

*The Last Will and Testament of
William Long
25th April 1746*



I William Long of Bratton in the Parish of Westbury in the County of Wilts Gentleman do hereby revoke all former wills by me and make and do declare my last will and testament to be as followeth that is to say First I give to my brothers Thomas and James Long one thousand pounds on the trusts herein after mentioned that is to say in trust to pay all such interest as shall arise therefrom to my sister Turner during her natural life to her sole and separate use and from and after her decease in trust to pay the said one thousand pounds together with all such interests as shall grow due for the same from the death of my said sister to my niece Mary Turner at her age of one and twenty years or day of marriage which first happens and if she shall happen to die before she shall attain to such age and before she shall be married or if she shall die in the life time of her mother without leaving any issue of her body then and in either or any of the said cases my will is that the said one thousand pounds with the interest thereof shall from the death of my said sister remain and be to the use of my said brothers and the survivor of them and my will is that my said brothers and the survivor of them and the executors or administrators of such survivor shall or may from time to time place the said one thousand pounds or any part thereof out at interest on such.....or other security as to them or the survivor of them his executors or administrators shall seemand compound or agree any debt or duty mentioned in any such securities and shall not be answerable for any loss which may happen to the said trust money nor for the act receipt or default of the other of them Item to my cousin and godson John Rooke I give one hundred pounds Item I give to the President and Governors of the Hospital or Infirmary at Bath fifty pounds Item To the poor of the parish where my most usual place of abode or residence shall be at or about the time of my death I give twenty pounds to be distributed at the discretion of my executors but if the same shall then happen to be at Bratton aforesaid then my will is that the said twenty pounds shall be distributed amongst the poor people residing at Bratton aforesaid.....rest of the said parish of Westbury Item To my good friend Mr Joseph Stott I give twenty pounds Item To each servant as shall have lived with me for the space of one year before my death I give one years wages Item my will is that all the before mentioned legacies be paid at the end of one year next after my decease and that in the mean time interest for the one thousand pounds be allowed after the rate of four pounds per rentum per annum Item to my brother Turner my said sister Turner my sister Long and to my said niece I give thirty pounds a piece to buy mourning to be paid as soon as may be after my decease Item all the rest residue and remainder of my goods chattels and estate whatsoever both real and personal I give to my said brothers Thomas Long and James Long their heirs executors and administrators (as tenants in common) and to the survivor of them the said Thomas and James Long in case either of them shall die before me and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint them the said Thomas and James Long executors of this my will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this five and twentieth day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Six [*Signed - Wm. Long*]

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Long as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in the presence of the said Testator and of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

[*Signed – Wm Matravers – Sam Filkes – John Matravers*]

It is my desire that my executors give to my servant Leonard Willas thirty pounds over and above a years 2 wages as mentioned in my Will [*Signed – Wm.L*]

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil annexed on the twelfth day of October in the year of our Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty One before the Right Worshipful John Bettsworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of the Reverend Thomas Long Clerk and James Long the brothers of the deceased and the executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased being first sworn by commission duly to administer