

*The Last Will and Testament
Of George Forman
of Calne
Will Proved
14th October 1725*



Probate Court London
Original reference PCC Prob11/605
Will Dated 5th November 1714

Testator:	Forman	George	Calne
Executors:			
Forman	Eleanor	Wife	Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Forman	Eleanor	Wife	
Townsend	Katharine	Daughter	
Bishop	Mary	Daughter	
Harvey	Grace	Daughter	
Forman	Eleanor	Daughter	
Townsend	Katharine	Granddaughter	
Bishop	Mary	Granddaughter	
Harvey	Walter	Grandson	
Bishop	John	Grandson	
Bishop	Eleanor	Goddaughter	
			Poor of the parish of Callow (Calne?)
Witnesses			
Fowler	Thomas		
Pillis	William		
Saully	Mary		
Other Names			
Bishop	John	Son in law	Tenant & Assignee

In the Name of God Amen I George fforman of Calne in the County of Wilts doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and fforme following that is to say as for touching and concerning all that my Mansion or Dwelling house in Cousen street wherein I doe now live together with the Gardens Orchards Backsides Barns Stables pigeon house and outhouses whatsoever thereunto belonging or appertaining and all those my nine and ffifty Acres and a Halfe Arable and Pasture Ground (be the same more or less) lying dispersedly in the Common ffield of Calne and usually Occupyed and enjoyed together with the said Dwelling house but now in the tenure or occupation of John Bishop Assignee or Assigns and all that my little pasture ground lying neare Beversbrooke and a Ground call'd Earl craft both

alsoe in the tenure or occupation of the said John Bishop or his Assigns and all those six best leases in the Marsh and Allders I give and devise the Same and all and singular their and every of their Right members priviledges and appurtenances unto my dear Wife Eleanor for and during the Terme of her Natural Life in lieu and full Satisfaction of any Dower she nay Claime in out of and Imediately from any of the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever whereof I shall dye seized and after her Decease to my Daughters Katherine Townsend Mary Bishop Grace Harvey and Eleanor fforman Equally to be divided between them and to the Heires of their Severall and Respective Bodies Subject so farr as relates to my Daughter Mary Bishop to the provisos hereafter mentioned and as for touching and concerning all the rest and residue of my lands and Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever my Will and meaning is that my Said Dear Wife if she shall happen to Survive me may and shall with all convenient speed that may be after my Decease and for the best price that can be had for the same sell alien and dispose thereof and of the inheritance and fee simple thereof either in parcells or together as opportunity shall offer and with the money Arising by such sale or Sales shall in the first place pay off and Discharge all such just Debts as I shall happen to Owe at the time of my Decease and shall in the next place pay to my said Daughter Grace Harvey the full and whole sume of one hundred pounds as an addition to the two hundred pounds she hath already had and received for her Marriage portion and shall in the third place pay to my said Daughter Eleanor fforman the sume of three hundred pounds and shall in the fourth place pay unto my said Daughter Katherine Townsend the sume of one hundred pounds being the hundred pounds I lent her as per her bill of her hand as is before directed to be paid to my said daughter Grace and Eleanor as an addition to the two hundred pounds she hath already had and received for her Portion and whereas my Son in Law John Bishop the younger my Daughter Mary's Husband hath already had and received with my said Daughter as her marriage Portion the sume of three hundred pounds and a Bond for two hundred more payable att the time of my decease my Will and meaning is that my said Wife shall out of the money arising by such Sale as aforesaid pay to my said Daughter Townsend Daughter Grease and Daughter Eleanor each of them the full and whole Sume to make their fortunes Equal to my said Daughter Bishop's and shall alsoe pay to my Granddaughter Katherine Townsend the Sume of ten pounds to my Granddaughter Mary Bishop the Sume of ten pounds to my Grandson Walter Harvey the Sume of ten pounds to my Grandson John Bishop the Sume of ten pounds they being my Godchildren and I give and bequeath to my Godaughter Eleanor Bishop the Sume of ten pounds and to the poor of the Parish of Callow the Suem of fforty Shillings to be disposed of as my Executrix hereinafter named shall to direct and as to the overplus of the money arising by such Sale as aforesaid (if any Such Shall be) my Will and meaning is that it shall be Equally divided between all my said Daughters provided always and my Will and meaning is if the money arising by such Sale as aforesaid shall not be sufficient to pay of and discharge all the just Debts which I shall owe at the time of my Decease and the severall and respective Legacies herein before devised and Bequeathed to my said Daughter Katherine Grace and Elenor as aforesaid that then and in such Case if my Son in Law John Bishop his Executors Administrators and Assigns my said Daughter Bishop or those claiming under her or in her right her share of the Houses Lands Tenements and Hereditaments to her herein and hereby before devised from and after the Decease of my said Wife shall refuse to make good that Defect so far as by abating part of the said two hundred pounds bond or otherwise to bring my said Daughter Townsend Daughter Grace and Daughter Eleanor ffortunes to be Equal to my said Daughter Bishop my Will is that the said Devise of my said Mansion House and other the Lands and premises herein before limited to my said Daughter Townsend Daughter Bishop Daughter Grease and Daughter Elenor after the Decease of my said Wife as far as it relates to my said Daughter Bishop shall be null void and none effect and the whole to remaine to my said Daughter Townsend Daughter Grace and Daughter Elenor after the Decease of my said Wife equally to be divided between them and to the heirs of their respective bodyes and of this my last Will and Testament I doe make constitute and appoint my loveing Wife the whole and Sole Executrix to whome I give and bequeath all my goods Chattles and Estate whatsoever not heretofore otherwise bequeathed alsoe and my Will and meaning is if my said Wife keeps herself a Widow and if she marries again my Will is and I then give and bequeath unto my said Wife and my ffour Daughters Equally to be divided all my goods Chattles and Estate whatsoever during my Wife's life the 5th November 1714 Geo fforman Signed Seald published and declar'd in the presence of William Pillis (?) Tho ffowler Mary Sully

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