

THE WILL OF FRANCIS WAKEFIELD OF DEDDINGTON, HUSBANDMAN.

**In the name of God Amen** I Francis Wakefield of Dadington in the County of Oxon Husbandman being well in body and of sound and perfect mind and memory and understanding praise be to God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this life do make this 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 merits 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 devoutly buried at the direction of my wife and executor hereinafter named and as touching the disposition of such temporal effects God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and dispose of the same as followeth **Impris** I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged **Item** I give devise and bequeath unto my loving son George Wakefield and to his heirs and assignees for ever All those my two yardlands and one yardland with the appurtenances lying in the fields and liberties of Dadington aforesaid which I some time since bought and purchased to me and my heirs of and from William Finmore Gent Thomas Snowsell and Richard Matthews and others **Item** I give devise and bequeath unto my loving cozen William Methold of the City of London Merchant my cozen Henry Trafford of Windlebury in the said County of Oxon Yeoman and my cozen John Hoare of Summerton in the said County of Oxon Yeoman their executors administrators and assignees **All** that my messuage or tenement and three yardlands with the appurtenances thereunto belonging lying and being in Dadington aforesaid which I hold by Lease for one and twenty years of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church College in Oxon and all my effects right title

interest term and terms of years now to run and unexpired right and title of reversion claim and demand whatsoever of in or unto the same and every part thereof nevertheless upon this special trust and confidence in them reposed and to this intent and purpose that they the said William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare and the survivor of them and the executors administrators and assignees of the survivor of them shall and do permit and suffer my said son George or his assigns to have hold and enjoy and to take and receive the rents issues and profits of my said messuage or tenement three yardlands and premises with their and every of their appurtenances except such part of my said College estate as was lately in the possession of Daniell Harris, Shoemaker for and during the term of his natural life And my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said son George by any writing under his hand and seal and duly attested to settle and appoint the said messuage and tenement three yard land and premises or any part thereof in jointure to any woman he shall marry And that my said trustees shall hand possession of my said College estate or such part thereof as shall be so settled and appointed as aforesaid in Trust for the benefit of such wife of my said son George (in case she over live him) for her life and permit her to receive the profits thereof accordingly **And** from and after the decease of my said son George and such woman as shall be his wife (in case there shall be any such appointment as aforesaid) Then upon this further trust and confidence that they the said William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare their executors administrators and assignees shall and do permit and suffer the issue of the body of my said son George to receive and take the rents issues and profits of my said College estate in such proportion manner and sort as my said son George shall by any writing under his hand and seal or by his last will and testament duly attest or direct and appoint until he she or they

shall attain their respective ages of one and twenty years And from and after the attainment of their respective ages of one and twenty years shall permit and suffer him her or them to receive and take the rents issues and profits of my said College estate during all such term and terms of years as shall be then to run and unexpired And to have all right and title of reversion and all other right and title belonging thereunto **AND** my will and meaning is that in case my said son George shall have no lawful issue living at the time of his decease or in case such issue shall die before they attain their age of one and twenty years leaving no issue behind them then upon this further trust and confidence that they the said William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare and the survivor of them and the executors administrators and assignees of such survivor shall and do permit and suffer the eldest son (if more than one) and if but one then such son of the eldest of my daughters that shall have issue male when such son shall have attained his full age of one and twenty years to receive and take the rents issues and profits of the said messuage or tenement three yardlands and premises with the appurtenances serving all such term of years as shall be then in being and to have all right and title of reversion and all other right and title belonging thereunto the issue male of the elder of my daughters being always preferred before the issue male of the younger of my daughters and such eldest son of the eldest of my daughters within six months after he shall have attained his said age of one and twenty years paying the sum of two hundred pounds out of the profits (or premises) unto and amongst all and every of my grand children that shall be living share and share alike. **AND** MY WILL and meaning is that in case my said son George shall have no lawful issue living at the time of his decease or if such issue shall die before they attain the age of one and twenty years leaving no issue behind them and there shall be no son of any of my daughters that shall have attained the full age of

