

*The Last Will and Testament
Of George Flower
of Worton
Will Proved
9th October 1746*



Probate Court of Salisbury
Original reference
Will Dated - 20th May 1746

Testator:	Flower	George	Esquire of Pottern
Executors:			
Kent	Henry, Snr.		Joint
Kent	Henry, Jnr.		
Shergold	John	Friend	Joint

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Anstie	Richard	Friend	Clothier of Devizes
Blandford	Susannah	Servant	
Flower	Elizabeth	Sister	
Kensington	Ann	Niece	Wife of Edward of New Sarum
Kent	Henry, Snr.	Friend	Gent, of Pottern
Kent	Henry, Jnr.	Friend	Gent, of Pottern
Locke	Wadham	Friend	Gent of Devizes
Needham	Joseph	Friend	Surgeon of Devizes
Perriam	William	Friend	Woollen Draper of Devizes
Shergold	John	Friend	Clerk of Little Cheverell
Spearing	Ann	Sister	
Spearing	John	Nephew	Cuttler of New Sarum
Stone	William	Friend	Malster of New Sarum
Thomson	George	Friend	Papermaker of Bemerton
Witnesses			
Blissett	William		Witness to will
Shorter	John, Jnr.		Witness to will and codicil
Spearing	John		Witness to codicil
Strabridge	Edward		Witness to will
Other Names			
Haskett	Thomas	Lessor	
Phillips	Henry	Tenant	

I George Flower of Worton in the parish of Potterne in the county of Wilts Esquire do hereby revoke and make void all wills and testaments by me herebefore made and do declare my last will and testament to be as follows (that is to say) first I give and devise unto my friends William Stone of the City of New Sarum in the said county Malster and Richard Anstie of the Burrough of Devizes in the said county clothier all my messuage lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate and lying in Worton and in the parish of Potterne aforesaid or either of them and also all other messuages lands and hereditaments whatsoever whereof I am or any other person or persons in trust for me or for my use is or are seized of any estate of inheritance in possession Reversion Remainder or Expectancy To have and to hold all and singular the same Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises unto them the said William Stone and Richard Anstie their heirs and assigns for ever To and for the several uses interests and purposes herein after declared and written of and concerning the same and to and for none other use intent or purpose whatsoever (that is to say) To the use of my friend John Shergold of Little Chiverall in the said county Clerk Henry Kent the elder and Henry Kent the younger both of Pottern aforesaid Gents their Exors Admin'rs and assigns for and during and unto the full end & term of two thousand years to commence and begin from and immediately after my decease Nevertheless upon the trusts and confidences herein after declared & written of and concerning the same And from and immediately after the End Expiration or other Sooner determination of the said term of two thousand years To the use of my nephew John Spearing of the City of New Sarum Cuttler (Son of my sister Ann Spearing) for and during his Natural life and from and after the determination of that Estate for life to the use of my friend Wadham Locke of the Burrough of Devizes aforesaid Gent and Joseph Needham of the same Burrough Surgeon and their heirs during the natural life of the said John Spearing and for so long time after as shall be necessary to support and preserve the contingent uses herein after limited In trust to preserve the same contingent uses by entry or otherwise Yet nevertheless to permit the said John Spearing during his natural life to receive have and enjoy the Rents and profits of the premises and from and after the decease of the said John Spearing and the determination of that said estate of them the said Wadham Locke and Joseph Needham To the use of the first son of the body of the said John Spearing Lawfully begotten or to be begotten and of the heirs of the body of the same first son And for default of such Issue To the use of the second son of the body of the said John Spearing Lawfully begotten or to be begotten and of the Heirs of the body of the same second son And for default of such Issue To the use of the third son of the body of the said John Spearing Lawfully begotten or to be begotten and of the heirs of the body of the same third son And for default of such Issue To the use of all and every other son and sons of the body of the said John Spearing begotten or to be begotten Successively according to their seniority and of the heirs of the body & bodies of the same other son and sons respectively the Elder of the same other sons and the heirs of his & their body & bodies being always to take and be preferred before the Younger of the Same other son and sons and the Heirs of his and their body & bodies and for default of such issue To the use of all and every Daughter and Daughters of the body of the said John Spearing Lawfully begotten or to be begotten to be equally divided between them (if more than one) share & share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and of the Several and respective Heirs of the body and bodies of all and every lawful Daughter & Daughters Lawfully issuing and in case one or more of such daughters shall happen to die without issue of her or their body or bodies then as to the share or shares of her or them so dying To the use of the survivors or others of them share and share alike as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and of the several & respective heirs of the bodies of such survivors or others of them. And if all such Daughters but one shall die without issue or if there shall be but one such Daughter then to the use of such only Daughter and the heirs of her body issuing And for default of all such issue To the use of my niece Ann the wife of Edward Kensington of New Sarum aforesaid Innholder (Daughter of my said sister Ann Spearing) and the Son and Sons Daughter and Daughters of the body of my same Neice Ann Kensington begotten or to be begotten in like manner as is herein before limited to my said Nephew John Spearing and their Son and Sons Daughter and Daughters of his body begotten or to be begotten and for default of heirs of the body of my said Niece Ann Kensington To the use of my niece Jane Spearing (another Daughter of my said Sister Ann Spearing) and of the Son and Sons Daughter and Daughters of the body of my same neice Jane Spearing to be begotten in like manner as is herein before limited to my said nephew John Spearing and the Son & Sons Daughter & Daughters of his body begotten or to be begotten And for default of such issue To the use of the right heirs of my said niece Jane Spearing for ever . And as for and concerning the said term of two thousand years I do hereby declare the same is so limited to them the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger or their Extors [Executors] Admors [Administrators] & Assigns and as aforesaid Upon the trusts & confidences and to and for the intents and purposes herein after declared and written of and concerning the same (that is to say) Upon trust that they the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger and the survivor of them and the Extors Admins

