

*A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of*

Maria Egerton

*Dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 1728*

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society  
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## THE WILL OF MARIA EGERTON OF DEDDINGTON

In the name of God Amen I Mary Egerton of Deddington in the County of Oxon Spinster being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding (praised be God for the same) do make my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Heavenly Father hoping assuredly through the merit<sup>s</sup> death and passion of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named and as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate God has been pleased to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows Imprimis I will that all my just debts legacies and funeral expenses be paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto my loving friend Sarah Maynard the wife of Samuel Maynard Praiser the sum of three pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto her within one year after my decease and also my suite (~~suits~~) of black and white clothes (cloths) and two shifts. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving friend Eleanor Smith the wife of James Smith the Elder the sum of four pounds of like lawful money to be paid also unto

her with <sup>in</sup> one year of my decease and also my <sup>T, not F</sup> <sup>? Tamy</sup> fancy (tawny?) gown and ----- <sup>?</sup> cane hat

Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Coles the daughter of Mr Job Coles the sum of ten shillings to buy herself a ring Item I give and bequeath unto Nathanole Day and Richard French the sons of Nathanole and Samuel French the sum of ten shillings apiece to be paid to them respectively within three months after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Davis the daughter of <sup>Grace</sup> (Grocer?) Davis of Adderbury in the said County of Oxon widow my best suit of clothes and unto Mrs Sarah Collett the granddaughter of Mrs Sarah Cobb my <sup>?</sup> apron and unto my loving friend Grace Butcher my <sup>✓</sup> (Sute?) of flower edged pinnars and unto my loving friend Anne Sutton one <sup>?</sup> (set?) of caps? Item I give and bequeath unto the said Eleanor Smith the further sum of seven pounds and ten shillings of like money to be paid also unto her within one year of my decease all which said legacies to be paid out my money that is deposited in the said Job Coles hands for my use.

All the said residue and remainder of my goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever not herein before disposed of I give and bequeath <sup>unto</sup> the said Eleanor Smith she paying my legacies and funeral expenses whom I make whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and executed In Witness

whereof I the said Mary Egerton have to this my last will and testament set  
my hand and seal the eight and twentieth of January anno domini one  
thousand seven hundred and twenty eight <sup>[i.e. 1729]</sup> Signed sealed published and  
declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Mary  
Egerton in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witness  
thereunto in the presence of the said testatrix

Probate 29<sup>th</sup> <sup>November</sup> ~~January~~ 1729

No signature or witness names included.

✓ Egeatton Wm and Sedington

In the Name of God Almighty I

of Sedington in the County of Devon a feeble and weak of body but of sound and perfect Memory and Understanding (praise be God for the same) do make my Last will and Testament in Manner following that I do say First I bequeth my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father hoping Assurance through the Merit of his Death and passion of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting Life and my body I comitt to the earth to be secretly buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as Touching the Disposition of all such Temporale Estate God hath bestowed to me I give and Dispose thereof as follows

Imprimis I will that all my Just Debts Legacies and Funerall expences be paid and discharged from I give and bequeth unto my Loving friend Sarah Maynard the Wife of Samuel Maynard the sum of Three pounds of Lawfull Money of Great Brittain to be paid unto her within one year after my decease and also my Suits of Black and White Colles and two Shirts

Item I give and bequeth unto my Loving friend Eleanor Smith the Wife of James Smith the slder the sum of four pounds of like Lawfull money to be paid also unto her within one year after my decease and also my Tamy Gounard

Item I give and bequeth unto Mary Cole the Daughter of Mr. Job Cole the sum of ten Shillings to buy her a Ring

Item I give and bequeth unto Nathaniel Day French and Rich: French the Sums of Nathaniel and Samuel French the sum of Ten Shillings to be paid unto them respectively within three Months after my decease

Item I give and bequeth unto Anne Davis the Daughter of Grace Davis of Aderbury in the said County of Devon my best Sute of Cloaths and unto Mrs. Sarah Collett the Granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah Cole my Sappoon and unto my Loving friend Grace Butcher my Sute of flowered Edgewood

pinners and unto my Loving friend Anne Sutton the Wife of Capps from I also Give and bequeth unto the said Mrs. Smith the further Sum of Ewen pounds and ten Shillings

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 are to be paid out my money that is deposited in the said Mr  
 Job Oliver Hands for my use all the Rest Revenues and Rents  
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 herein before disposed of I give and bequeath to the said Gene  
 Smith She paying my Debt Legacies and funeral expences  
 Whome I make Whole and sole Executrix of this my last  
 will and Testament here by Revoking all former wills by  
 me at any Time here to fore made and Executed In Witness  
 whereof I the said Mary Egerton have to this my last will  
 and Testament Set my Hand and Seal the eight and  
 Twentieth of January Annoq Dominion our thousand seven  
 hundred and Twenty Eight. Signed Sealed published and  
 Declared as and for the last Will and Testament of the above  
 named Mary Egerton In the presence of us who subscribed  
 our Names as Witnesses hereunto in the presence of the said  
 Testatrix

Probat a 29 Martii 1727 Coram Rev: vno Rector  
 Plo. Jure vultis vno Hon: Brooke K. J. & Deo  
 Petrii Archidiacono officio in jure Eliam Smith  
 Returri in cuius comp. fil. & opt. admio in iudic  
 do. Eungst in forma juris jurat in loco et

Grant John de Ersham

In The Name of God Amen I John Grant of  
 Ersham in the County of Oxon Yeoman being weak in  
 body but of perfect Mind and Memory and Considering the  
 Uncertainty of Life do Make Ordain and Declare this my  
 last will and Testament in Manner following and first  
 and principally I Commend my Soul into the hands of  
 Almighty God trusting upon my Lords repentance through the  
 Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have full Remission  
 and forgiveness of all my sins and as touching such Effect  
 as it hath pleased God to bestow upon I give and Dispose  
 thereof in Manner and form following Inprimis I will  
 that the Debts I owe to any Manner of person or persons  
 be fully paid and Discharged from I will and bequeath unto  
 my Widow Mary Grant five pounds from I give unto John  
 Lock and Thilting from I give unto Thomas Webb and  
 Thilting from I Give unto Richard Lock and Thilting  
 from I Give unto my Sister Mary Lock and Thilting  
 from I Give unto Mary Watkins the wife of Steph  
 from I Give unto Mary Watkins the wife of Steph