

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Lawrence Baker the Elder
of Seend
Will Proved
28th April 1704*



Probate Court of London
Original reference PCC Prob11/539

Testator:	Baker	Lawrence	Yeoman of Seend
Executors:			
Baker	James	Son	Joint Executor
Baker	Joseph	Son	Joint Executor
Baker	Mary	Daughter	Joint Executrix
Baker	Praxy	Daughter	Joint Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Baker	James	Son	
Baker	Joseph	Son	
Baker	Lawrence	Son	
Baker	Mary	Daughter	
Baker	Praxy	Daughter	
Witnesses			
Axford	Henry		
Bagly	Thomas		
Jeffryes	Robert		
Other Names			
Somner	Edward	Esquire	Tenant

In the Name of God Amen I Lawrence Baker the Elder of Seend in the County of Wilts Yeoman being aged but of sound and disposing memory do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth Vizt. Ffirst and principally I commit my body to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buried and my Soul to God that gave it me And as for that Portion of Worldly Estate which God hath beene pleased to lend me I dispose thereof as followeth vizt. Imprimis Item I give and bequeath to my Daughters Mary and Praxy All those my two Grounds and Closes called the Great Berrills and Little Berrills containing in the whole about three and Twenty Acres lying and being together at Selfes Green in the Parish of Melkesham in the said County now in the possession of Henry Hyett To have and to hold the same unto my said two Daughters their Heirs and Assigns for ever And in case either of my said Daughters shall happen to dye before she is intituled to the said Lands Then my Will and meaning is the Share of her so dying shall go to the Survivor of my said Daughters her Heirs and Assigns for ever And in case my Son Lawrence shall within six months next after my decease pay unto my said two Daughters or the Survivor of them the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Then my Will and meaning is

and I do hereby give the said Lands unto my son Lawrence his Heirs and Assigns for ever Item I give and devise unto my Son James Baker All that my Dwelling House Garden Orchard backside and all my Lands lying in Seend aforesaid in the East field there To have and to hold the same unto my said Son James his Heirs and Assigns for ever And in case my said Son James shall happen to dye unmarried then I give the said Dwelling House Garden Orchard backside and Lands unto my Son Joseph Baker his Heirs and Assigns for ever And I further give and bequeath unto my said Son Joseph All that my Ground or Close of Meadow lying in the East field of Seend aforesaid containing about two acres now in the possession of Edward Somner Esquire To Have and to hold the same unto my said Son Joseph his Heirs and Assigns for ever And in case my said Son Joseph shall happen to dye unmarried Then I do give the said two Closes unto my said Sonn James his Heirs and Assigns for ever Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Lawrence Baker one Shilling And all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Goods Chattells Lands Tenements money and Estate whatsoever after my Debts Legacies and ffuneral Expences are paid and discharged I give and bequeath the same unto my said Children James Joseph Mary and Praxy whom I nominate and make sole Executors and Executrixes of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me formerly made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale the Eleventh day of August in the Tenth Year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third over England etc annoq Dm 1698 *Lawrence Baker*

(Attestation Clause)

Thomas Bagly - Robt Jeffryes - Hen: Axford

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