

*The Last Will and Testament
of George Gilbert (snr)
of Keevil
Will Proved
14 December 1792*



Probate Court of Market Lavington
Original reference: P2/G/1059
Will Dated - 3 August 1791 (codicil refers to 2 August)
Codicil Dated - 2 November 1791
Died 17 December 1791
Buried at Keevil on 22 December 1791

Testator:	Gilbert	George	Gentleman
Sole Executrix:			
Watts	Elizabeth	Daughter	
Trustees:			
Watts	James		(Yeoman)
Ball	Thomas		

Beneficiaries		Beneficiaries	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Watts	James	Son in law	
Ball	Thomas		Of Steeple Ashton, Gentleman
Gilbert	George	Grandson	Son of late son George Gilbert (d. 1788)
Gilbert	Thomas	Son	(d. 1793)
Watts	George	Grandson	Son of James watts
Watts	Elizabeth	Granddaughter	Daughter of James Watts
Gilbert	Elizabeth	Granddaughter	Daughter of late son George Gilbert
Gilbert	Sarah	Granddaughter	Daughter of late son George Gilbert
Watts	Elizabeth	Daughter	Wife of James Watts
Witnesses			
Baggs	James		
Blake	William		
Blake	Stephen		

Codicil

Surname	Given Names	Beneficiaries	
Gilbert	Thomas	Grandson	Son of Thomas Gilbert
Gilbert	Ann	Granddaughter	Daughter of Thomas Gilbert
Gilbert	Mary	Granddaughter	Daughter of Thomas Gilbert
Gilbert	Elizabeth	Granddaughter	Daughter of Thomas Gilbert
Gilbert	Sarah	Granddaughter	Daughter of Thomas Gilbert
Gilbert	Jane	Granddaughter	Daughter of Thomas Gilbert

I George Gilbert of Keevil in the County of Wilts Gentleman being of sound mind memory and understanding do this third day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety one make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament as follows First I give and devise All my ffreehold Mefsaughe ffarm lands and Hereditaments in the parish of Keevil aforesaid unto my son in Law James Watts and Thomas Ball of Steeple Ashton in the said County Gentleman and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of Such Survivor until the Twenty fifth day of March which will be in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight Hundred being the Twenty fifth day of March next after the time when my Grandson George Gilbert son of my late son George Gilbert deceased will attain his Age of Twenty one years On the Trust direction and confidence herein mentioned (that is to say) Upon Trust and O do hereby Will and direct that my said son in Law James Watts his Executors and Administrators shall have ffree liberty to have hold Occupy possess and enjoy All and Singular my said Mefsaughe ffarm Lands and Hereditaments from the fifth day of March next ensuing the day of the date hereof until the Twenty fifth day of March which will be in the year of our Lord one Thousand and Eight Hundred at and for the next clear yearly Rent or Sum of Fifty three pounds of lawful British Money and paying all taxes and outgoings of every sort and kind during the time of his or their Occupation thereof and keeping up in Tenantable repair the said Mefsaughe and all Buildings belonging thereto (Inevitable accidents that may happen to the same by Fire or Tempest only excepted) and also all the Mounds Bounds and ffences of and belonging to the said premifses. The said yearly rent to be paid applied to and for the several Uses intents and purposes herein after mentioned (that is to say) Upon Trust and I do hereby order and direct that my said son in Law James Watts his Executors or Administrators shall first of all out of the said yearly rents pay unto my son Thomas Gilbert Weekly and every Week during the said Term the Sum of three Shillings the said Weekly payment to commence in Twelve Months next after my decease And I do order and direct that the remainder of the two first years rents shall and maybe retained by my said son in Law James Watts for the purpose of paying my just debts and Funeral Expenses and the over plus if any to remain to the use of my said son in law And from and after the Expiration of such two first years Then Upon Trust and I do hereby direct that my said Trustees shall (after deducting the weekly payment to my son Thomas as aforesaid) put and place the two next succeeding years rents of my said Mefsaughe Lands and Hereditaments out at Interest on such good Security and at such rate as they shall approve of and can reasonable get for the same And as far as in them lies cause such Monies and Interest to accumulate and shall pay the same to and for the Use of my Grand Children George and Elizabeth son and daughter of my said son in Law James Watts when they shall attain their respective ages of twenty one years share and share alike and in the case either of my said Grand Children shall happen to die under the age of Twenty one years unmarried and without leaving any Child or Children him or her Surviving Then In Trust to pay the whole thereof to such of my Grand Children as may happen to be the Survivor and from and after the Expiration of the said last two years Then on this further Trust and I do hereby further direct that my said Trustees shall (after deducting the said weekly payment to my son Thomas) put and place the two next succeeding years rents of my said Mefsaughe Lands and Hereditaments out at Interest as aforesaid to and for the use of my two Grand daughters Sarah and Elizabeth daughters of my late son George Gilbert deceased when they shall attain their respective ages of twenty one years equally between them and in case either of my said Grand daughters shall happen to die under the age of Twenty one years unmarried and without lawful Issue Then In Trust to pay the whole to such of my Grand daughters as may happen to be the Survivor and after the Expiration of the last mentioned two years Then Upon Trust and I do hereby further direct that my Trustees shall (after deducting the said Weekly Sums to be paid to my said son Thomas as aforesaid) Pay unto my Daughter Elizabeth (now Wife of James Watts) the remainder of the last Two years rents of my said Mefsaughe Lands and Hereditaments to and for her Sole and Separate use And from and after the said Twenty fifth

