

In the Name of God Amen I Phillip Evans of Westcott Barton in the County of Oxon
 Blacksmith do this twenty Eighth Day of October in the ninth Year of the Reigne of our
 Sovereigne Lord King George Anno. Dom: 1723 make and ordain this my last Will and
 Testament in manner and forme following First I desire to render up my Soul into the
 Hands of Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the Earth in hopes of a joyfull
 Resurrection thereof unto Everlasting Life thro' the all sufficient merits of my Saviour Jesus
 Christ And as for my worldly Estate Goods and Chattels I give them as follows Impres I
 give unto my Elddest Son Phillip one Shilling Item I give unto my Son John and to my three
 Daughters namely Mary Anne and Joan each of them ten Pounds of lawfull Money of
 England to be paid by my Executor hereafter named at the end of one Year after the
 decease of my Wife Elizabeth And as for the House wheroin I now live all my Debts
 being first paid I do hereby give and dispose of the same together with the Malt House Shop and
 all Outhouses Yards Gardens and all other the Members and Appurtenances thereof and therounds
 belonging or therewith now used and enjoyed to my Youngest Son Thomas whom I do constitute
 and make and appoint to be the whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and
 Testament to paying yearly therefrom the sum of five Pounds of lawfull Money of England
 unto my Dear Wife Elizabeth during her natural Life or else maintaining her in this my
 House in every thing that is fitting and necessary according as her necessities require And as
 for all Household Goods Shop Goods Utensells and working Tools of my Trade and all other

unto my dear wife Elizabeth during her natural Life or else maintaining her in this my
House in every thing that is fitting and necessary according as her necessities require And as
for all Household Goods Shop Goods Utensells and working Tools of my Trade and all other
~~my goods and Chattels~~ I do hereby give and bequeath the same unto my said Son Thomas
Excepting the best Bed with every thing belonging to that Bed which I give unto my said Wife
during only her natural Life and afterwards to return to my Son Thomas whom I would
have defray my Funeral Charges I Item my will is that my Son Thomas shall not sell or in
other ways dispose of my Dwelling House Malt House or Shop or any Outhouses Gardens
or meadows and appurtenances thereof without the free Consent of my Dear Wife first
obtained And furthermore my Will is that if my Son Thomas should die unmarried
my dear Wife Elizabeth surviving him that then she shall have and enjoy my House
wherein I now live together with the Malthouse Shop Yard Garden and all Outhouses and
appurtenances thereunto belonging during only her natural Life and afterwards to
devolve to my Son John and my three Daughters viz: Mary Ann and Joan to be equally
divided among ^{the} or the survivors of ^{it} at ^{the} Decese of my said Wife Elizabeth Lastly
I hereby revoke and make void all former Wills by me heretofore made whatsoever In
Witness whereof I have herunto sett my Hand and Seal ^{the} Day and Year first above
written — Phillip Evans — signed sealed published and delivered in the presence of
Mat: Herbert — Will: Bathe — Will: Rogers his Marke

Will of Phillip Evans WB Blacksmith 8 October 1723

To Eldest Son Phillip one shilling

To his Son John and his three Daughters Mary Ann and Joan each of them ten Pounds to be paid by Executor at the end of one Year after the death of his Wife Elizabeth

And as for the House wherein he now lives he gives this with Malt House Shop and Outhouses Yards Gardens to his youngest Son Thomas who is to pay yearly £5 to his Wife Elizabeth during her natural Life or else maintaining her in this his House in everything that is fitting and necessary

To Son Thomas all Household Goods Shop Goods Utencells and working Tools of his Trade and all other Goods and Chattels Excepting the Best Bed with everything belonging to that Bed which he gives to his Wife and after her death to his Son Thomas

Thomas not to sell or dispose of Dwelling House Malt House or Shop without the free consent of his Wife Elizabeth

If Thomas dies unmarried his Wife Elizabeth is to have House Malt House Shop and after her death to go to Son John and three Daughters Mary Ann and Joan to be equally divided between them or their survivors

