

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Thomas Long
of Devizes
Will proved 11th October 1671*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC Prob11/337

Testator:	Long	Thomas	Gentleman of Devizes
Executors:			
Long	Margery	Wife	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Long	Margery	Wife	
Long	Thomas	Son	
Long	John	Son	
Long	Richard	Son	
Long	Henry	Son	
Long	William	Son	
Long	Anne	Daughter	
Long	Sarah	Daughter	
Long	Margery	Daughter	
Long	Mary	Daughter	
Long	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Long	Lucy	Daughter	
Long	Michael	Son	
			Poor of St. Mary's Devizes
			Poor of St. John's, Devizes
Witnesses			
Naish	S.....		
Peirce	Thomas		
Tidcombe	John		
Other Names			
Andrews	Barry	Sir, Baronet	Sold land to testator
Merewether	Priscilla		Sold land to testator
Long	Henry		Sold land to testator

In the Name of God Amen The Two and Twentieth day of July In the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and ffoure I Thomas Long of Devizes in the County of wilts gent being in good and perfect health (Thanks be to Almighty God)But calling to mind the uncertaine estate of this Transitory life And that all fflesh must yeild unto death when it shall

please God to call Doe make constitute ordaine and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following Revouking and Adnulling by these presents All and every Testament and Testaments will and wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or by writing And this is to be taken onely for my last will and Testament and noe other And ffirst being penitent and sory ffrom the bottome of my heart for my Sinnes past must humbly desiring forgiveness of the Same I give and Comitt my Soule unto Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer in whom and by the Meritts of Jesus Christ I trust & beleive assuredly to be saved And to have full remission and forgiveness of all my Sinnes And that my Soule with my body att the generall day of Resurrection shall rise againe with Joy And through the meritts of Christ's death and passion possesse and inheritt the Kingdome of heaven prepared for the elect and Chosen And my body to be buried in such place where it pleases my Executrix hereafter named to appoint And now for the Settling of my Temporall Estate And such lands goods Chattles and debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I doe order give and dispose the Same in manner following (That is to Say)First my will is that my Loving wife Margery Long Shall have ffree power and lawfull authority in her own right to sell the ffee simple for my Children's best advantage to raise Portions for them All that one Close of meadow or pasture called and knowne by the name of little Wallen lying in Potterne in the said County of Wilts And alsoe one other Ground which I lately purchased from Sr Barry Andrews Barronett called by the name of Nest Croft Hill contayning by estimation ffour Acres be it more or less lying and being in the parish of St John in Devizes aforesaid Alsoe I give and bequeath unto my said wife All my lands of Inheritance which I am now seized of (Except the land before given for raising of Portions) ffor and during the term of her naturall life without doing any waste or Spoyle upon Condition That doe well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto my Sonne Thomas Long my eldest Sonne after he Shall attaine the full age of Twenty and one Yeare the full Sume of Twenty Pounds yearly during her life And in the meane tyme before my said Sonne Thomas Long Shall accomplish his aforesaid age of One and Twenty yeares my will is that my said wife shall find and allow unto him Sufficient and Convenient meate drinke apparell and all other necessary things whatsoever instructing and giving good breeding and education during his minority according to his Degree and calling which Annuity of Twenty Pounds per Annum my said wife is to pay yearly att the two most usuall ffeasts of payment in the yeare (That is to Say)The ffeast of St Michaell the Archangell And the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary by even Portions The ffirst payment thereof to be made at that ffeast which ffirst and next Shall Happen after my said Sonne Thomas Shall accomplish his full age of One and Twenty yeares After the decease of my said wife My will and meaning is That my said Sonne Thomas Shall hold and enjoy All my lands and Tenements with the Appurtenances which I purchased of Priscilla Merewether lying and being in Marston in the parish of Potterne aforesaid And one parcell of land lying in Marston aforesaid belonging unto a tenement which I purchased from Henry Long Esquire Lying in Long Mead conteyning One Acre be it More or lesse To hold to him and his heires for ever Item I give to my Sonne John Long After the decease of my said wife All that Messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances lying in Marston aforesaid which I purchased of Henry Long Esquire Except the said Parcell of Land Lying in Long Mead before given unto my said Sonne John And my will is that my Said wife shall find and allow my said Sonne John Sufficient and Convenient meate drinke apparel and all other necessary things whatsoever Instructing and giving good breeding and education during my wife's life fitt for his degree and calling Alsoe I give and bequeath unto Richard Long Henry Long William Long Anne Long Margery Long Sarah Long Mary Long Elizabeth Long Lucy Long and Michaell Long my other sonnes and daughters the full Sume of Two Hundred Pounds apeece my said Last Sonnes Portions to be paid by my Executrix at their severall and respective ages of One and Twenty yeares And my daughters portions to be paid when they shall attaine their severall and respective ages of One and Twenty yeares or be married which severall portions of Two Hundred Pounds my will is That my Executrix imediately after my decease Shall put the said Portions to Interest for my Childrens best Advantage But if any of my said Children Richard Henry William Anne Margery Sarah Mary Elizabeth Lucy and Michaell or any or either of them Shall fortune to dye before they shall attaine to their Severall and Respective ages of One and Twenty yeares or be married That then my Will is That my said Sonne John and the Surviving Children Shall have and reteine All such portion or portions soe given him her or any of them To be equally divided amongst them And whereas the Severall Sumes above mentioned are in Severall men's hands and due to me by Bond or other assure... yet if any Shalbe lost or cannot be recovered by my Executrix by the Lawes od this Kingdome That then for soe much money as cannot be recovered by any Such shalbe deducted out of their severall and respective portions given as aforesaid My said Executrix using and doing her best endeavours for the recovery thereof without any manner of partiality Alsoe I give and bequeath unto Margery my said wife All my Household goods and Chattles moveable and unmoveable of what kind soever dureing her naturall life upon Condition that she doth give and dispose all such Goods Chattles and Household goods unto some of my Children whom she in her discretion shall thinke best or may deferre the same Alsoe I

give and bequeath unto the poore of the Severall Parishes of St John's Parish and St Maryes Parish of Devizes aforesaid
The Sume of Twenty Shillings a peece To be distributed att my ffuneral by my Executrix And Lastly I doe hereby make
my said Loveing wife Margery my full and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament desireing her to be carefull of
my Children in their education and paying them their severall and respective portions soe by me given as aforesaid in
manner and forme aforesaid In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare first above
written And caused this my said Will to be Read and Published in the psence of S.... Naish Thomas Peirce Jo: Tidcombe

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