

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of John Winslow  
of Steeple Ashton  
Will Proved  
30th June 1837*



Probate Court of Devizes  
Original reference P2/1837/45  
Will Dated - 18th May 1836  
Codicil Dated - N/A  
Buried at - Steeple Ashton on 1st March 1837 (Ref: Burials 1813-1900 Entry No. 579)

<b>Testator:</b>	Winslow	John	Yeoman of Steeple Ashton
<b>Executors:</b>			
Hinder	Samuel	School Master	Joint
Berrett	William	Thatcher	Joint
<b>Overseers:</b>			
<b>Trustees:</b>			
Hinder	Samuel	School Master	
Berrett	William	Thatcher	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Raymond	John	Son	Aged 18 - 1st illegitimate son of John Winslow & Mary Raymond
Raymond	Stephen	Son	Aged 16 - 2nd illegitimate son of John Winslow & Mary Raymond
Winslow	Ann	Daughter	Aged 7 - Baptised Mary Anne
Winslow	Elizabeth	Daughter	Aged 1
Winslow	James **	Son	Aged 5 - ** This should really be Jane
Winslow	Mary	Wife	Nee Raymond
Winslow	Ruth	Daughter	Aged 10
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Bull	George	Labourer	Steeple Ashton
Marks	George	Yeoman	Steeple Ashton
Moore	James	Labourer	Steeple Ashton

Other Names			
Bull	John	Tenant	
Figgins	Henry	Tenant	
White	Francis	Tenant	
Winslow	Jacob	Tenant	John Winslow's cousin 1x removed

This is the last will and Testament of one John Winslow of Steeple Ashton in the county of Wilts yeoman being of sound mind memory and understanding First I give devise and bequeath unto my dear wife Mary Winslow all those two Freehold Cottages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and premises thereunto belonging situate lying and being in Herbury or Yerbury Street in the town of Trowbridge in the said county of Wilts and now occupied by Henry Figgins and Jacob Winslow Also all those Five Cottages or Tenements which are Freehold Lands Hereditaments and premises thereunto belonging situate lying and being in Steeple Ashton Common in the parish of Steeple Ashton aforesaid and now occupied by myself John Bull James Moore Francis White and George Bull To hold the aforesaid Seven Cottages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and premises to her the said Mary Winslow for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I give the said seven cottages and tenements to Samuel Hinder of Steeple Ashton School master and William Berrett of Steeple Ashton aforesaid Thatcher their executors administrators and assigns In Trust to sell and dispose of the same either by Public Auction or Private Contract and the produce thereof shall be paid to my children John Raymond Stephen Raymond Ruth Winslow Ann Winslow James Winslow and Elizabeth Winslow or the survivor or survivors of them those of them who shall then have attained to the age of twenty one years shall receive their part or share and those of them that shall not have attained to the age of twenty one years his her or their share shall be deposited in the Trowbridge Savings Banks until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years

*John Winslow*

Witness

*George Marks*

*James Moore*

*George Bull*

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My will and desire is that my children shall each receive an equal sum that is share and share alike and that they shall not demand the same until twelve months next after the death of my dear wife I give devise and bequeath unto my dear wife Mary Winslow all that piece or parcel of Copy Hold Land situate lying and being in the tything of Hinton in the parish of Steeple Ashton aforesaid containing by estimation one hundred and twenty Lug [?] commonly called or known by the name of Cold Harbour piece occupied by myself to have and to hold the aforesaid piece of Copy Hold Land with the appurtenances unto her the said Mary Winslow her heirs and assigns according to the custom of the manor of which the same are holden I also give devise and bequeath unto my dear wife all my Ready money securities for money Book debts out of which shall be paid my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and as to the rest residue and remainder of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever I give the same to her my dear wife and I do hereby nominate and appoint the aforesaid Samuel Hinder and William Berrett my executors and my will is and I do hereby direct that my said executors and trustees shall each of them be answerable for his own receipts only and not the one of them for the other and that they shall not be answerable for any loss or miscarriage by any security or securities that may happen in my estate and also that they shall return all their costs charges and damages and expenses out of the estates and effects in them respectively vested in and by this my will and the trusts therein contained In witness thereof I the said John Winslow have set my hand to the first sheet and my hand and seal to this the last sheet of my will the eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six *John Winslow* SEAL

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

*George Marks* Yeoman Steeple Ashton

*James Moore* Labourer Steeple Ashton

*George Bull* Labourer Steeple Ashton

#### Attestation Clause

At Devizes on the 30th Day of June 1837

Samuel Hinder one of the joint Executors within named was only sworn before me (the like power to act being reserved to William Berrett the other executor also within named)

Francis Lear  
Archdeacon of Sarum

Effects sworn Worth £200

**OPC Notes:-**

According to the Bank of England inflation Calculator £200 in 1837 = £1870655 in 2024

Connection to other wills - John is the son of Stephen Winslow (will of 1818)

John Winslow was a widower when he married Mary Raymond in 1824 - his first wife is a mystery but either they had no children or any children had died by 1836 when this will was written

John Raymond (b 1818) was the first illegitimate son of John Winslow and Mary Raymond

Stephen Raymond (b 1822) was the second illegitimate son of John Winslow and Mary Raymond

James Winslow is an error – it should be Jane Winslow (b 1831) John & Mary had no son called James but did have a daughter called Jane who fits into James' place in the birth order of the will

Mary Raymond had another Illegitimate son George Raymond (b 1813) the elder brother of John and Stephen George is not named in this will so was not a son of John Winslow. George's fate is uncertain but it is believed he was adopted by William & Mary Bath and rechristened George Francis Bath in 1822. They subsequently emigrated to the United States in 1826.