

**The Last Will and Testament of
Elizabeth Archer
of Bishopstone nr Shrivenham
Will with Codicil proved 28 April 1855**



Probate Court of York

Original reference: PROB 11/2133

Date of Will : 6 May 1854

Testator:	Archer	Elizabeth	Widow
Executors & Trustees:			
Archer	William Clare	Joint Executor	
Edwards	William	Joint Executor	of Ramsbury
Hibbard	Thomas	Joint Executor	of Bishopstone

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Archer	William Clare	Son	
Edwards	William		Miller
Hibbard	Thomas	Son in Law	Farmer
Archer	Robert Clare	Son	
Archer	Mary Ann Clare	Daughter	w/o Thomas Hibbard
Bradstock	Susanna		w/o of John
Archer	John Henry	Son	
Archer	Jacob	Son	of unsound mind
WITNESSES for Will and Codicil			
Pearse	Mary Jane		of Bishopstone
Haines	George Jas		of Faringdon, Berks
OTHER NAMES			
Dash	Stephen		Wootton Bassett

This is the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Archer of Bishopstone in the County of Wilts, Widow I give and bequeath to my son William Clare Archer and to William Edwards of Ramsbury in the County of Wilts I Miller and my son in law Thomas Hibbard of Bishopstone foresaid Farmer my trustees and executors hereinafter named the sum of Five Pounds sterling card in consideration of the trouble they may have in the execution of the trusts of this my will and I give devise and bequeath to them my said son William Clare Archer and for said William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard all my messuages or tenements lands hereditaments and previous situate at Bishopstone aforesaid with the appurtenances and also all my messuage or tenement with the barn, garden and appurtenances to the same belonging situate at Wootton Bassett in the County of wilts which and

purchased of out Stephen Dash with the appurtenances and all that my real estate and chattels real whatsoever and wheresoever if any and also all my moneys securities for money household goods and furniture and all of my *Personal Estate And Effects* whatsoever and wheresoever (Subject as to my said personal estate to the payment of my debts and my funeral and testamentary expenses and the legacies herein before bequeathed) To hold the same real and personal estates (subject as aforesaid) to them the said William Clare Archer William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard their heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively according to the nature of the Property Upon the trusts and for the intents and purposes hereinafter expenses concerning the same ridelicet? Upon trust that they the said William Clare Archer William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard or the survivors or survivor of them or their heirs executors administrators or assigns respectively of our survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently maybe after my decease absolutely sell and dispose of all my said messauges or tenements lands hereditaments and other real estate and chattels real with the appurtenances, either together or in parcels and either by public auction or private contract as the said trustees or trustee shall think fit and convey or otherwise assure the same where so be unto the person or persons who shall agree to ? the purchaser or purchasers thereof or to such person or persons and to for or upon such uses trusts intents or purposes as such purchaser or purchasers shall direct or appoint and do shall also sell dispose of and convert into money all such of all part of my personal estate as shall then note consist of money and do and shall stand and be possessed of the moneys to arise from such sales and disposition respectively after deducting the costs and expenses of and attending for said and all of my moneys whatsoever Upon trust for all such of my children the said William Clare Archer Robert Clare Archer Mary Ann Clare Archer the wife of the said Thomas Hibbard Susanna (the wife of John Bradstock) John Henry Archer Jacob Archer as shall be owing at the time of my decease or shall have died leaving lawful issue which shall be then owing equally to be divided between them share and share asset the issue of any children who may be dead to be entitled nevertheless only to the share to which the parent of such issue would have been entitled if living and I direct that the shares of them said children respectively (except the share of my said son Jacob who is unfortunately of unsound mind of and in the said trust monies shall be payable and paid to them respectively as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and that the share of my said son Jacob shall be held upon and for the trusts and intents and purposes hereinafter expresses and declared accounting the same that is to say upon trust that the trustees or trustee for the trust being of this my Will do and shall as soon as conveniently may or after my decease plan out and invest in their or his own names or names the portion or share of my said son Jacob of and in the said trust moneys in or upon the public funds of Great Britain or real or Government securities in England and from time to time after such securities as they or be shall benefit and do and shall pay the interest dividends and annual interest of the same portion or share and of the funds or securities in or upon where the same shall be invested to or for the benefit of him my said son Jacob during his life for his support and maintenance and of interest for his benefit as the same trustees or trustee shall think proper and from and immediately after the decease of thy said son Jacob do and shall stand and be possessed of the same last mentioned trust moneys stocks funds and securities and their dividends interest and income thereof upon trust of my other children as all the surviving or shall have died leaving lawful issue which shall be now living to be equally divided between or among them share and share alike and to be payable and paid to them respectively as soon after the decease of my said son Jacob as conveniently maybe but the issue of any child who may be said to have and be entitled only to the share to which the parent of such issue would have been entitled if living previous always and I do hereby expressly direct that if the dividends interest and income of the share of my said son Jacob should not be sufficient for this maintenance and support then and in that case the said trustees or trustee for the time being of this my will shall and may advance all or any part of the principal of his said share for his maintenance and benefit in such manner as they or he may think fit and which money so advanced shall be taken and considered as the whole or part as the rest may be of the said portion or share of this my said son Jacob and shall be allowed to accordingly provided also and I do hereby further expressly declare my will to or not withstanding the directions herein before contained respecting the portion of my said son Jacob of and in the said trust moneys and promises

