

*The Last Will and Testament
of Daniel Harding
of Hankerton
Will proved 10th December 1725*



Will dated 12th July 1725

Testator:	Harding	Daniel	
Executors:			
Sparkman	Daniel Senior	Sole	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Burchell	Thomas	Cousin	Of Brinkworth
Clark	Mary	Cousin	
Fountain	Thomas	Kinsman	
Francom	Jane	Cousin	
Fry	Daniel	Cousin	Brother of Edmund
Fry	Edmund	Cousin	
Fullaway	Elizabeth	Cousin	Daughter of Joseph Hancocks
Gagg	Elizabeth	Cousin	
Harding	Peter	Brother	
Harding	Rebecca	Wife	
Mayer	Rebecca	Cousin	Sister of William
Mayer	William	Cousin	
Ovens	Edward	Cousin	Of Brinkworth
Ovens	Joane	Aunt	Mother of Edward
Skure	Elizabeth		Daughter of John
Skure	John	Cousin	Of Dansey
Sparkman	Daniel Junior	Cousin and Godson	Son of Daniel Senior
Sparkman	Daniel Senior	Kinsman	
Sparkman	Elizabeth		Wife of Thomas
Sparkman	George	Cousin	Brother of Daniel Junior
Sparkman	Isaac	Cousin	
Sparkman	Thomas	Cousin	
Sparkman	Thomas	Cousin	Brother of Daniel Junior
Stint	Mary	Cousin	
Three youngest children of Joseph Hancocks		Children of Cousin	Of Malmesbury