one and twenty years Then I hereby direct that my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the executors or administrators of such survivor shall permit and suffer my daughters to receive the profits of my said College Estate equally between them until such time as there shall be issue male of some of my daughters that shall have attained the full age of one and twenty years **ITEM** I give devise and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Mary during the terms of her natural life such part of my said College Estate as was lately in the possession of the said Daniel Harris without rendering any rent for the same and from and after her decease. I will that the said premises do go along and be enjoyed with the other part of my said College Estate in such manner as is herein before directed by this my Will. **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my said wife during her natural life the yearly sum of Ten pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid her quarterly without any deduction whatsoever by my said son George or such other person that shall have my said Estate out of my lands and tenement herein before devised at four quarterly payments (that is to say) at Lady Day, Midsummer, Michaelmas and St. Thomas the first payment thereof to begin and to be made at such of the said feasts or days of payment as shall happen next after my decease And my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that my said College rents shall be paid from time to time renewed in the name of my said trustees and the survivor of them subject to the Trust aforesaid that those persons that shall be in the possession of my College Estate by virtue of this my will shall from time to time pay the College rents due for the same and a proportionable part of the Fine for renewing such lease of the said Estate at the usual time the same ought to be renewed And that in case they shall neglect or refuse to pay the sums it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare or the survivor of them or the executors or administrators of

such survivor to enter into and upon my said College Estate and the rents issues and profits of the same to receive and take until all rent and arrears of rent due for my said College Estate and the fine for the renewing the same and all charges they or any of them shall be put to in doing thereof shall be paid off and discharged **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my said wife one moiety or half part of all my household goods (except my linen) and the other or half part thereof I give unto my said son George And as to my linen I give unto my son George four pair of sheets his mother to have two pair first and then he to choose his four pair and the rest of my linen I give and bequeath unto my said wife **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto the said William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare their executors administrators and assignees All those my College Estates in Satchwell and Bodicot in the Countys of Warwick and Oxon with the right and title of reversion and all other my Estate and Interest therein but upon this special Trust and confidence in them reposed that they the said William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare and the survivor of them and the executors administrators and assignees of such survivor shall and do permit and suffer my loving daughter Katherine the wife of Nathaniel French to have hold and enjoy and to take and receive the rents issues and profits thereof for so many years and for so long as she my said daughter Katherine shall happen to live and from and after her decease I will that my said College Estate shall be sold and the money thereby raised shall be paid and equally divided to and amongst all and every the child or children of the body of my said daughter Katherine lawfully issuing share and share alike to be paid at their respective ages of one and twenty years **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my loving daughter Sarah the sum of Two hundred pounds of lawful British money to be paid unto her within one year after my decease with lawful interest for the same from the time of my death to the time of payment. **ITEM** I give and



bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary Wilkins the daughter of Samuel Wilkins the sum of Forty pounds of lawful British money to be paid unto her when she shall have attained her age of one and twenty years And my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that if in case the said Samuel Wilkins shall happen to die or be reduced and not able to maintain my said Granddaughter Mary then I will that my said son George or those to whom my said College lease in Dadington aforesaid shall descend and come to by virtue of this my Will shall pay towards the maintenance and support of my said Granddaughter Mary unto my said wife or either of her Aunts as shall think fit to take care of her the yearly sum of four pounds of lawful money of Great Britain until she shall attain the age of twelve years to be paid unto such of them as shall think fit to take care of her quarterly without any deduction whatsoever of four quarterly payments (that is to say) at Lady day, Midsummer, Michaelmas and St. Thomas the first payment thereof to begin and to be made at such of the said feasts or days of payment as shall happen next after my decease And from and after the attainment of her said age of twelve years I will that the yearly sum of two pounds and ten shillings of like lawful money until she shall attain the age of eighteen years to be paid quarterly at the four quarterly payments above mentioned without any deduction whatsoever The first payment thereof to begin and to be made at such of the said feasts or days of payment as shall happen next after she shall have attained her said age of twelve years and charge my said College Estate with the payment thereof accordingly **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne the wife of William Matthews and to my said daughters Katherine and Sarah one guinea apiece to buy them Rings **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my three grandchildren Robert Matthews Mary Matthews and William Matthews the sums of five pounds apiece of lawful money to be paid to them at their respective ages of one

