

*The Last Will and Testament of  
John Weekes  
of Brinkworth  
Will proved 1st February 1763*



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<b>Testator:</b>	Weekes	John	Gentleman of Brinkworth
<b>Executors:</b>			
Nicholls	Thomas		Executor in trust for Somerset Weekes
Weekes	Somerset	Cousin	Executor, Trustee and Overseer
Young	Elizabeth		Executor, Trustee and Overseer

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Bedwell	John	Cousin	Son of Thomas Bedwell of Furzyhill, Kempsford, Gloucestershire
Hapson	John		
Hayward	Humphrey		
Hayward	Thomas		
Hayward	William		
Nicholls	Elizabeth		
Ponting	William		
Spencer	Mary		
Weekes	Somerset	Cousin	Son of James & Ann Weekes of Tedbury, Gloucestershire, Brazier
Woodman	Jonathan		
Young	Elizabeth		
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Crips	Giles		
Matthews	John		
Stratton	Robert		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Bedwell	Thomas		Of Furzyhill, Kempsford, Gloucestershire
Weekes	Ann		Of Tedbury, Gloucestershire
Weekes	James		Of Tedbury Gloucestershire

In the name of God Amen I John Weekes of Brinkworth in the County of Wilts Gent being of sound memory (blessed be God therefore) do this 21st day of March 1761 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) Imprimis I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to the Earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection And as for that Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose thereof as follows Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Somerset Weekes son of James Weekes and Ann his Wife of Tedbury Gloucestershire Brazier all my estate call'd Stills Except one Ground call'd West Close (that is to say) one Messuage or Tenement with the Premises and Appurtenances with eight Grounds or Closes call'd or known by the names of Orchard home Ground, five Acres, Broadmead, Little mead, Middle Leaze, Pond Leaze, Shepherd Close, and likewise my Estate call'd Brownins and all other the Premises with the Appurtenances with four Closes call'd or known by the names of Brownins Mead, Leger Brownins Hill, stock Mead with all my Plate Except one Pint and a half Pint four Spoons two Salts and a Butter dish Item I give to Elizabeth Young One hundred pounds to be paid out of my Estate with one Pint and a half Pint four Spoons two Salts and a Butter dish Likewise all my Stock of live Cattle (that is to say) Cows Horses Sheep Hogs (with the Parlour End of the House call'd Stills and ffourteen Pounds a Year till be paid till the above Somerset weeks comes to the Age of Twenty one Years I likewise give to Elizabeth Young two grounds or Closes call'd or known by the names of West Close and Parkers Close Item I give to my Cousin John Bedwell son of Thomas Bedwell of furzyhill in the Parish of Kempsford in the County of Gloucester One hundred Pounds to be paid in five years after my decease Item I give to Thomas Hayward two pounds two shillings Item I give to Humphrey Hayward two pounds two shillings Item I give to William Ponting two pounds two shillings Item I give to William Hayward one pound one shilling Item I give to John Hapson one pound one shilling Item I give to Jonathan Woodman two pounds two shillings And I do make Somersett Weeks and Elizabeth Young Executors of this my last Will and Testament I also appoint Thomas Nicholls of Rouse Land in the Parish of Brinkworth to be Executor in Trust for the aforesaid Somersett Weekes I likewise appoint Somersett Weeks and Elizabeth Young to be Trustees and Overseers of this my last Will and to take care and see the same perform'd according to my true intent and meaning I also empower them to lett and sett and Receive all such Rents as may arise from the same until the above said Somersett Weeks shall come to the age of Twenty one years then the said trustees shall give and true and faithful account unto the said Somersett Weeks or whom he shall appoint But my Will and intent is that said trustees shall not be Chargeable for any more money than they shall actually receive and that they shall be indemnified from all Costs and Trouble in and about the same Trust and for their Trouble I Give to Thomas Nicholls Thirty Pounds And a Suit of Mourning to Elizabeth Nicholls as above mentioned Revoking all for Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year above written *Jno Weekes*

(Attestation Clause)

*Robt Stratton \_ John Matthews \_ Giles Crips*

Item I give to Mary Spencer a Suit of Mourning if she stay in my service till my decease *Jno Weekes*

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