Witnesses			
Norgrove	Edmund		
Norgrove	James		
Norgrove	John		

Other Names			

Transcription

In the Name Of God Amen the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord God 1725 I Daniel Harding of Hankerton in the County of Wilts being at this time in perfect mind and memory praised be God do make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Imprimus I give and bequeath unto my Wife Rebecca Harding the sum of twelve pounds by the year to be paid her by my Executor during her natural life Item I give unto my brother Peter Harding the sume of five Shillings to be paid by my Executor Item I give unto my Cousin Edward Ovens of Brinkworth the sume of ten pounds to be paid by my Executor in two years time after my decease if he so long live Item I give the use or Interest of the said ten pounds unto his mother Joane Ovens during her natural life after my decease Item I give unto my Cousin Thomas Burchell of Brinkworth aforesaid the sume of twenty shillings to be paid by my Executor in one years' time after my decease if he so long live Item I give unto my Cousin John Skure of Dansey the sume of two pounds to be paid him by my Executor in two years' time after my decease if he so long live Item I give unto his Daughter Elizabeth Skure the sume of three pounds to be paid her by my Executor when she shall arrive or be of the age of one and twenty years Item I give unto my Cousin Edmund Fry the sume of thirty pounds to be paid by my Executor in three years time after my decease if he so long live Item I give unto his brother Daniel Fry the sume of thirty pounds to be paid by my Executor in three years time after my decease if he so long shall live Item I give unto my Cousin Mary Stint the sume of one pound to be paid her by my Executor in two years time after my decease if she so long live Item I give unto my Kinsman Thomas Fountain the sume of four hundred pounds one hundred pounds to be paid by my Executor to him when he shall arrive or be of the age of one and twenty years and the sume of one hundred pounds to be paid him by my Executor when he shall be at the age of twenty four years and the sume of two hundred pounds to be paid him by my Executor when he shall arrive at the age of twenty six years and my will is that if the said Thomas Fountain shall dye or decease before he do arrive or be of the age of one and twenty years he may and shall have full power to dispose or give his said Legacy unto whom he shall and may keep the said Legacy unto whom he shall think fitting and my will is also that my said Executor shall and may keep the said Legacy or sume of four hundred pounds until the said Thomas Fountain shall arrive or be of the age of one and twenty years my Executor paying interest for the sume after the rate of four pounds per cent per annum beginning or bearing date in a Fortnight after my decease Item I give unto my Cousin Joseph Hancocks' of Malmsbury Three youngest Children to each of them the sume of thirty pounds to be paid them severally when they shall severally be of the age of twenty one years to be paid by my Executor Item I give unto my Cousin Elizabeth Fullaway the said Joseph Hancocks' Daughter the sume of fourteen pounds to be paid her by my Executor in five years time after my decease if she shall so long live Item I give unto my Cousin Mary Clark the sume of ten pounds to be paid her by my Executor in three years time after my decease if she shall so long live Item I give unto my Cousin William Mayer of Malmsbury junior the sume of five pounds to be paid him by my Executor in two years time after my decease if he shall so long live Item I give unto his Sister Rebecca the sume of two pounds to be paid her by my Executor in two years time after my decease if she so long live Item I give unto my Cousin Isaac Sparkman the sum of ten pounds to be paid him by my Executor in two years time after my decease if he so long live Item I give unto my Cousin Elizabeth Gagg the sume of five pounds to be paid her by my Executor in one years time after my decease if she so long live Item I give unto my Cousin Thomas Sparkman the sume of ten pounds to be paid by my Executor in four years time after my decease if he so long liveth also I give unto his Wife Elizabeth Sparkman the sume of fifteen shillings by the year to be paid her out of my Freehold Lands by him or her that enjoys the same during her natural life Item I give unto my Cousin Jane Francom the sume of twenty shillings to be paid her by my Executor one years time after my decease if she shall so long live Item I give unto my Cousin Daniel Sparkman my Godson of Hankerton aforesaid Junior the sume of thirty pounds to be paid him by my Executor herein named when he shall be of the age of one and twenty years Item I give unto his brother George Sparkman the sume of one hundred pounds to be paid him by my Executor also at the age of one and twenty years Item I give unto their Brother Thomas Sparkman Son of the aforesaid Daniel Sparkman the sume of one hundred to be paid him by my Executor at the age of one and twenty years and my will is that if either of them dye before they shall be of the age of one and twenty years then his part or share shall return and be equally divided between the survivor or survivors of them Item I give unto my kinsman Thomas Fountain my little Bay Mare with two saddles and two bridles Item I give and devise unto my Wife Rebecca Harding all my household Goods to make use of the same during her natural life and after her decease unto my kinsman Daniel Sparkman Senior Item I give and devise unto my kinsman Daniel Sparkman Senior of Hankerton aforesaid all my Freehold Lands and tenem^{ts} Barns Stables buildings with all the appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging lying and being in Hankerton aforesaid now in the possession of the said Daniel Sparkman during his natural life and after his decease unto my Godson Daniel Sparkman son of the aforesaid Daniel Sparkman and his heirs forever Item I give all the rest residue and remainder of my money Bonds Bills goods and Chattels whatsoever unbequeathed unto my kinsman Daniel Sparkman Senior of Hankerton aforesaid he paying all my debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses and I do make and ordain the aforesaid Daniel Sparkman Senior my full and whole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former and other wills by me made or Spoken In witness whereof I the said Daniel Harding hereunto these two sheets of paper set my hand and Seal as my last Will and Testament the day and year first above written

-----The mark of *Daniel Harding*-----

Signed sealed and declared containing two sheets of paper being my last Will and Testament in the presence of us

-----*Edmund Norgrove*-----*John Norgrove*-----*James Norgrove*-----

Decimo die mensis *Septembris* Anno Domini *Millesimo*
Septingentesimo vicesimo quinto emanavit *Commissio* *Araria* ---
Spathman vidua *Relicta* et *Executori* nominat in *Testamento* --
Danielis Spathman defuncti dum vixit *Executori* et *Legatarij* --
Residua nominat in *Testamento* *Danielis* *Arardig* nuper de --

Arankerton in *Comitatu* *Wilto* defuncti *habentis* et. ad *administrandum*
bona *jura* et *redita* *diti* *defuncti* *juxta* *tenorem* et *Effectum* *Testamenti*
ipius *defuncti* | eo *quod* *distans* *antequam* *onus* *Executionis* *diti* *Testam.*
in *se* *accepta* *set* *fatis* *etiam* *resit* *de* *bono* *et* *fideliter* *administrando* --
eadem *ad* *Sancta* *Dei* *Evangelia* *rigore* *Commissionis* *Jurat* *Et.*