and Assigns of such survivor do and shall by with and out of the Rents Issues & Profits of the said Premises or any part thereof or by Mortgage Device Grant Bargain or Absolute Sale of the same premises or any part thereof or by all or any of these ways or means in the first place raise levy pay and satisfie all the just Debts which I shall owe at the time of my decease or several of the same as my personal estate hereinafter given for that purpose shall not be sufficient to satisfie and also to raise levy and pay the several annuities and sums of money to the several persons at the several times and in manner hereinafter for that purpose mentioned (that is to say) one Annuity or yearly sum of Thirty pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britain to my sister Elizabeth Flower Spinster for and during the term of her Natural life at or upon the two most usual days of payment in the year (to Wit) the Twenty Ninth day of September and the Twenty Fifth day of March yearly by equal portions One Annuity or Yearly sum of Twenty pounds of like money aforesaid to my said Sister Ann Spearing for and during the terme of her Natural life and the aforesaid two days of payment yearly by equal portions and (if my servant Susannah Blandford shall be living with me at the time of my decease one annuity or yearly sum of ten pounds of like money aforesaid to her the said Susannah Blandford for and during the term of her Natural life on the aforesaid two days of payment yearly by equal portions The said several annuities or yearly sums to be free and clear of & from all Taxes payments and reprints ordinary & extraordinary whatsoever and the first payment of each of the said several annuities or yearly sums to begin and be made on such of the said days of payment which shall happen next after my decease and the Sum of Two Hundred pounds of like money unto my said neice Jane Spearing at the end of two years next after my decease and upon no other trust whatsoever Provided nevertheless and I do hereby declare my will to be that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for my said nephew John Spearing and also to and for every other person & persons who shall from time to time by virtue hereof be seized of the premises for his or her own life to limit the same premises or any part or parts thereof (Subject nevertheless to the aforesaid term of two thousand years) or to the use of any person or persons who at or after the time of such Limitation shall be the lawful Wife or Wives Husband or Husbands of the person or persons who shall be so seized as aforesaid so as the respective Estates so to be limited is or are to continue no longer than the respective Natural lives of the person or persons to whom the same shall be limited as aforesaid and be not by Express word dispunishable of Wast Also I give and bequeath unto my said sister Elizabeth Flower all the Household goods furniture and Pictures remaining or being in the best chamber of the dwelling house wherein I now live and I do declare my will to be that the same goods furniture and pictures so given to my said Sister Elizabeth Flower or any part thereof shall not be sold for the payment of any of my Debts Legacies or Funeral expenses All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels and Personal Estate whatsoever and of what nature or kind soever I do give and bequeath the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger shall be sold and disposed of by them the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger towards payment of my debts funeral expenses and the Legacies hereby given and bequeathed And I do allow what sum my executors shall think proper to be laid out in the expenses of my funeral And I do hereby make and constitute them the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger Executors of this my last will and testament And I do hereby declare my will and desire to be that all my Debts and funeral expenses shall be fully paid and discharged before my said Nephew John Spearing shall be let into the possession or receipts of the rents and profits of the said Messuages Lands Hereditaments & premises or any part thereof And I do hereby give and bequeath unto them the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger two Guineas a piece to buy them Rings Provided nevertheless and I do hereby declare my will to be that the said John Shergold Henry Kent the Elder and Henry Kent the Younger or any or either of them their or either of their heirs Executors or Administrators shall not be prejudiced or injured for or by reason of anything done or to be done pursuant hereto and that they or any of them shall not be charged or chargeable with or accountable or answerable act acts receipt receipts default defaults or miscarriages of the other of them (though present at and consenting to such act receipt or default) nor for the act receipt or default of any servant or agent but each and every of them shall be answerable for his and their own act and acts receipt and receipts only neither shall they or any of them be charged or chargeable with or for any more money or things than he or they shall respectively actually receive or with or for any loss or losses which may happen in the execution and management of the trust hereby in them reposed other than such as shall be occasioned by their or any of their wilfull neglect or default And that all costs expenses and damages of my said Trustees and Executors and each of them their and each of their Heirs Executors and Administrators in the Execution of or Relating to the said Trust or any pretended breach thereof or for relating to any Action Actions Suit Suits Account of Demand in Law or equity relating thereto shall in the first place be retained paid and satisfied unto them severally out of the said trust Estates anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding In Witness whereof I have

