

*The Last Will and Testament of
Richard Rooke
of Potterne
Will proved 8 Feb 1724/25*



Probate Court of London

Original reference: Prob11/602

LW&T dated 15 Dec 1723

Testator:	Rooke	Richard	Gentleman
Executors:			
Rooke	Richard	Sole	Son

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Rooke	Richard	Son	
Rooke	Mary Anne	Wife	
			Poor of Potterne Parish
North	Thomas	Nephew	s/o Thomas North (Bro law)
North	Richard John		s/o Richard North (bro law)
Norh	Hester		d/o Richard North (bro law)
WITNESSES			
Batson	Elizabeth		
Hope	Edward junr.		
Mathyson	John		
OTHER NAMES			

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Rooke of Potterne in the County of Wilts Gent being sick and weak of Body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding(thanks be to God for the same) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) ffirst I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Loving Wife hereinafter mentioned And as form and concerning that Worldly estate which it hath Almighty God of infinite mercy to bestow on me I give devise and bequeath thereof in manner and form following (that is to say) Imprimis I give and devise unto my only

Son Richard Rooke his Heirs and Assigns for ever All my ffreehold Lands and hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever the same are and be Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Anne Rooke for and during the Term of her natural life the Use and Usage of all my Household Goods and Plate and from and after her decease I give and bequeath all my said Household Goods and Plate unto my said Son Richard Rooke to and for his own use But if my Son Richard Rooke should happen to dye in the life time of his said Mother Then my Will and desire is and I do hereby give and bequeath all my said Household Goods and Plate unto my said beloved Wife Mary Anne Rooke her Executors Administrators and Assigns as her and their own for ever Item I give and bequeath unto the Poor of the Parish of Potterne aforesaid the Sum of ffive Pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be distributed amongst them by my Executors in Trust hereinafter named within one Month next after my decease And all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattles ready money and Personal Estate whatsoever after my Debts Legacys and ffuneral expences are paid and discharged I give and bequeath the same unto my said Son Richard Rooke whom I make sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament the same Goods Chattles and Personal estate to be paid and delivered unto my said Son by my Executors in Trust hereinafter named when and as soon as he my said Son shall have attained his age of Twenty One years And in case my said Son Richard Rooke shall happen to dye and depart this life before he shall have attained his said age of Twenty One years then my Will and desire is and I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Nephew Thomas North (Son of my Brother in Law Thomas North) the sum of ffifty Pounds and unto my Nephews and Niece Richard John and Hester North (Children of my Brother in Law Richard North) the Sum of Thirty Pounds a peice the same last mentioned Legacys to be paid unto my said Nephews and Niece respectively by my Executors in Trust hereinafter named within twelve Months next after my said Son's decease And I do nominate and appoint my said beloved Wife and my beloved ffriends William Davis of Highworth in the County of Wilts and Thomas Batson Davis Esq to be Executors in Trust of this my last Will and Testament and that they and the Survivors of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor shall have the Guardianship and tuition of my said Son Richard Rooke during his Minority and full power and authority to receive and take all Rents profits and other moneys which shall descend or in any ways come unto him during his Minority and by and out of the same to educate maintain and place him forth in the world in such manner as they my said Executors in Trust or the Survivor of them shall in their discretion think proper And the Overplus thereof after such education maintenance and placing forth in the World as aforesaid from time to time as the same be received to place the same out at interest for the benefit and advantage of my said Son And I do also direct that my said Executors in Trust shall not be answerable for or lyable to make good any moneys by them or either of them to be lett out at interest by Virtue of this my Will which shall or may happen to be lost and not recoverable but shall and may be reimbursed all Costs and Charges which they shall lay out and expend or be put unto by reason of their acting therein or any ways touching or concerning the same And for the pains and care of my Executors in Trust I give them each Ten Pounds a peice to buy the Mourning Lastly I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Richard Rooke the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament sett my hand and seal the fifteenth day of December in the Tenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George of Great Britain Annoq Domini 1723 Richard Rooke

(Attestation Clause)

Elizabeth Batson _ Edwd Hope Junr _ John Mathyson