that in rest my said son Jacob should at any time after my decease become of sufficient activity to manage this own affairs then the trustees or trustee for the time being of this my will shall and to pay over to him my said son Jacob the whole of his portion or share of and in the said trust moneys and premises for his own use and benefit discharged of all just trust whatsoever and in that rest the said trustees and trustee shall from and after such payment be effectually executed and discharged from all further responsibility or account of such portion or share and it is my will and do hereby declare that the receipt or receipts of my said son William Clare Archer and the said William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard or the survivors or survivor of them his heirs executors or administrators respectively for the purchase money or several purchase moneys for my said messauges or tenements lands and hereditaments and other real estate and chattels real or any of them or any part thereof shall be a good and sufficient discharge or several good and sufficient discharges to the purchaser or purchasers thereof for the sum or sums of money where in such receipt or receipts shall be expressed or acknowledged to be or to have been received and that such purchase or purchases shall be answerable or accountable for any loss misapplication or nonapplication nor be obliged to see the application of such purchase moneys or any part thereof and constitute and appoint my said son William Clare Archer and for said William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard Executors in trust of this my last will and testament and I give devise and bequeath unto my said son William Clare Archer and the said William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard all estates which at the time of my decease shall be vested in me upon trust or by way of mortgage or according to the nature and quality thereof upon the trusts and subject to the equity of redemption to which the same estates respectively shall be subject or liable but the moneys secured upon any such mortgage or mortgages shall be reconsidered as part of my personal estate and be applied accordingly as herein before directed and I declare that the trustees of this my Will for the time being or any or either of them shall not be answerable for any more money or effects than shall come to his or their respective hands by virtue of the trusts of this my Will nor for involuntary losses and that it shall be lawful for him or them to reimburse themselves respectively all costs charges and expenses which he or they respectively may be put to or sustain for or by reason of this my Will or in discharging the trusts hereby in him and them reposed and I hereby revoke and make void all Wills Codicils and other testamentary dispositions by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament and witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Archer the testatrix have to card sheet of this my last Will and Testament which is contained in five sheets of paper so my hand this sixth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four — ELIZTH ARCHER — Signed and declared by the said ELIZABETH ARCHER the testatrix as the last Will and Testament in the presence of us (present at the same time) who in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the words "they not" having being first interlined between the seventh and eighth lines of the second sheet and the several obliterations against which we have placed our initials having been first made — MARY JANE PEARSE of Bishopstone, Wilts —, GEORGE JAS HAINES of Faringdon, Berks

THIS IS A CODICIL to be taken part of my above written Will I give and bequeath to my above named son William Clare Archer and the above named William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard the sum of Two Hundred pounds sterling to be retained by them out of the proceeds of my trust and personal estates previously to the division thereof directed by my said Will to hold the same sum of Two Hundred pounds to them the said William Clare Archer William Edwards and Thomas Hibbard their executors and administrators upon such and the same trusts and for such and the same unto intents and purposes and with under and subject to such and the same powers previous and authorities as are in my said Will expressed declared or contained of and containing the portion or share of my above named son Jacob of and in the moneys arising from the sale and conversion of my said real and personal estates and I hereby declare that the said sum of Two Hundred pounds is in an ornamentation? of the provision by my said Will for him my said son Jacob and in all other respects I confirm my said Will for witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four — ELIZTH ARCHER — Signed and declared by the

said ELIZABETH ARCHER as a Codicil to the above written Will in the presence of us (present at the same time) who in the presence and in the presence of each other hereto subscribed our names as witnesses —
MARY JANE PEARSE — GEORGE JAS HAINES

PROVED at London with a Codicil 28 April 1855 before the Judge by the oaths of WILLIAM CLARE ARCHER the son WILLIAM EDWARDS and THOMAS HIBBARD the executors to whom admon was granted having first sworn by Commissioners duly to administer