

*The Last Will and Testament of
Benjamin Cook
of Bratton
Will proved 23rd August 1797*



Probate Court of London
Original reference

Testator:	Cook	Benjamin	Bratton
Executors:			
Cook	Charles	Brother	
Hearn	William	Nephew	
Keevil	William	Nephew	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
	Mary	Niece	of Bristol
Cook	Alice	Niece	
Cook	Benjamin	Nephew	son of William Cook
Cook	Charles	Brother	
Cook	Dinah	Niece	of Bristol
Cook	Richard	Nephew	
Cook	Sarah	Niece	
Cook	Widow	Sister in Law	
Cook	William	Nephew	
Hearn	Frances	Niece in Law	
Hearn	Henry	Nephew	of Bratton
Hearn	Jane	Sister	
Hearn	William	Nephew	
Humphreys	Ann	Niece	
Keevil	Charles	Nephew	
Keevil	Jane	Niece	wife of Charles Keevil
Keevil	Sarah	Niece	
Keevil	William	Nephew	
Ravenhill	Jane		of Colford Gloucester
Sutton	James	Nephew	of Bristol
Sutton	John	Nephew	of Corn St Bristol
Witnesses			
Emm	James		
Flower	Joseph		
Other Names			

This is the last Will and Testament of me Benjamin Cook of the Parish of Bratton in the County of Wilts late of the Parish of Richmond in Surrey Gentleman as follows that is to say First I give and bequeath to my brother Robert Cook's widow

and children that may be living at my decease the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds to be paid them by my executors hereinafter named in three months next after my decease to be equally parted and divided between them share and share alike Also I give to my brother Charles Cook the like sum of one hundred and twenty pounds or to his children the like sum in case of his decease to be equally parted and divided between them share and share alike Also I give to my sister Jane Hearn the like sum of one hundred and twenty pounds or to her children the like sum in case of her decease to be equally parted and divided between them share and share alike I also give to my nephew Benjamin Cook the son of my brother William Cook deceased the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to his brother William Cook the sum of ten pounds Also I give to his sister Alice Cook the sum of ten pounds Also I give to his sister Margaret the sum of ten pounds Also I give to my brother John Cook's children that may be living at my decease the sum of twenty pounds each Also I give to my nephew William Hearn or his wife Frances the sum of one hundred pounds Also I give to my niece Ann Humphreys the sum of one hundred pounds and if in case of her decease to be equally divided between her children share and share alike Also I give to Jane Ravenhill of Colford in the County of Gloucester the sum of one hundred pounds Also I give to my nephew John Sutton of Corn Street in the City of Bristol the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my nephew James Sutton of Bristol the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my niece Mary.....of Bristol the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my niece Dinah Cook of Bristol the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my niecewife of William esquire of Bratton in the County of Wilts the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my niece Jane Keevill wife of Charles Keevill the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my nephew Henry Hearn of Bratton the sum of twenty pounds Also I give to my nephew Richard Cook of Bratton the sum of ten pounds Also I give to his sister Sarah Cook the sum of ten pounds Also I give to my brother Charles one silver watch one pair of silver buckles and one ofbuckles and half of my wearing apparel Also I give to my sister Jane Hearn two table spoons six ...spoons one large Bible Also I give the other half of my wearing apparel to William and Charles to be parted and equally divided share and share alike also if in case my brother Charles deceased before me that all my wearing apparel be parted and equally divided between William and Charles Keevill as aforesaid Also I give to my niece Jane Keevill two sheets one white quilt two table cloths and two blankets Also I give to my niece Sarah Keevill all the rest of my goods and all the rest residue and remainder of my monies after payment of the legacies above bequeathed all my just debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath the same to and for my nephews William Hearn William Keevill and Charles Keevill to be parted and equally divided share and share alike and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother Charles Cook and my nephew William Hearn and William Keevill joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made and do publish and declare this to be and contain my only and true last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Four
[Signed – Benjamin Cook]

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator Benjamin Cook as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

[Signed Joseph Flower James Emm]

This Will was proved in London in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven before the Worshipful Samuel Pearce Parson Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynn Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of William Hearn and William Keevill otherwise Keevile two of the executors named in the said Will to which administration of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the deceased was granted having been first sworn duly to administer power.....of the making the like grant to Charles Cook the other executor named in the said will when he shall apply for the same