and twenty years. **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto the poor of Dadington aforesaid the sum of five pounds of like lawful money to be laid out in bread and given unto them within a fortnight after my decease And my will and meaning further is and I do hereby direct and appoint that the Minister, Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Dadington aforesaid do make a gift of the said sum of five pounds (except one shilling) which I will that the Clerk shall have for his pains in giving notice to the said poor when they shall come to receive the said bread And that the Minister, Churchwardens and overseers of the poor do not dispose and give thereof above one shilling to no one house and the next nine pence and the next six pence and the lowest three pence And my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that the several legacies hereinbefore devised shall be paid by my said son George Wakefield out of the lands and tenements, goods and chattels herein devised unto him at the several times above mentioned for the payment of the same And I do charge the same with the payment thereof accordingly. But if in case any of my four grandchildren shall happen to die before their legacies shall become due and payable as aforesaid then I will that the legacies or payments of him her or them so dying shall not be paid but shall remain with my said son George Wakefield.

**AND WHEREAS** my said daughters Katherine and Sarah have the sums of Ten pounds apiece given them in and by the last Will and testament of ..... of ten pounds is severally included in the respective legacies before devised unto them and that my daughters Katherine and Sarah shall severally give a discharge for the said legacies of four pounds which they shall respectively receive their several legacies herein before mentioned **ALL** the rest and residue of my lands and tenements, cattle, implements of husbandry, money of interest goods and chattels and personal estate whatever not herein before disposed of I give devise and bequeath

unto my said loving son George Wakefield Whom I make whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament **ITEM** I give and bequeath unto my loving Kinsmen and friends William Methold Henry Trafford and John Hoare the sum of twenty shillings apiece to buy them rings for their care and trouble they will be put in this execution of this my Will And I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me of any kind heretofore made and executed **IN WITNESS** whereof I the said Francis Wakefield have to this my last Will and Testament containing five sheets of paper set my hand and seal (That is to say) my hand to each sheet and my seals to the Inks that fasten them together this eleventh day of July Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty

Francis Wakefield

Under seal published and declared at and for the last Will and Testament of the above named Francis Wakefield In the presence of us who subscribe our names as witnesses thereunto in the presence of the said Testator

Ro. Hancock

Thos. Fardon

Thos. Dodd

Probate on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1731, Dadington.



In the name of God Amen

Thomas Wakefielde of Sadington in the County of Oxen knight being well in body and of sound and perfect memory and understanding praise be to God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this life and making my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) first bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my true and only father hoping assuredly through the merits 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 all the discretion of my wife and executor herein after named and us touching the disposition of such temporall estate God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and dispose of the same as followeth. I give I will that all my just debts and funerall expenses be paid and satisfied. I give I devise and bequeath unto my son George Wakefielde and to his heirs and assigns for ever All those my two quarters with the appurtenances lying in the shire and liberties of Sadington as toward which I have time since bought and purchased to me and my heirs of and for William Hamore gent Thomas Durostle and others that live and others that die I give I devise and bequeath unto my son George William knight of the City of London Merchant my son Henry Esquire of Windesore in the County of Oxen Esquire and my son John Esquire of Saddington in the County of Oxen Esquire their executors admors and assigns All that my messuages or tenement and three hard lands with the appurtenances thereto belonging lying and being in Sadington as aforesaid which I hold by lease for one and twenty years of the date and receipt of Christ Church College in Oxen and all my estate right title interest terms and termes of years now to come and hereafter right and title of reversion claim and demand whatsoever of in and unto the same and every part thereof whatsoever upon the special trust and confidence in them I repose and to the intent and purpose that they the said William Esquire Henry Esquire and John Esquire and the survivors of them and their executors admors and assigns of the survivors of them shall and do permit and suffer my said son George or his assigns to have and hold and enjoy and to take and receive the rents profits and profits of my said messuages or tenement three hard lands and messuages with their and every of their appurtenances except such part of my said College estate as hath lately in the possession of Daniel Harris the clerk for and during the term



