

Abraham Archdale's will.

In the name of God Amen I Abraham Archdale of Whateley in the County of Oxon Esquier being at this present weake in body but in perfect sense and memory (thankes be to Allmighty god) And taking into consideracion the frailty and incertenity of this life, doe therefore make ordayne and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say Firstlee I commend & comitt my Sowle into the hands of Allmighty god my only creator trusting & beleaving to receave & have a ioyefull Resurrection in the Worlde to come and to be saved by the moste precious death & passion of my deare Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jhesus And my body to be buried in the Chapple here after named (cancelled - in the parish Church of Cudgeden, as neare to the body of my deere mother Mistress Mary Archdale as may be conveniently) and as touching that estate in Lands and Tenements and other Worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased god to inrich me In regard my Will and meaning is shortly or immediatley after thensealing hereof to convey and assure all the sayd Lands and Tenements presently after my owne death unto my deere cosengerman Richard Archdale of Dowgatestreete in London Merchant and to his heires forever, (cancelled - according to the desire of my Father Master Richard Archedale by his last Will expressed) for the better continuation and advancement of my name and bloude, and also to make my sayd Cosen german Executor of this may last Will and Testament therefore I doe devise and bequeathe the summes of money hereafter mencioned to the persons in this my last Will named upon the Condictions therein expressed And I require my sayd Cosen german the sayd Richard Archedale to pay the summes hereafter bequeathed within Thirteene Moneths next after my decease in consideracion of the sayd lands Tenements and goods soe as aforesayd to be by me on him and his heires settled and assured that is to say I will and bequeath unto my Sisters viz. Margaret Bennet of Oxforde Widowe (cancelled - Dorothy Stampe) Fraunces Lowe and Barbara Barnes Widowe and to every of them Two hundred pounds a peace And also to Anne Powell wife of Richard Powell of Foresthill, being the only daughter of my sister Mary Moulton the summe of Two hundred pounds (they the sayd Margaret Dorothy my sister Fraunces Barbara and Anne and every of them and the husbands of soe many of them as are married firste releasing all their estate right title Interest clayme and demand whatsoever by Fyne or other good Assurance in the lawe of in or to all my Lands Tenements and hereditaments unto my sayd Cosen Richard Archedale and his heires and assigns as by his and their Counsell shalbe advised and devised) [an illegible cancelled clause comes here] And if the sayd Margaret Fraunces Dorothey Barbara and Anne and their husbands as aforesayd, shall before the sayd tyme for payment of their legaties refuse to release their sayd right to my sayd Cosen and his heires or otherwise to assure the sayd Lands and Tenements to him and his heirs as shalbe advised Then my Will and meaning is that all & every their sayd Legaties and all and everie the legacies hereby or herein given to them or any the children of them or either of them shall from and after such their and every of their refusalls be utterly voyde and of none effect  
item I will and Bequeathe unto Anne Barnes daughter of my sister Barbara Barnes foure hundred pounds (cancelled - -----Richardson wife of Thomas Richardson of Oxford and daughter of my sister

