

*The Last Will and Testament of  
Esther Moxham  
of Melksham  
Will proved 31st May 1798*



Probate Court of (enter district) London

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<b>Testator:</b>	Moxham	Esther	Widow of Melksham
<b>Executors:</b>			
Moxham	Benjamin	Son	Sole Executor

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Moxham	John	Son	
Moxham	Paul	Son	
Sturge	Lydia	Daughter	
Moxham	Deborah	Daughter	
Moxham	Benjamin	Son	
<b>WITNESSES</b>			
Fowler	Robert		Witness to both Will and Codicil
Hoare	Robert		Witness to both Will and Codicil
<b>OTHER NAMES</b>			

Be it Remembered that I Esther Moxham of Melksham in the County of Wilts Widow having considered the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being at this time in an indifferent state of bodily health but thro' Divine ffavor of sound mind memory and understanding do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following hereby revoking by me at any time heretofore made (that is to say) ffirst I do forgive remit and release unto my Son John Moxham All such Sum and Sums of money on which he now stands indebted to me or to the Estate of my late husband Deceased or in which he may be hereafter be indebted to me not exceeding the sum of One hundred pounds and if my said Son John shall not happen at the time of my Decease or after to be indebted to me of to the Estate in the sum of One hundred pounds then and in such case I give to my said Son so much money as will make up together the Sum he may be indebted to me as aforesaid the sum of One hundred pounds Also I give unto my Son John Moxham the further sum of One hundred pounds to be paid together with the above in twelve months after my Decease I give unto my Son Paul Moxham the Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds I give unto my Daughter Lydia Sturge the Sum of One

hundred and fifty pounds I give unto my Daughter Deborah Moxham the Sum of Three hundred pounds I do hereby Will and direct that all the aforesaid Legacies be paid by my Executor hereinafter named within twelve months next after my decease Also I give unto my said Daughter Deborah Moxham One Moiety of my Household Goods Plate Linen and China ( my Books ffurnace Boilers Grates and ffixtures in and about my Dwelling House excepted) All my Wearing Apparel I Give unto my Daughters Lydia Sturge and Deborah Moxham to be equally divided between them share and share alike as near as may be All the money that may arise and be due to me from Trade or otherwise from and after the twenty fifth day of the tenth month called October One thousand seven hundred and ninety one to the time of my decease I give and bequeath unto my Son and Daughter Benjamin and Deborah Moxham to be divided between them in equal proportions All the rest and residue of my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever that I shall be in any way interested in or intitled to my just Debts ffuneral and other expences being first discharged I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my Son Benjamin Moxham whom I appoint Sole Executor of this my Will And it is my earnest desire that love and harmony may continue among my Children who all have an equal share in my affection and from the Love I feel to them would have had an equal distribution of the little I have but for reasons which the benevolence of their minds will point to without explanation In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of the fifth month called May One thousand seven hundred and ninety three \_ *Esther Moxham*

(Attestation Clause)

*Robert Fowler \_ Thomas Hoare*

Be it also remembered that if my Son John Moxham shall at the time of my Decease be indebted to my Estate in a sum of money exceeding One hundred pounds then my Will is and I hereby direct that such a Sum shall be paid to him by my Executor herein named as shall make up together with the sum in which he may be so indebted to me the sum of Two hundred pounds \_ *Esther Moxham \_ Witness Robert Fowler \_ Thomas Hoare*

Proved at London with a Codicil 31 May 1798 by a solemn and sincere declaration or affirmation according to Act of Parliament

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