

In the name of God Amen I William Wells of West-Barton  
 in the County of Oxford Taylor being of the Health of Body and of sound and  
 disposing mind and understanding but calling to mind the uncertainty of  
 this life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following  
 And first I will that all just Debts and funeral Expences be paid and discharged  
 Then I give and Devise All that my Messuage of Cottage or Tenement situated  
 standing and being in West-Barton aforesaid and the Little house adjoining  
 thereto with the Back Garden Orchard and all and every the Appurtenances  
 thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining To hold unto my Son  
 Wells and his Heirs for ever Upon Condition notwithstanding and charged and  
 chargeable with the payment of a sufficient Maintenance to Mary  
 my now Wife during her natural life in lieu of her Dower or thirds  
 and charged and chargeable with the payment of Two pounds to my  
 Daughter Elizabeth Wells Twelve Months after my Decease And I give  
 unto my Son William Wells the stock and the great Round Table and  
 the furnace and all the rest of my Goods I give unto my Daughter  
 Elizabeth Wells And my Will is if either my son William Wells or  
 my Daughter Elizabeth Wells shall die single and unmarried the  
 Survivor of them shall have all my Goods and I do appoint my  
 Son William Wells the sole Executor of this my last Will and  
 Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1762

Signed sealed published and delivered by the said William  
 Wells the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the  
 presence of us who subscribe our Names as Witnesses in his  
 presence and in the presence of each of us . . . . .

William Wells 

Francis Newell, Thos. King, Mary King  
 her mark

This is the last Will and Testament of me William  
Coker of Middle Barton in the County of Bedford Taylor  
being of sound mind and memory, I give and  
devise to my Servant Mathe Stockford all that  
Messuage or Tenement I now inhabit with the gardens  
on the South East side and a little Flower garden  
opposite the said Messuage and the pump and all  
back buildings adjoining or belonging to the said Messuage  
and appurtenances to hold to the said Mathe Stockford  
and her Heirs for ever Also I give to her one bed and  
bedstead and all appurtenances to y<sup>e</sup> same belonging  
and Window curtains & one large chest of Drawers  
in y<sup>e</sup> same room, one little round table & leaf table  
six silver tea spoons a set of silver & white China  
and a screen below stairs &c to the rest of my  
Personal Estate I give the same to my friends  
and Executors in trust, Sampson Roles Deano-  
of Eocetot Barton and William Stevenson of  
Middle Barton & to y<sup>e</sup> Survivor and to the Executors  
and Administrators of such Survivor upon this  
special Trust, that they will act and apply the  
same towards payment of my funeral charges and  
all such just debts as I shall owe at my death  
Also I give and devise to my said friends and  
Executors in Trust and to the Survivor and to  
his Executors and Administrators All that my  
other Messuage or Tenement in Middle Barton  
afore said with the shop and garden and all  
Appurtenances to y<sup>e</sup> same belonging &c

WILLIAM COKER 1780

What I give & devise to them all that my other  
Messuage or Tenement in Westcot Barton with  
all appurtenances to the same belonging upon  
this Trust, that they my said friends and  
Executors in Trust raise by Mortgage on all the  
above premises to them so given all such Sum  
& Sums of Money as will be sufficient to  
pay such my just debts as my said personal  
Estate will be insufficient to discharge And after  
payment of all such just debts as aforesaid  
Then I give and devise my said Messuage or  
Tenement and appurtenances in Middle &  
Barton aforesaid now in the occupation of Tho:  
Buxby, to my Nephew John Gibbard & to his  
Heirs & Assigns for ever. AND ALSO after payment  
of my just debts as aforesaid I give & devise my other  
Messuage or Tenement & appurtenances in Westcot  
Barton aforesaid, now in the occupation of John  
Brooks to my Sister Elizabeth Welch & to her Heirs  
& Assigns for Ever - And my Will is that my said  
Executors in Trust do charge all such Sums of  
Money as shall be wanting to the payment  
of my just debts as aforesaid equally on both  
the said Messuages or Tenements and not  
a greater proportion on one than on the other:  
AND I do make and appoint my  
said two friends Sampson Roles & sons - and

WILLIAM WELLS 1780

WILLIAM WELLS.  
1780



William Stevenson joint-Executors in  
Trust of His my last Will and Testament  
whereunto I have set my hand & Seal this twenty  
fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord  
one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty

William Wells

Signed Sealed published and declared  
as and for the last Will & Testament  
of the said Testator in the presence  
of us who have Subscribed our names  
in his presence and in the presence  
of each other —

