

*The Last Will and Testament  
of John Holtham alias Haltham  
of Oaksey  
Will proved 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1787*



Will dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 1787

<b>Testator:</b>	Holtham	John	Yeoman
<b>Executors:</b>			
Holtham	Richard	Sole	Son of John

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Meddly	Mary	Daughter	Wife of Thomas Meddly
Holtham	Ann	Daughter	
Holtham	Richard	Son	
Holtham	Rebecca	Daughter	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Joachim	Rt		
Whiteman	Elizabeth		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Whitfield	Thomas	Cousin	

**Transcription**

**This is the Last Will and Testament** of me John Holtham of Oaksey in the County of Wilts Yeoman which I make publish and declare in manner following being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same) whereby after humbly surrendering my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and committing my Body to the Earth to be therein decently interred at the direction of my Executor hereinafter named I give and dispose of my Worldly Estate and Effects which it hath pleased God to bless me with as follows (that is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the Wife of Thomas Meddly one shilling to be paid her on demand I also give unto my Daughter Ann the sum of one shilling to be paid her on demand I also give and bequeath unto my Son Richard Holtham all and singular my Household Goods and Utensils of Household and Husbandry and all my Stock Cattle Money and Debts and all other my Goods Chattels and Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever or wheresoever he finding providing and allowing thereout unto his Sister Rebecca Holtham a proper Maintenance during the term of her natural life in case she do not Marry but in case she do happen to Marry or in case she and her Brother my Executor herein after named shall not agree to live together then my Will and desire is that my said Son Richard Holtham shall pay out of my Effects the sum of three shillings per week weekly and every week from the time of their separation for and during the term of her natural Life And I do hereby charge and make chargeable my said Estate and Effects with the payment thereof and with the Maintenance of her my said Daughter Rebecca in Lieu thereof And I do hereby make nominate constitute and appoint my said Son Richard Holtham sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby desire my Cousin Thomas

Whitfield of Oaksey aforesaid Butcher to assist and direct my said Son in the Husbandry Business and in every thing else that he shall desire according to the best of his Skill Judgment and Understanding And Lastly I do hereby revoke all former and other Wills by me at anytime heretofore made and confirm this to be my last In Witness whereof I the said John Holtham the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal this twenty fourth day of February in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven

-----*John Holtham*-----

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said John Holtham the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereunto

-----*R<sup>t</sup> Joachim*-----The Mark of *Elizabeth Whiteman*-----

**This Will** was proved at London the third day of July in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Richard Haltham otherwise Holtham the Son of the deceased and sole Executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn by Commission dully to administer.