And my will and meaning is that I give my said son George shall have use and  
useful issue living all the time of his decease or if such issue shall die before  
they attain the age of one and twenty years & surviving not issue behind them  
most heirs shall be use and issue of any of my daughters that shall have attained  
the full age of one and twenty years. I hereby direct that my said trustees  
and the survivor of them and the executor or admors of such survivor  
shall permit and suffer my daughters to receive the profits of my said  
colleges estates equally between them until such time as they shall be issue  
heirs of issue of my daughters that shall have attained the full age of  
one and twenty years. I give devise and bequeath unto my dear  
and loving wife Mary during the term of her naturall life such part of  
my said colleges estate as was lately in the possession of the said Daniel  
Turris without rendering any rent for the same and from and after her  
decease. Will that the said profits do go along and be enjoyed in the other  
part of my said colleges estate in such manner as is herein before directed by  
this my will. I give and bequeath unto my said wife during her naturall  
life the yearly sum of ten pounds of lawful money of Great Brittain to be paid her  
quarterly without any deduction whatsoever by my said son George or such other  
person that shall have my said estate out of my lands and tenements herein before  
devised at four quarterly payments that is to say at such day Wednesday the  
first of January the first payment thereof to begin and to be made at such of the  
said feasts or days of payment as shall happen next after my decease. And  
my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that my said colleges  
rents shall be from time to time renewed in the name of my said trustees and  
the survivor of them subject to the trusts aforesaid. And that those persons  
that shall be in the possession of my said colleges estates <sup>by my will</sup> shall from  
time to time pay the colleges rents due for the same and a proportionable part  
of the fines for renewing such lease of the said estates at the usual times the  
same ought to be renewed. And that I give them shall neglect or refuse to  
pay the same it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Wretford  
Henry Trafford and John Hoare or the survivor of them or the executor  
or admors of such survivor to enter into and upon my said colleges estate  
and the rents issues and profits of the same to receive and take until  
all rent and arrears of rent due for my said colleges estate and the fines  
for the renewing the same and all charges they or any of them shall be put  
to in doing thereof shall be paid of and discharged. I give and

Francis Wakefield



Requirit unto my said wife One moiety or halfe part of all my house hold Goods (except my furniture  
and the other moiety or halfe part thereof I give unto my said son George And as to my  
pension I give unto my said son George four pair of Shirts his mother to give two pair first  
and the other to give his four pair And the rest of my furniture I give and bequeath unto my  
said wife **Item** I give devise and bequeath unto the said William Methel & Henry Craford  
and John Doars their Executors admors and assignes All these my Colledge Estates in Sattin  
and Bodinitt in the Countys of Hereford and upon with the right and title of Renovation and  
all other my Estate and Interest therein but upon this speciall trust and confidence in them  
reposed that they the said William Methel Henry Craford and John Doars and the  
Survivor of them and the Executors admors and assignes of such Survivor shall and doo permit  
and suffer my loving daughter Katharine the wife of Nathaniel Hewitt to have hold and  
enjoy and to take and receive the rents Issues and profits thereof for so many years and  
for so long time as shes my said daughter Katharine shall happen to live and from and  
after her decease I will that my said Colledge Estate shall be sold and the money thereby  
shall be paid and equally divided and amongst all and every the Child or Children of the  
body of my said daughter Katharine lawfully issueing share and share alike to be paid unto  
them all their respective ages of one and twenty years **Item** I give and bequeath unto my  
loving daughter Sarah the sum of two hundred pounds of Lawfull Britishe money to be  
paid unto her within one year after my decease with Lawfull Interest for the same from  
the time of my death to the time of payment **Item** I give and bequeath unto my grandchild  
Mary Wilkins the daughter of Samuel Wilkins the sum of forty pounds of Lawfull Britishe  
money to be paid unto her when she shall have attained her age of one and twenty years And  
my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that if In case the said Samuel Wilkins  
shall happen to die or be redunt and not able to maintain my said grandchild Mary then  
I will that my said son George or those to whom my said Colledge Estate in Dadington afores  
shall descend and come to by the law of this my will shall pay towards the maintenance and  
support of my said grandchild Mary unto my said wife or either of her Childs as shall thinke  
fit to take care of her the yearly sum of four pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britaine  
until she shall attain the age of twelve years to be paid unto such of them as shall thinke  
fit to take care of her quarterly without any deduction whatsover all four quarterly paymts  
(that is to say) all xij dayes of the month of June and the first payment thereof to  
begin and to be made all such of the said feasts or days of payment as shall happen next after my  
decease And from and after the attainment of her said age of twelve years I will that the yearly  
sum of two pounds and ten shillings of like Lawfull money until she shall attain the age of  
eighteen years to be paid quarterly all the four quarterly paymts above mentioned without  
any deduction whatsover the first payment thereof to begin and to be made all such of the said  
feasts or days of payment as shall happen next after she shall have attained her said age of  
twelve years And I charge my said Colledge Estate with the payment thereof accordingly **Item**