His son Thomas to be sole Executor

Witnesses Mat: Herbert Will: Bathe Will: Rogers his Marke

from deed in possession of Miss Joan Sullivan July 1986
Photocopy of Will in possession of BHG

Will of Thomas Evans WB Blacksmith 12 October 1773

To his Wife Elizabeth House Malt House Barn Stable Gardens and Backside in WB now in his possession with all his Furniture of household Goods household stuff plate and Linnen in said House After his Wife's death or second marriage to Son Rowles Evans and after his death to his lawful issue for ever the above mentioned House Malthouse Barn Stable subject to the payment of £40 to each of his three Daughters Ann Elizabeth and Mary
This estate is subject to the payment of the said sum of £140 and in default of such issue this estate will, after the death of Rowles Evans, go to his Daughters Ann Elizabeth and Mary or to their lawful issue

To Son Rowles and three Daughters after the death or second marriage of his Wife the before mentioned Household Goods and Linnen to be divided amongst them equally

To his Wife Elizabeth during her natural life or second marriage his House Close and Garden in MB lately bought of Joseph Ash and Thomas Danderidge now in tenure of Thomas Ryman

After his Wife's death or second marriage that House to his eldest Daughter Ann and her heirs

To his Wife Elizabeth the Use or Interest of £500

After her death the £500 to Son Rowles and his three Daughters Ann Elizabeth and Mary in equal shares

To his Wife Elizabeth his stock of Malt in the Malt House

To his Son Rowles the Blacksmith's Shop in WB now in his [Thomas's] own occupation with all Implements of working tools in the Shop

His Wife Elizabeth and his trusty and faithfull friends John Buswell of WB commonly called John Buswell at Pound and his Trusty Friend John Hollis of WB appointed trustees for his four children
Residue to his Son and three Daughters share and share alike

To John Buswell and to John Hollis £1 1s each to buy a Ring

His Wife Elizabeth to be sole Executrix

Witnesses William Wells George Carter William Buswell

Abstract from deed in possession of Miss Joan Sullivan July 1986
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Sampson Rowles Evans Blacksmith, MB, will 273? Aug 1813, probate 8 Nov 1813, OA 231/2/5

Exor Thomas Rowles Evans son

Mary, wife, £10

Mary, wife, yearly sum of £20 to be paid by exor

Mary, wife, messuage in MB now in occ William Baker. After her death to granddaughter Elizabeth Evans alias Bate? Rate? and after her death to her Ishew share and share alike

Mary, wife, her corner cubord with her china ware and six silver tea spoons and her large table spoons for ever and all the firewood and coals

Thomas Rowles Evans, son, my Bureau and Books Clock and Case a fether Bed and Bedsted with linnen Curtins a pair of Blankets and Silk Coverlid and pillow and Bolster for ever

Eliz Evans, granddaughter, alias Bate Rate? my large high Chest of Drawers a Square Table and a round table a Swing glass in a mahogany frame for ever

Eliz Evans, sd granddaughter, £50

Luci Egelston granddaughter £50 when she becomes 21

Joshua Egelston, grandson, £50 when 21


Mary, wife, residue. After her death to 3 grand children to be divided between them

Signed Sampson Rowles Evans

Witnessed John Chadbon, Jane Chadbon, William Baker

Extracted from the Registry of the
Lord Bishop of Oxford.

12th Oct. 1773.

Thomas Evans  late of Westcote Barton
in the County of Oxford Blacksmith dec^d
by his Will of this Date gave as follows

" I give to my beloved Wife -

" Elizabeth Evans for and during

" her natural life or second Marriage

" all that my House Tenement Close

" and Garden and all appurtenances


" thereto belonging standing lying

" and being in Middle Barton in

" the County of Oxford and which

" I lately bought ~~and purchased~~

" of Joseph Ash and Thomas Danderidge

" and is now in the Tenure of Thomas
" Ryman and  from and after
" the Decease of my said Wife
" Elizabeth want or her second
" Marriage I give all that my
" left mentioned House Close and
" Garden with all appurtenances thereto
" belonging and in Middle Barton aforesaid
" unto my eldest Daughter Ann want
" to her and her Heirs for ever" and app.
~~his said Wife Elizabeth want sole executrix~~

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Proved at Oxford the 23rd Oct.
1786. by E. want the Exec^r.