hereunto set my hand and Seal the twentieth day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and Six. [*George Flower*]

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator George Flower to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who immediately afterwards in the presence of the said Testator and of each other subscribed our names as witnesses hereto. Edward Strabridge John Shorter Jnr Wm Blissett

I George Flower of Worton within the parish of Pottorn in the County of Wilts Gentleman the testator to the will annexed do hereby order and direct will and appoint that what is herein after particularly written mentioned and specified be deemed and taken as a Codicil to and a part of my said Last Will and Testament (that is to say) Whereas I am possessed of a Messuage or Tenement and Garden or piece or plott of Garden Ground thereto belonging and Adjoining and lying next the road leading from Salisbury to Wilton (together with a large garden out of which the said plott or piece of Garden Ground is taken) Situate lying and being in Bemerton in the County of Wilts aforesaid and now in the Occupation and possession of Henry Phillips the Elder and which I hold by Lease from Mr Thomas Haskett for a term of Ninety Nine years in case Henry Phillips Junior George Flower Esq (my cozen) and Walter Page or either of them should so long live with several covenants in the said Lease contained on the Lessors and Lessees part to be performed as in and by the same may more fully and at large appear Now I do give and bequeath the said Messuage or Tenement Garden Ground and Premises with the appurtenances unto my friends Mr William Perriam of the Burrough of Devizes in the sd County Woollen draper and George Thomson of Bemerton aforesaid Papermaker their executors and administrators to hold to them from and immediately after my decease for the term and estate I shall then have to come therein together with the said Leases Upon Trust to pay into the hands of my Neice Ann Kinsington (now the wife of Edward Kinsington of New Sarum Innholder) for and during the term of her natural life (if the Estate and Interest in the said premises shall so long continue) all the Clear Rents and Profits that shall be made of the same Exclusive of the Chief rent taxes repairs and other charges the said Trustees may Expend or be put into which it is my will shall be allowed to and detained by them and that they do from time to time pay the same clear profits unto my said neice Ann Kinsington who for receipt alone shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the same to the said Trustees notwithstanding her coverture it being designed for her own sole and separate use and benefit and not for the use of her Husband nor to be subject to charges or effected with his receipt incumbrance release disposition debts demand or power and from and after her decease Then to the use advantage and benefit of all & every such child or children of the body of my said neice Ann as shall be living at the time of her decease their executors and administrators and in default of such issue then the said Messuage and Premises to be to the use and benefit of my own executors and administrators. And it is my further desire that my said Trustees their executors and administrators do and shall as occasion may require renew Life or Lives with the Lord pursuant to a Covenant in the said Lease for that Purpose. And lastly I do will direct and appoint that this Instrument or papers Writing be taken as a codicil to and a part of my last will and testament hereto annexed And I do in all other respects ratifie and confirm the said Will. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale the Seventeenth day of October in the 18th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second over Great Britain and soforth and in the year of Our Lord 1744. Geo Flower. Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator George Flower as and for a codicil to and a part of his last will and testament in presence of us who attested the same in his sight and presence. John Shorter Jnr, John Spearing.

At Sarum Oct'r 9th 1746 by the Rev. John Lumley Master of Arts Lawfull Surrogate of the Rev'd and Worshipful Henry Stebbing Dr in Divinity Chanl [Chancellor] of the Diocese of Sarum Admon of the effects of the sd. Geo Flower Esq Dec'd (with his Will and Codicil annexed) was granted to John Spearing his Nephew (the executor named in the said will in writing renouncing) being first Sworn to the truth of the sd. Will to perform the same & to exhibit an Inventory and Account when lawfully required.