

A Transcription of the Last Will and Testament of

John Mason

Dated 16th September 1713

Prepared by members of Deddington and District History Society
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WILL OF JOHN MASON

Mason John de Dadington

In the name of God Amen the nine and twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and six in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith. I John Mason of Dadington in the County of Oxon Blacksmith not being in health of body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God, make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I bequeath my soul and spirit into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly Father by whom of his mercy and only grace I trust to be saved and received into eternal rest through the death of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ in whose precious blood I set the whole and only hope of my salvation. My body in hope of a joyful resurrection I commit to the earth to be buried with such charges and in such place as my dear wife Susannah shall think fit. Touching the distribution of my worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed me, I dispose of the same as follows. First I will that all such debts as I owe shall be truly paid. Item I give and bequeath unto my said wife Susannah and to her heirs for ever all the tenement and shop formerly a dwelling house with the appurtenances in the New Street Dadington aforesaid over against The Crown Inn and all the shoppe with the appurtenances in the Market Street in Dadington aforesaid. To have and to hold the said tenement and shop with all and singular the appurtenances unto my said wife Susannah her heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said dear wife Susannah all the tenement or dwelling house

with the appurtenances in Dadington aforesaid wherein I now live for and during the term of her natural life. And after her decease I give and devise the same to my nephew William Mason, son of my brother William Mason, his heirs and assigns for ever. But in case the said William Mason should depart this life before my said wife so that he does not come to be in possession of the same then my Will and meaning is that my said wife shall have power to sell and dispose of the same dwelling house to the best Chapman that will buy the same and the purchase money shall be equally divided among all brothers and sisters of my said nephew William Mason share and share alike. And to enable my said wife to sell and dispose of the said house in case my said nephew William die as aforesaid I give and bequeath the inheritance thereof to her and her heirs for ever in trust for her to sell the same and dispose of the moneys for the uses and purposes before mentioned within one year after the death of the said William Mason. Item I give to the said William Mason all my working tools and instruments of my trade belonging to a Blacksmith. And one set of my wearing apparel and all the rest of my clothes and wearing apparel I give and bequeath unto my brother William Mason. Item I give unto my said brother one shilling and to all his children one shilling apiece. All the rest of my goods and chattels of what make or kind whatsoever they be I give and bequeath unto my said wife whom I do hereby make and constitute sole executrix of this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And declare this to be my only last will and testament and no other.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published this to be my last will and testament the day and year aforesaid. John Mason.

Signed sealed and published by the above named John Mason in the presence
of

John Peach, Jo Langston, Elizabeth Langston.

Probate the 16th September 1713.

Mason John de Dadington

John Mason
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1713

In the Name of God Amen the thirteenth and twentieth the
 day of May in y^e year of our Lord God One thousand seven Hundred
 and five in y^e fifth year of y^e Kings of our Sovereign Lady Ann. y^e of
 Great Brittain of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender
 of y^e Faith & I John Mason of Dadington in y^e County of Oxon
 Blacksmith not being in health of Body but of perfect memory & thanks
 be to God) make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following
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 Almighty God my heavenly Father by whom of his mere & only grace I trust
 to be saved & received into Eternal rest through y^e Death of my Saviour and
 Redeemer Jesus Christ in whose precious blood I rest y^e whole & only
 hope of my Salvation My Body in hope of a joyfull Resurrection I com-
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 her heirs & Assignes for ever Item I give & bequeath unto my said Dear
 Wife Susannah all y^e Tenement or dwelling House with y^e Appurtenances in
 Dadington aforesaid wherewith I now live for & during y^e Term of
 her naturall Life And after her Decease I give & devise y^e same
 to my Nephew William Mason son of my Bro William Mason -
 his heirs & Assignes for ever But in Case y^e said William Mason
 should depart this Life before my said Wife for y^e hee do not come to be in-
 possession of y^e same then my Will meaning is y^e my said Wife shall have
 power to sell & dispose of y^e said dwelling House to y^e best advantage y^e will
 buy y^e same & y^e purchase Money shall be equally divided among all Bro
 Sisters of my said Nephew William Mason share & share alike And to enable
 my said Wife to sell & dispose of y^e said House in Case my said Nephew William
 should be aforesaid I give & bequeath y^e Inheritance thereof to her & her
 Heirs for ever In trust for the use of y^e same & dispose of y^e Monneys
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 of my best & most convenient Cloaths & wearing

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 I give unto my said Bro^r one Shilling & to all his Children one
 Shilling apiece All y^e Rest of my Goods & Chattels of what nature
 or kind soever they be I give & bequeath unto my said Wife whom I
 do hereby make & constitute sole Executrix of this my last Will
 and Testament and do hereby revoke all former Wills by me
 at any time heretofore made And declare this to be my only
 last Will & Testament & noe other In Witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal & published this to be my
 last Will & Testament y^e Day & Year aforesaid. Signed sealed
 & published by y^e aforesaid ^{John Mason} John Mason in y^e presence of
 John Peach, Jo. Langston, Elizabeth Langston

Probat 12. 16 Septemb. 1713 coram
 Viro Viro Jos. Hunt Nro Curio & Vicario
 Viro Thoma Stafford M^r D^r Est D^r
 Archiep^o Archidiacon^o Oxon^o afores^o Justo
 Susanna Mason Ep^o Lich^o & Extrinseca
 Curia^o sua fuit et est Admis^o de Adsta
 De Evangel^o 12. Salvo 12

Richard Ricard of Salford

In the Name of God Amen The sixteenth Day
 of January in y^e year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred
 One I Richard Hyatt y^e Elder of Salford in y^e County of Oxon
 y^eson being weak in Body but of perfect memory Do make this
 my last Will & Testament in manner following First I commit
 my soul to God my Creator & my Body to y^e Earth to be buried
 by my Executors after named And as for my worldly Estate I
 dispose thereof as followeth I give & devise unto my Wife