

*A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of*

Thomas Belchier

*Dated 7<sup>th</sup> August 1728*

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society  
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Will of Thomas Belchier, Apothecary 1728

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Belchier of Dadington in the county of Oxon Apothecary being sick and weak in body but sound and perfect mind memory and understanding praise be God for the same and considering the uncertainty of this life. Do make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I bequeath my soul unto almighty God my heavenly Father hoping assuredly through the merits death and passion of my blessed 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 hath 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 to be paid and discharged by my executrix herinafter named out of the goods chattels and personal estate hereinafter devised unto her Item I give and bequeath unto my loving neice Beata Apletree of Banbury in the said county of Oxon Spinster one broad piece of gold to be paid to her within one month after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my kinswoman Mary Box that now liveth with me all the furniture of the lodging room that she lies in, my morning gown and one pair of the best holland sheets and all the pewter

that is marked with her own name Item I give devise and bequeath unto my loving nephew John Apletree all my stock of drugs compounds and medicines and all other medicines of what nature kind or sort soever (and the chests of drawers counters galley pots and bottles superscript) belonging to my apothecary shop and my will and meaning is and I do hereby direct and appoint that in case my book debts do not amount to enough to pay and discharge my debts legacies and funeral expenses that then my said nephew John Apletree shall pay out of the same unto my executrix hereinafter named the sum of six pounds of lawful British money and I do charge the same with the payment thereof accordingly All the rest residue and remainder of my goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever not herein before disposed of I give devise and bequeath unto my loving sister Beata Apletree 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 In witness whereof I the said Thomas Belchier have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the fourth day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred twenty and seven

Signed sealed published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Thomas Belchier in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereunto in the presence of the Testator and at his

request.

Elizabeth Box  
Katharine Dodd  
Thomas Dodd

Proved 7 August 1728



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 in presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses  
 unto in the presence of the said Testator & at his Request  
 Elizabeth  
 Katherine

The said Thomas Bolthier  
 Probat. the 7 August 1727  
 Given Under the Great Seal of Great Britain  
 in the presence of the said Beata Apthorp  
 and the said Elizabeth and Katherine  
 Witnesses  