Margaret forty pounds) Item to such of the Fower daughters of my Sister Dorothey Stampe as shalbe living at the tyme of my death as followeth That is to say to Margaret Hester forty pounds To Mary Hall threescore pounds. To Elizabeth Stampe Fifty pounds being my goddaughter: and to Ursula Stampe forty pounds Item to each of the children of my Sister Lowe which shalbe living at the tyme of my death viz. Richard Lowe, Mary Pudsey Elizabeth Fraunces and Anne [here there is another illegible cancelled clause] Twenty Pounds a peace Item to the Two sonnes of my sister Bridgett Blackbourne, viz. William and Richard they releasing as aforesayd One hundred pounds a peace otherwise this their Legatie to be voyde. Item to Richard Powell eldest sonne of my Neece Powell One hundred pounds Item to all the rest of my Neece Powells Children which shalbe living at the tyme of my death Twenty pounds a peece (cancelled - £50 to New College) Item to the Chancellor maisters and Scholars of the University of Oxford Tenne pounds to be bestowed in Bookes to be placed in the University Library With my name and Armes thereon Item the Poore Inhabitants of Whately one hundred pounds to be alwayes kepte as stock for releife of the poore of Whatley Item to the poore Inhabitants of Cugesdon the summe of Three pounds Item to the Overseers of Whateley bridge to be appointed by the Justices there next abiding (whereof myself was once an Overseer) upon their Bond of Forty pounds firste given to the Vicechauncellor of Oxford for the tyme being for the bestowing thereof as is hereby declared Tenne pounds (cancelled - twenty pounds) to be immediately bestowed after their receipt thereof in repayre of the sayd bridge (cancelled - twenty pounds to the Churchwardens of St. Martin's Oxford) Item to the Poore of the parishe of St Martins in Oxford Five pounds (cancelled - a clause about a monument to his father, who was buried in St. Martin's) Item to Emme Tousey my Servant One hundred and Fiftie pounds [cancelled - another illegible clause] Neverthesse my Will and desire is and I doe further will and devise unto the said Emme (cancelled - All that my message with thappurtenances in Wheatley wherein Master Whicker now dwelleth) all that my message in Whately (cancelled - she may have the use (during her life) of one upper Roome at her election in my house in Whateley) wherein Master Whicker now dwelleth To hold unto her for and dureinge the terme of her naturall life (another cancelled clause to the effect that his sister and niece may have Master Whicker's house and that Richard Towsey may live with them so long as he requires and is dutiful and respectful to them) Item to Robert Stiles my Servant thirty pounds Item to Richard Towsey Fifty pounds and my Two ould gownes my Two ould Suits and my ould Russet Cloake Item to my Servants William Frankelin and William Hutchins (cancelled - tenne pounds a peece) Walter Greeneinge and Edward Simpson the somme of Twentie pounds to be equally devided betweene them and I desire my sayd Cosen Richard Archedale to keepe them as his Servants after my death Item to my Two Mayd servants Mary Wildgoose and Anne Hall five pounds a peece. Item Foure hundred pounds Where my Cosen Richard Archedale knoweth the same is payable after my death which should have come unto master Ady Sare late of the Inner Temple in case he had survived me (I not having Wife nor issue at the tyme of my decease) Item to my Cosen Thomas Flexney of Oxford fifty shillings Item to his eldest sonne Fraunces my Godsonne Five pounds Item to Master John Martin of Witney Fifty shillings for a Ring Item to Martine and Daniell Archedale sonnes of Martin Archedale my Uncle late of London Merchant Tenne pounds a peece Item to Dorothey Feilde my goddaugter and grandchilde of my Sister Stampe Five pounds Item to Anne Feilde her Sister Forty shillings Item to every other of

my godchildren not before mencioned Forty Shillings a peece Item to my Uncle master Anthony Feme of London gentleman during his naturall life Tenne pounds per Annum to be payd him quarterly at fower the most usuall Feaste dayes next after my death (cancelled - Item to twenty poor maidens in Whateley forty pounds to advance them in marriadge to be payed to them equally for forty shillings a peece at their several days of marriadge) All the rest of my goods and Chatties by me unbequeathed I doe give and bequeath unto my sayd Cosen german Richard Archedale Whome I doe alsoe for the Reasons aforesayd make and ordayne the full and whole Executor of this my last Will and Testament unto whose further care and faithfull performaunce I doe also commend these particular things out of his owne promise and offer for the Consideracions aforesayd to be by him performed That is to say to settle land or Rent of five pounds per Annum in perpetuity for maintenaunce of the Poore of Whateley And also to bestowe Three hundred pounds upon my Funerall and in a Monument for me in the Chapple of Wheately aforesaide And lastly to settle what my intent and meaning he well knoweth to be touchinge the Chapple or Church in Whateley Item to John Hester eldest sonne of Margaret Hester Tenne pounds Item to Master Thomas Whichers and his wife Twenty Nobles to buye them Rings and my further Will and desire is That in the Monument soe as aforesayd to be erected for me some Remembraunce and mencion be made of my Father and Mother deceased And Lastly I doe ordayne and constitute my trusty Wellbeloved freind Master Doctor Pinck Warden of Newe Colledge above mencioned and Charles Hallowaye of the Inner Temple London Esquier my Overseers of this my last Will and Testament desireing them to be ayding and assisting to my sayd Executor with their best advice and Counsell in seeing a due performaunce of my true meaning herein And I doe give to each of them for their paynes as a remembraunce of my last love unto them Tenne pounds a peece In witness whereof and in token that this is my last Will and Testament I hereunto set my hand and deale the Second day of August in the Seaventh Yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles and in the year of our Lord god 1631