Robert Morrell

Dep^y Reg^y.

In the Name of God. Amen I Thomas Evans of Westcott Barton in the County of Oxford Blacksmith and being in good Health of Body and of perfect good Memory and Understanding I praise God for the same I do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I commend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it in hopes of ~~his~~ forgiveness for all my Sins through the Merits and Intercessions of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ and my Body to be decently buried by my Executors hereinafter mentioned and as for my temporal and worldly Estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner following Item first I will that all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be paid and satisfied by my Executors hereinafter mentioned Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Evans for and during the Term of her natural Life or second Marriage All that my House or Tenement Malt House Barn Stable Gardens and Backside with all Appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining now in my own Possession and being in Westcott Barton in the County of Oxford aforesaid together with all my Furnitures of household Goods household stuff plate and Linnen in the said House is contained and from and after the decease of my said Wife Elizabeth or her second Marriage which shall first happen I give unto my Son Rowles Evans All that my before mentioned House or Tenement Malt House Barn Stable Garden and Backside with all Appurtenances as aforesaid thereto belonging in Westcott Barton aforesaid and to the Issue of my Son Rowles Evans lawfully begotten and which shall be living at the time of the Decease of my Son Rowles Evans for ever Subject nevertheless to the Payment of Forty Pounds of lawful Money ~~per~~ ~~pro~~ ~~pro~~ ~~pro~~ to each of my three Daughters (that is to say) Ann Elizabeth and Mary which aforesaid Estate with all Appurtenances I subject to the Payment of the said Sum of one hundred ^{and twenty} Pounds and in default of such Issue then from and after the decease of my ~~son~~ ~~son~~ Rowles Evans I give all that my before mentioned Estate to my three Daughters

Payment of the said Sum of one hundred ^{and forty} Pounds and in default of such Issue then from and after the
decease of my ^{dear} Son Rowles Evans I give all that my before mentioned Estate to my three Daughters
Ann Elizabeth and Mary share and share alike or to the lawful Issue of each of my three Daughters
aforesaid which at that time shall be living I Item I give unto my Son Rowles and my three Daughters
Ann Elizabeth and Mary after the decease of my said beloved Wife Elizabeth Evans or her second
Marriage which shall first happen all and all manner of my before mentioned Household Goods
Plate and Linnen to be divided amongst them in equal Shares share and share alike I Item I give
to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Evans for and during her natural Life or second Marriage All that my
House Tenement Close and Garden and all Appurtenances thereto belonging standing lying and being in
Middle Barton in the County of Oxford and which I lately bought of Joseph Ash and Thomas
Dandridge and is now in the tenure of Thomas Ryman and from and after the Decease of my said
Wife Elizabeth Evans or her second Marriage. I give all that my last mentioned House Close and
Garden with all Appurtenances thereto belonging and in middle Barton aforesaid unto my Eldest
(Daughter Ann Evans to her and her Heirs for ever I Item I give unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth for
and during the Term of her natural Life or second Marriage all that my Use or Interest of the
principal Sum of five hundred Pounds without Imbezzlement or Improachment of Waste of any of
the principal Sum of five hundred Pounds Except Interest only and from and after the death of my
said Wife Elizabeth or her second Marriage I give the aforesaid Sum of five hundred Pounds of
lawful Money unto my Son Rowles Evans and my three Daughters Ann Elizabeth and Mary