Thomas Whitter —

Charles Gagey —

Sionel Rampet

The Debts amount to abt. £120 —

Balance in hand abt. £20 —

WILLIAM WELLS 1780

1762 June 27 Will of William Wells Wescott Barton Taylor [Copy]

In the name of God Amen I William Wells of Wescott Barton/ in the County of Oxford Taylor being of Health of Body and of sound and/ disposing mind and understanding but calling to mind the uncertainty of/ this Life do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following/ And first I will that all just Debts and funeral Expences be paid and discharged/ Item I give and Devise All that my Messuage Cottage or Tenement situate/ standing and being in Westcot Barton aforesaid and the Little house adjoining/ thereto with the Barn Garden Orchard and all and every the Appurtenances/ belonging or in any way appertaining To hold unto my Son W[illiam]/ Wells and his Heirs for ever Upon condition nevertheless and charged and/ chargeable with the payment of a sufficient Maintenance to Mary/ my now Wife during her natural life in lieu of her Dower or third/ and charged or chargeable with the payment of Five pounds to my/ Daughter Elizabeth Wells Twelve Months after my Decease And I give/ unto my Son William Wells the Clock and the Great Round Table and/ the furnace and all the rest of my Goods I give unto my Daughter/ Elizabeth Wells And my Will is if either my Son William Wells or/ my Daughter Elizabeth Wells shall die single and unmarried the/ Survivor of them shall have all my Goods and I do appoint my/ Son William Wells the sole Executor of this my last Will and/ Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and/ Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1762

Signed William Wells

Witnesses signed Francis Newell Tho<sup>s</sup> King Mary King her mark

1780 March 25 Will of William Wells of Middle Barton Taylor [Copy]

This is the last Will and Testament of me William/ Wells of Middle Barton in the County of Oxford Taylor/ being of sound mind and memory First I give and/ devise to my Servant Martha Stockford all that/ Messuage or Tenement I now inhabit with the garden/ on the South East side and a little Flower garden/ opposite the said Messuage and the pump and all/ back buildings adjoining or belonging to the said Messuage/ and appurtenances to hold to the said Martha Stockford/ and her Heirs for Ever Also I give to her one bed and/ bedstead and all appurtenances to y<sup>e</sup> same belonging/ and Window curtains & one large chest of Drawers/ in y<sup>e</sup> same room one little round table & leaf table/ six silver teaspoons a set of blue & white China/ and a skreen below stairs As to the rest of my/ Personal Estate I give the same to my friends/ and Executors in trust Sampson Roles Evans/ of Westcot Barton and William Stevenson of/ Middle Barton & to y<sup>e</sup> Survivor and to the Executors/ and Administrators of such Survivor upon this/ special Trust that they will act and apply the/ same towards payment of my funeral charges and/ all such just debts as I shall owe at my death/ Also I give and devise to my said friends and/ Executors in Trust and to the Survivour and to/ his Executors and Administrators All that my/ other Messuage or Tenement in Middle Barton/ aforesaid with the shop and garden and all/ Appurtenances to y<sup>e</sup> same belonging/ Also I give and devise to them all that my other/ Messuage or Tenement in Westcot Barton with/ all appurtenances to the same belonging upon/ this Trust that they my said friends and/ Executors in Trust raise by Mortgage on all the/ above premises to them so given all Such Sum/ & Sums of Money as Will be Sufficient to/ pay such my just debts as my said personal/ Estate will be insufficient to discharge And after/ payment of all such just debts as aforesaid/

Then I give and devise my said Messuage/Tenement and appurtenances in Middle/ Barton aforesaid now in the occupation of Tho<sup>s</sup>/ Busby to my Nephew John Gibbard & to his/ Heirs & Assigns for ever And Also after payment/ of my just debts as aforesaid I give & devise my other/ Messuage or Tenement & appurtenances in Wescot/ Barton aforesaid now in the occupation of John/ Brooks to my Sister Elizabeth Welch & to her Heirs/ & Assigns for Ever And my Will is that my said/ Executors in Trust do charge all such Sums of/Money as shall be wanting to the payment/ of my just debts as aforesaid equally on both/ the said Messuages or Tenements and not/ a greater proportion on one than on the other/ And I do make and appoint my/ said two friends Sampson Roles Evans and/ William Stevenson joint Executors in/ Trust of this my last Will and Testament/ whereunto I have set my hand & seal this twenty/ fifth day of March in the Year of our Lord/ one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty

Signed William Wells

Witnesses Signed Thomas Whitter Charles Gassey Lionel Lampet

Note on document

The Debts amount to abt £120-

Balance in hand abt £20 -

Extract from Will William Wells Taylor 25 March 1780

Extracted from Registry of Archdeacon of Oxford

He appointed two friends Sampson Roles Evans and William Stevenson joint Executors in Trust. Will proved at Oxford 27 April 1782

*From title deeds 41 Nov 1850.*

1762 William Wells, tailor, in his will leaves to his son William Wells

house and little house adjoining with barn garden orchard

1780 William Wells, tailor, in his will leaves to sister Elizabeth Welch

house in Westcott Barton occupied by John Brooks

Marginal notes have been made on a copy of the 1780 will which has been kept with the deeds of Cottage on the Horse Common.

House in which he lived left to Martha Stockford. Marginal note Job Egglestone's [in Jacob's Yard?].

House in Middle Barton with shop, in occupation Tho<sup>s</sup> Busby to his nephew John Gibbard. Marginal note Luings.

House in Westcot Barton in occupation John Brooks. Marginal note Chilton's.