## Transcription of Copy of the Will of William Williams 1856

This is the last Will and Testament of me William Williams of Deddington in the county of Oxford Cooper I direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be fully paid and satisfied by my Executors hereinafter named I give and bequeath unto my wife Maria Williams the (deads year or Executors year) in my Copyhold Estate within the Manor of Deddington aforesaid according to the custom of the said Manor for her own use and benefit I give and devise onto my daughter Sarah Bostock widow all that my Cottage or Tenement and Premises situate in Philcock Street in Deddington aforesaid in which she now resides And also all that my Cottage or Tenement & Premises adjoining thereto and now occupied by William Banes To hold to her the said Sarah Bostock her heirs and assigns forever And I give and devise unto my daughter ELiza Ann Williams All that my Messuage Cottage or Tenement situate in Philcock Street in Deddington and adjoining to my own dwelling house and occupied by William Bliss And also all those my four Cottages or Tenements and premises situate in the Stile and on Goose Green in Deddington aforesaid and now occupied by Richard Wheeler John Whetton and Richard Morrell and Richard Paine To hold the same Messuage Cottage or Tenement and the said four cottages or tenements and premises unto my said daughter Eliza Ann Williams her heirs and assigns for ever And I give and bequeath all and every my household goods and furniture linen and wearing apparel books (except account books and books in my business) plate and china unto my said wife Maria Williams for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease I give and bequeath the same unto my said two daughters Sarah Bostock and Eliza Ann Williams for their own absolute use and benefit in equal shares and proportions And as to all and every my stocks in trade and articles of business and also all and every sum and sums of money which may be found in my house or be about my person or be due to me at the time of my decease and also all my stocks funds and securities for money book debts money due on bonds bills or notes or other securities and all and every other my estate and effects whatsoever or reversion remainder or expectancy I give devise and bequeath the same unto my friend Charles Churchill of Deddington aforesaid Grocer and Butcher and my brother-in-law William Willett of Banbury in the County of Oxford and the survivor of them and the heirs executors and administrators of such survivors upon trust as soon as conveniently may be after my decease to collect get in and receive such parts thereof as shall consist of money or securities for money and to sell and dispose of the residue of my said estate and effects either by public Auction or private Contract as they my said executors shall think proper or deem expedient and when and as the same shall come to their or either of their hands upon trust to lay out and invest the same in their or his own names or name in some or one of the Public Stocks or Funds of Great Britain or upon other securities at Interest

Editor's note: there then follows a lot of detailed instructions to the executors on how to manage the trust. The Will is written in clear copperplate so those who wish to should read the remainder should refer to the original via the link provided.