in equal shares share and share alike I Item I give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth All that my stock
of Malt which shall be in the Malthouse at the time of my Decease I Item I give unto my son
Rowles all that my Blacksmiths shop standing and being in Wokott Barton now in my own
Occupation together with all Implements of working tools in the said Shop I Item I give unto my
Wife Elizabeth and my trusty and faithfull friends John Buswell of Wokott Barton commonly
called John Buswell at Pound and my Trusty Friend John Hollis of Wokott Barton aforesaid
whom I do hereby and to this my last Will appoint and ordain in full Trust for the Use and
in trust for my four Children Rowles Ann Elizabeth and Mary and to and for no other Use
or purposes whatsoever All other my Bills Bonds Debts Book Debts and all Money any way
due to me at my Decease Except what is before mentioned and I will and give full power to my
said Wife and my said Trusty Friends John Buswell and John Hollis hereby assigned to see and
recover and receive all my Bills Bonds and Debts Book Debts and all Money any way due to
me at my decease Except what is before excepted and therewith to pay all my just Debts
and funeral Expences and after my just Debts and funeral Expences is paid and satisfied
or at most within two Years after my decease then the rest and residue of all Money remaining
I will to be paid to my son Rowles and my three Daughters Ann Elizabeth and Mary share
and share alike I Item I give to my said Trusty Friend John Buswell of Wokott Barton
commonly called John Buswell at Pound the Sum of one Pound one Shilling to buy a Ring
I Item I give to my said Trusty Friend John Hollis the Sum of one Pound one Shilling to buy
a Ring And lastly I appoint and ordain my beloved Wife Elizabeth to be the full
whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke disannul
and make void all former Will or Wills at any time heretofore by me made and I do man

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whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke disannul
and make void all former Will or Wills at any time heretofore by me made and I do make
and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament contained in two Sheets whereunto I
have to the first Sheet set my hand and to this second Sheet set my hand and Seal
this twelveth day of October and in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
seventy three Thomas Evans.  Signed Sealed and Declared to be the last Will and
Testament of the within named Testator Thomas Evans in the Presence of us William Waller
George Carter — William Buswell —

EVANS, Elizabeth, WB, widow, will 5 May 1788, Probate Oxford 16 Jan 1789, OA 100.125

Extrix Ann Evans

Ann, daughter in law, £40 and all my wearing apparell

Thomas Evans, son of my son in law Sampson Rowles Evans, the mourning ring I usually wear which I had in memory of my deceased husband

Sarah Evans, daughter of Samprson Rowles Evans, my other gold ring

Samprson Rowles Evans and Sarah Evans £5 apiece

Elizabeth and Ann Bolland, daughters of my daughter in law Elizabeth Bolland of Aylesbury £5 apiece

James Gurney and Martha Gurney, son and daughter of my daughter in law Mary Gurney of Stone? nnear Aylesbury £5 apiece charged notwithstanding their Infancy or Nonage

Ann Evans, daughter in law, best set of china which I lately bought and my two new Witney blankets

Sampson Rowles Evans, daughters in law Ann Evans, Elizabeth Bolland and Mary Gurney to be divided between them ???

Signed Elizabeth Evans[mark]

Witnesses Mary Young?[mark], Jn Buswell

EVANS, Thomas, Blacksmith, WB, will 12 Oct 1773, probate Oxford 23 Oct 1786, OA 100.63

Extrix Elizabeth Evans, wife

in good health

Elizabeth, wife, house and malthouse in WB in my own possession with furniture and household goods after her death or second marriage to Rowles Evans son

subject to paying £40 each of my three daughters Ann Elizabeth and Mary

after death of son to go to three daughters to be shared

son and daughters all household goods after decease of wife or remarriage

Elizabeth, wife, house in WB recently bought of Joseph Ash and Thomas Dandridge and now in tenure of Thomas Ryman, after her death to my eldest daughter Ann Evans

Elizabeth, wife, use of principal of £500 after death to son and daughters

Elizabeth, wife, stock of malt in the malthouse at time of my decease

Rowles Evans, son, Blacksmith's shop in WB now in my own possession with all implements

Elizabeth, wife, and trusty and faithful friends John Buswell of WB commonly called John Buswell at pound and John Hollis of WB Trustees for my four children

John Buswell £1 1s to buy a ring

Signed Thos Evans

William Wells, George Carter, William Buswell