Francis Methel



I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne the wife of William Matthews and to my said daughter  
 Katharine and Sarah one Guinea apiece to buy them Rings **Item** I give and bequeath unto my said  
 Grand-children Robert Matthews Mary Matthews and William Matthews the Sums of five pounds a  
 piece of lawfull money to be paid unto them all their respective ages of One and Twenty years  
**Item** I give and bequeath unto the poor of Sadington aforesaid the Sums of five pounds of law  
 full money to be laid out in Bread and Given unto them within a fortnight after my decease  
 And my will and meaning further is and I do hereby direct and appoint that the Minister Church  
 Wardens and Overseers of the poor of Sadington aforesaid do make a list of the said Sums of five pounds of  
 Egypt and Shilling) Volunt. Will that the Clarke shall have for his pains in giving notice to the poor  
 when they shall come to receive the said Bread and that the Minister Church Wardens and Overseers of  
 the poor do not dispose and give thereof above one Shilling to one house and the next nine pence  
 and the next six pence and the lowest three pence And my will and meaning is and I do hereby  
 direct and appoint that the severall Legacies herein before devised shall be paid by my said Son George  
 Wakefield out of the Lands and Tenements Goods and Chattels hereunto devised unto him all the severall  
 times above mentioned for the payment of the same And I do charge the same with the payment thereof  
 Accordingly but if Intra se any of my said Grand-children shall happen to die before their Legacies  
 shall become due and payable as aforesaid then I will that the Legacies or Legacies of him or them so dying  
 shall not be paid but remain unto my said Son George Wakefield And I will that my said daughter  
 Katharine and Sarah have the Sums of ten pounds apiece upon them in and by the last will and testament of  
 my said father is severally Justly due and respective Legacies herein before devised unto them and  
 that my said daughters Katharine and Sarah shall severally give a discharge for the said Legacies of ten  
 pounds when they shall respectively receive their severall Legacies herein before mentioned All the  
 rest and residue of my Lands and Tenements Cattle Implements of husbandry money at Interest Goods  
 Chattels and personal estate what soever not herein before disposed of I give devise and bequeath unto my  
 said young Son George Wakefield Whom I make Heirs and sole Executor of this my last will and testament  
**Item** I give and bequeath unto my young Son John and his wife William Matthews Henry Crafford  
 and John Pearce the Sums of Twenty Shillings apiece to buy them Rings for their ears and trouble  
 they will be put to in the Execution of this my will And I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me  
 at any time heretofore made and Executed In witness whereof I the said Francis  
 Wakefield have to this my last will and testament containing this Sheet of paper set my hand and  
 Seal (That is to say) my hand to seal the said and my Seal to this Indenture that passeth this  
 Eleventh day of July Annoq. Domini One thousand seven hundred and thirty of

just Seal published and declared as and for the last  
 will and testament of the above named Francis  
 Wakefield in the presence of us who subscribed our names  
 with the said thereunto in the presence of the said Testator.

Francis Wakefield

Ro: Hancock  
 Tho: Garden  
 Tho: Dodd

Probab. 27 July 1731 apud Sadington  
 Testis: Henr. Matthews & Tho. Wakefield  
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