Sealed signed and acknowledged to be the last Will and Testament of the said Abraham Archedale in the presence of  
Thomas Whicker

John Hopkins junior

The marke of R Robert Styles

John Hurst Richard Towersie

Abraham Archedale

Item I doe will and bequeath unto my loveing Sister Dorothy Stampe the full and intire yearely income of Sixteene pounds to be paid unto her or her assigns by my executor dureinge the terme of her naturall life att the fower most usuall feasts or days of payment in the yeare viz. the feast of St Michall the Archangel St Thomas Thappostle Thannunciation of our Ladie St Marie the Virgine and of St John the baptist by equall porcions. Item I doe further will and devise the somme of Twoe Hundred pounds amongst the children of my said Sister Dorothey Stampe to be equally devided betweene them, and to be paid to them or the survivor of them within one yeare after the decease of my said sister Item whereas I have given divers particular legacyes unto severall the children of my Sisters and cosens in this my will expressed my will is that the said legacyes be paid att the time lymetted unto the parents of such children who are not of sufficient age to give discharge thereof unto my executor, And that such their parents as shall

receive the said Legacies doe give an Acquittance thereof to my Executor, mencioneinge in the said Acquittance, that they received the sayd sommes of moneys to the use of such their Child or Children as nott then bee of Sufficient Age to discharge the sayd Legacye, And those that are of age I wish shall receyve their legacies themselves, For I desire that my executor should not neglecte or delay the payment of the said legacies upon any pretence whatsoever: Item I doe further give and bequeath the somme of Tenne pounds to be bestowed in short time towards the repaire of the high wayes leadinge to and from the towne of Wheatly Item my earnest desire is that my bodie be buried in the Chapple of Wheately aforesaid: And to that purpose I doe require that my executor will make Suite and request to the Lord Bishoppe of this dioces that himselfe or some other Bishopp would be pleased to consecrate the said Chapple and ground adjoineinge for a place of Buriall.

Memorandum that this Seaventeenth day of September in the year of the Lord 1631 I Abraham Archedale being of perfecte and disposeinge memorie and calleing to mynde the particular legacies and bequests in this my will expressed and takeing consideracion thereof doe ratifie and confirme the same my will with those alteracions addicions and subscripcions as are therein conteined, And all the raysures interlineings blottings and putting forthe of any legacie word or sentence within this my said will in any the places soe raysed interlyned blotted or putt forth were deliberately and advisedly by me done And whereas I had herein before nominated and constituted my trusty freinds Master Doctor Pinck Warden of Newe Colledge and Master Charles Holloway of the Inner Temple London Esquier Overseers of this my last Will and Testament and have appointed severall legacies unto them I doe hereby revoake the said power authoritie and bequests unto them or either of them bequeathed And I nominate and appointe my verie loveing and Kinde Cosens Master Richard Powell of Foresthill of Oxon Gentleman and Samuell Gardyner of the universitie of Oxon to be Overseers of this my last will and testament, and I doe will and bequeath further unto the said Richard Powell and Samuell Gardyner the somme of Twentie pounds apiece intreatinge them to be aideinge and assistinge unto my Executor towards the performance of this my will. (Damaged -

In witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett) my hand and Seal (damaged - And made) further publicacion of this my last will and further I doe give unto William Kempe and Anthony Fuller my servants the some of Five pounds apeece,

Sealed and further publicacion made

in the presence of us

Thomas Whicker

John Glover

John Hurste

The marke of

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Robert Stiles

The marke of William Rider

Richard Towersie

Abraham Archedale

Memorandum that whereas the said Abraham Archedale deceased had by his last will & Testament devised unto Emme Towsey servant all that his messuage with appurtenances in Whateley wherein Master Whicker now dwelleth to hold unto her for & during the term of her naturally lyfe,

he the said Abraham Archedale being in perfecte minde & memorie did by word of mouth at the time of sealing & ratifying of this his will revoke the said bequest of the said messuage & did onely give & bequeath unto her the said Emme the use of one roome in the said messuage during the terme of her naturall lyfe in the presence & hearing of Master Thomas Whicker & Robert Stiles Witnesses hereunto & others

Thomas Whicker

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Robert Stiles

Source Oxfordshire Wills 1/5/48.