

Thomas Blake Will 1761, proved 1762

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1. In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Blake the Eldr of Winslow in the County
2. of Bucks Gentleman being weak in Body but of Sound and perfect mind memory and
3. Understanding (Praised be God for the Same) Do make this my last will and Testament in
4. manner and form following (that is to say) First and Principally I recommend my Soul into
5. the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping through the Merits of Jesus Christ to obtain
6. pardon and remission of all my Sins and to Inherit Everlasting Life And my Body I commit
7. to the Earth to be Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executor herein after Named And as
8. Touching such Worldly Goods and Temporal Estate which God hath Given me I devise and
9. Dispose thereof as followeth First I Give Devise and bequeath unto my Son Edward Blake and
10. to his heirs and Assigns All that my Messuage Tenement or Farm House Situate and being in
11. Steeple Claydon in the said County of Bucks Together with all Houses Outhouses Edifices  
Buildings
12. Barns Stables Yards Orchards Gardens and Backsides And all that Close called the Horns Close
13. to the said Messuage Tenement or Farm House Adjoining And all that other Close or Inclosed  
Ground
14. lying and being in the Parish of Steeple Claydon aforesaid with all and every the Appurtenances
15. thereunto belonging Also all my Arable Land Ley Meadow Pasture and Sward Ground with
16. all and every the Appurtenances and Commons thereto belonging lying and being Dispersedly in
17. the open and Common Fields Parish and Precincts of Steeple Claydon aforesaid And now in the
18. Occupation of John Stevens Junior To hold to him my said Son Edward Blake his heirs and
19. Assigns for Ever Subject Nevertheless and Chargable with the payment of Three Hundred
20. Pounds and Interest (for which the same Already Stand a Security) Also I Give Devise and
21. Bequeath unto my son Thomas Blake All and every my Copyhold Inclosed Closes of Pasture
22. and Meadow Ground lying and being in the Parish of Great Horwood in the said County of Bucks
23. (which I have already Surrendred to the Use of my Will) And now in the Occupation of my said  
Son
24. Thomas Blake with all and Singular the Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging
25. To hold to him my Said Son Thomas Blake his Heirs and Assigns for Ever Also I further
26. [signed] Tho Blake

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1. Give and Bequeath unto my Said Son Edward Blake the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of Good
2. and Lawful Money of Great Britain Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann the Wife
3. of John Carpenter the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of like Lawful Money Also I Give and
4. Bequeath unto my Son Robert Blake the Sum of Thirty Pounds of like Lawful Money Also
5. I Give unto my Son Francis Blake the Sum of Twenty Pounds of like Lawful Money Also I Give unto
6. my Son William Blake Five Pounds of like Lawful Money Also I Give and bequeath unto my  
Grandson
7. Robert Dancer Ten Pounds of like Lawful Money Also I Give and bequeath unto my Kinsman

8. John Blake the Younger Son of John Blake of Winslow aforesaid Ten Pounds of like Lawful Money Also

9. I Give and bequeath unto Ann Goatman my Housekeeper In Case she shall Continue so to be at the time

10. of my Death Ten Pounds of like Lawful Money All which Legacys so given by me as aforesaid my

11. will and Meaning is that the Same shall be paid to them respectively within Twelve months next after

12. my Decease by my Executor herein after named Also I Give and bequeath unto my Grandson John

13. Blake Son of my said Son Robert Blake Ten Pounds of like Lawful money to be paid by my

14. Executor hereinafter named when he shall attain his Age of Twenty One years And also Lawful Interest

15. for the Same until the said Ten Pounds shall become due and payable Also I Give unto the Poor People

16. of the Parish of Winslow aforesaid Five Pounds of like Lawful Money to be Paid out in Bread and Distributed

17. and given amongst them at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named And my Will is that my said

18. Executor hereafter named shall Employ my said Son Robert Blake to Bake the Same within Three months

19. Next after my Death And I do hereby Expressly Charge all and every my said Copyhold Inclosed Closes

20. lying and being in the Parish of Great Horwood aforesaid with the true payment of all the aforesaid Legacys

21. And with the true payment also of all other my Just Debts and Funeral Expenses Also I Further Give

22. and bequeath unto my said Son Edward Blake All my Household Goods and Implements of Household whatsoever

23. belonging to me at the day of my Decease And as for all the rest and residue of my Real and Personal Estates

24. whatsoever and wheresoever not hereinbefore Given and bequeathed I Give and bequeath the Same unto my said

25. Son Thomas Blake And Lastly I do hereby nominate and Appoint my said Son Thomas Blake full and Sole

26. Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby revoke and make void all former Wills by me before

27. made and this only to be taken for my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have to this my Will

28. Contained in Two Sheets of Paper to the first Sheet thereof Set my hand only and to the last my hand and Seal this

29. Seventh day of April In the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One

30. [Signed and sealed] Tho Blake

31. Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator as and

32. for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request

33. and in his Presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto

34. Robert Gibbs [signed]

35. John Mayne [signed]

36. Joseph Hunt [signed]

On back

1. 29<sup>th</sup> April 1762
2. Thomas Blake the son and Sole
3. Executor within named was sworn
4. Duly to administer Before the Court
5. F Stubb JJP

and

1. Will of Mr Thos Blake
2. Winslow
3. 29<sup>th</sup> April 1762