

*The Last Will and Testament
Of James Bethell
of Warminster
Administration with Will Granted
8th November 1819*



Probate Court London
Original reference PCC Prob11/1622
Will Dated 15th March 1797

Testator:	Bethell	James	Maltster of Warminster
Executors & Trustees			
Davies	Matthew	Friend	Gentleman of Warminster
Provis	Samuel	Friend	Innkeeper of Warminster

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Bethell	Rachael	Wife	
Bethell		Unnamed Children	
Witnesses			
Burt	Robert		
Dudden	Jacob		
Gough	Matthew		
Other Names			

I James Bethell of Warminster in the County of Wilts Maltster do hereby revoke and make void all and every Will and Wills Testament and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be and contain my only last Will and Testament first I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid and satisfied Also I give devise and bequeath unto my friends Matthew Davies of Warminster aforesaid Gentleman and Samuel Provis of the same place Innholder all and every my messuages tenements estates lands hereditaments and premises and also all other my Estate both real and personal whatsoever wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever which I am anyways intituled unto either in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to hold to them the said Matthew Davies and Samuel Provis their heirs executors administrators and assigns upon the trusts and to for and upon the several uses ends intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of and in concerning the same that is to say in trust at any time or times after my death as they my said Trustees may deem proper to sell and dispose of such part of my Estate and Effects both Real and Personal as may not be in money and the monies arising by sale thereof together with all other my monies to put and

place out at interest on such security or securities as they shall think proper and from time to time to alter and vary the same as shall be expedient and pay the interest and proceeds thereof unto my Wife Rachael and her assigns for her maintenance and for the maintenance of all my children lawfully begotten or to be begotten until their several and respective ages of twenty one years and when and as soon as my said children shall severally attain to the age of twenty one years in trust to pay each of them one hundred and thirty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain and in case any or either of my said child or children begotten or to be begotten shall happen to die under the age of twenty one years and without leaving any lawful issue of their his or her bodies or body lawfully to be begotten then I will that the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds so given to such of my said children as shall die under such age and without issue shall go to and belong and I hereby give and bequeath the same unto the survivors or survivor if more than one in equal shares and proportions at their several and respective ages of twenty one years and if but one to such only child his or her executors administrators or assigns and as to the remaining part of the monies arising from my Estate and Effects (after payment of the aforesaid legacies of one hundred and thirty pounds to each of my children) I will my said trustees shall continue out at interest and pay the interest arising therefrom unto my said Wife Rachael and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life to and for her own sole use and benefit and from and after her death to divide the principal thereof equally between and amongst all my said children who shall live to attain to the age of twenty one years if more than one in equal shares and proportions and if but one child to such only child his or her executors administrators or assigns and my will is that in the mean time and until such sale of my said Estate and Effects shall take place or the rents issues and profits thereof shall be paid unto or received by her my said Wife for her maintenance and the maintenance of my said children during their respective minorities and my will also is that my said trustees shall be at liberty to permit and suffer her my said Wife to have use and enjoy all or any part or parts of my household goods furniture plate linen and china for so long time as they in their discretion shall think proper and that they shall not be answerable for any loss which may happen thereby and my further will is that it shall me lawful for my said Trustees or the survivor of them at anytime during the respective minorities of my said children to advance all or any part or parts of the said respective legacies of one hundred and thirty pounds each so given to them my said children to advance all or any part or parts of the said respective legacies of one hundred and thirty pounds each so given to them my said children for the putting or placing them or either of them apprentice or apprentices or for the advancement of them or either of them in life before that age any thing herein contained to the contrary and my will is also that the purchaser or purchasers of all or any part or parts of my said Estate and Effects shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money or be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or nonapplication thereof but the receipt or receipts of my said trustee or the survivor of them his heirs executors and administrators shall be to such purchaser or purchasers good and effectual discharge or discharges for the same And I make constitute and appoint them the said Matthew Davies and Samuel Proviss joint Executors in trust of this my said last Will and Testament and do appoint my said Wife Rachael sole Guardian of my said Children during their respective minorities Lastly my will is and I expressly declare it to be my meaning and intention that it shall be lawful for my said trustees and executors to reimburse him and themselves all costs charges and expences they shall be put unto whether for loss of time or otherwise in the performance of this my will the trusts hereby in them reposed the management thereof or any thing in any wise relating thereunto and that they shall not be answerable for any loss that may happen of the monies coming to their hands or for each other's acts or deeds but each for his own acts and deeds only In witness whereof I the said testator Janes Bethell have to this my said last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper set my hand to the first and second sheets and my hand and seal to the last sheet thereof the fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven Jas Bethell

(Attestation Clause)

Jacob Dudden _ Matthew Gough _ Robt Burt

8 November 1819 Administration with Will annexed to Rachael Bethell Widow Matthew Davies the surviving Executor having renounced

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