day of March One Thousand and Eight Hundred I give and Devise my said Mefsuage ffarm Lands and Hereditaments Unto and for the use of my said Grandson George Gilbert his Heirs and Assigns for ever Subject nevertheless to the Payment there out unto my son Thomas Gilbert the said Sum of three Shillings Weekly and every Week for and during the Term of his Natural life and I do hereby charge my said Lands with the payment thereof Also I give unto my said Grand son George Gilbert my Silver Tankard, my best bed, bedstead, and furniture one cloaths prefs a Drefsing Table and Chest of Drawers in my best Chamber and also my long Table form and two joint Stools in the Kitchen And as for and Concerning all the residue and remainder of my Household Goods and ffurniture and all other my Goods Chattels Effects Monies Securities and personal Estate Whatsoever and Wheresoever I give and Bequeath the same and every part thereof (Subject to the payment of my just Debts and Expences of my Funeral) Unto my said Daughter Elizabeth (Wife of James Watts) whom I make nominate and Appoint Sole Executrix of this my Will hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made **And Lastly** It is my desire and I do hereby direct that if the said Thomas Ball and my Son in Law James Watts or either of them shall be put to any Charge or Expence in and about the Truts hereby reposed in them concerning my said Mefsuage Farm Lands and Hereditaments or the rents thereof or otherwise relating thereto that the same if not Occasioned by their or either of their wifull default or neglect be defrayed out of the rents thereof and that they shall not be responsible for any lofses that may happen in lending or placing out the aforesaid rents at Interest so as the person or persons to or with whom the same be so placed out or lent be at the time of placing out the same good Credit and reputation and in apparent good Circumstances, Nor the one for the Act or default of the other of them **In Witness** whereof I have to the first Sheet of this my Will contained in two sheets of paper set my Hand and to this Second or last sheet thereof my Hand and Seal the Day and year first above Written.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Testator George Gilbert as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of Us who in his Sight and presence and in the Sight and presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnefses thereto.

The words /of/and/Elizabeth/being first interlined/

James Baggs William Blake Stephen Blake

Whereas I George Gilbert of Keevil in the County of Wilts Gentleman have made and duly executed my last will and Testament in Writing bearing date the second day of August 1791 and therein given and bequeathed All the rest residue and remainder of my Household Goods and Furniture and all other my Goods Chattels Effects Monies Securities and personal Estate whatsoever and Wheresoever (Subject to the payment of my Just Debts and Funeral Expences) Unto my Daughter Elizabeth (now wife of James Watts) and did in and by my said Will make Nominate and appoint my said Daughter Sole Executrix of my said Will. **NOW** I do hereby give and bequeath out of my said residuary Estate unto my Six Grand Children, Thomas, Ann, Mary,

Elizabeth, Sarah and Jane Son and Daughters of my Son Thomas Gilbert, the Sum of Ten pounds Each to be paid into the hands of my Son in Law James Watts and Mr. Thomas Ball (Trustees Nominated and appointed in my said Will) in Twelve Months next after my decease by my said Executrix the same to be put and placed out at Interest on good security and the Interest thereof to be paid and applied from time to time as the same shall become due to and for the use and benefit of my said Grand Children at the discretion of my said Trustees until they shall attain their respective Ages of Twenty one years and if any or either of them shall happen to die before he she or they shall attain the age of Twenty one years then the Legacy of such person so dying shall be equally divided amongst the Survivors of them And I do ordain and declare this present Writing to be a Codicil to my said Will, and that the same shall be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof; and do confirm my said Will in every particular thereof that is not hereby altered or revoked. In Witness whereof I have to this Codicil set my Hand and Seal the Second day of November in the year of our Lord 1791.

Signed Sealed declared and published by the said George Gilbert as
and for a Codicil to be annexed to his last Will and Testament and to
be taken as part thereof. In the presence of
James Bendy William Blake

At Market Lavington on the 14th day of December 1792 Elizth. The Wife of James Watts lawful Daughter of the deced.
& sole Extrix. Within named was duly sworn before me *J. Williams*, Surrogate

Effects undr. £100

Testator died 17th Decr. 1791