble Clk BD lawfull Surrogate of the Revd Worshipfull John Taylor Doctor in Divinity Chancellor of the Diocese of Sarum and by him Admin of the Goods and Chattels of the dec'd and any way concerning this his Will was granted to Mary Alexander widow the lawfull Daughter of the dec'd and Sole Executrix within named being first Sworn (by Commission) of the truth of the valid Will to perform the same and pay the decd's Debts Legacies as far as his Goods and Chattels will extend and to exhibit a true Invry and render a just Acc't when required having the rights of all persons

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