

07415

**THE WILL OF  
THOMAS GODDARD THE ELDER  
1750**

**In the Name** of God Amen I Thomas Goddard the Elder of Chieveley in the County of Berks Barber being of sound and disposing memory and understanding praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following

First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thro' the merits of death and the passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of Executrix and executor hereinafter named And as touching the disposition of all such temporal goods and estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I do give and dispose thereof as followeth

First I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and discharged

**Item** I give and bequeath unto my beloved son **Robert Goddard** the sum of ~~twenty~~<sup>0</sup> shillings and sixpence of good and lawful coin of the realm

**Item** I also give and bequeath unto my son **Thomas Goddard** five pounds of like lawful money

**Item** I give and bequeath unto my son **Richard Goddard** the like sum of five pounds

**item** I give unto my grand children Viz the children of my son **Flemming Goddard deceased** the sum of twenty shillings to be equally divided among them share and share alike

**Item** I also give and bequeath unto my loving wife **Mary Goddard** the sum of six pounds of like lawful money as also my best bed and bedstead and bedding with all the clothing and wearing apparel of my late wife **Mary**

**Item** I give and bequeath unto my son **Richard Goddard** my dwelling house and premises situate in Horsemore in Chieveley aforesaid wherein I now dwell to him his heirs and assigns for ever provided my said wife **Mary Goddard** shall and may have a being? or dwelling in the said house so long as she continues my widow and no longer.

**All** the rest and residue of my real and personal estate goods and chattels whatsoever I do give and bequeath unto my loving wife **Mary** and my beloved son **Richard Goddard** whom I make full and sole Executrix and Executor of this my last will and testament and I will and desire that they would pay the above said legacies in one month after my decease

**In Witness** whereof I the said **Thomas Goddard** the Elder have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty

Signed sealed and delivered and declared by **Thomas Goddard** the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof

**the mark of Thomas Goddard**

**Thomas Wollams**

**The mark of Robert Hill**

**Richd Charles** / winter?

This will was proved at Newbury the third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two before the Revd and worshipful John Spey? Bachelor of Divinity by the oath of Mary Goddard the widow and Richard Goddard the son of the said deceased and executrix and executor in the said will named to whom was committed the administration of all and singular the goods and chattels of the said they being first sworn of the truth of the said will and of well and truly performing the same and exhibiting a true and perfect inventory of all the goods and chattels of the said deceased and rendering an account thereof when required.

Archdeaconry Court of Berks Book 24 p. 268

**In the Name** of God Amen I Thomas Goddard the Elder of Chisely in the County of Berks Barber being of Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praise be therefore given to Almighty God doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping thro the merits Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be truly buried at the discretion of my Executors and Executor hereinafter named And as touching the disposition of all such temporal goods and estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I do give and dispose thereof as followeth First I will that all my last debts and funeral expences be first paid and discharged **Item** I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Richard Goddard the sum of Ten shillings and six pence of good and lawfull of this Realm **Item** I also give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Goddard five pounds of the lawfull money **Item** I also give and bequeath unto my Son Richard Goddard the life sume of five pounds **Item** I give unto my grand children viz. the children of my daughter Goddard the sume of twenty shillings to be equally divided among them share and share alike **Item** I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Goddard the sume of six pounds of the lawfull money as alsoe my best bed and bedding with all the Clothings and wearing apparell of my late wife Mary **Item** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Goddard my best and best house and premises situated in the town of Chisely aforesaid where she now dwelleth to have and enjoy the same and all things therein provided my said wife Mary Goddard shall and may have a dwelling or dwelling in the said house so long as she continues my widow and no longer **Item** the rest and residue of my real and personal estate goods Chattels and Estates whatsoever I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary and my beloved Son Richard Goddard whom I make full and sole Executors and Executor of this my last will and Testament and I will and desire that they should pay the above said legacies in one Month after my decease **Witness** whereof I the said Thomas Goddard the Elder have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the sixth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty.

Sealed and delivered published and declared by Thomas Goddard the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof.

The mark of Thomas Goddard

Thomas Woolman

The mark of Robert Goddard

This will was proved at Newbery the Thirg day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and fifty Two before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> and worshipfull John Gray Bachelor in lawfully Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Berks by the Oath of Mary Goddard the widow and Richard Goddard the Son of the said deced and executor and executor within the said will named to whom was committed the Administration of all and singular the Goods and Chattels of the said deced they being first sworn of the truth of the said will and of well and truly performing the same and exhibiting a true and perfect Inventory of all the Goods and Chattels of the said deced and rendering an account thereof when required.



proctor that the great chert with Lay my estate in one amongst halow pillow case for my napkins and halow sheets and  
the smalle good ring and other things which are after this

John of give and acquite unto my son George yedars all those small household goods and other things hereafter coming  
to the said John. No other being by my son George and all the furniture hereunto belonging and the other things  
wherein the said John was a party of goods and chattels. Every good being by my son George. The said John of give and  
the biggest ring with the Biret of Bezing with the Biret of Bezing. The said John of give and the said John of give and  
golden barrel. The said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and  
how the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and  
the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and

As in and to what money I shall have in my possession at my decease in the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and  
the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and

John George yedars  
The said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and

And I do hereby certify that the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and  
this my last will and testament. And I give and ordaine my son Michael yedars and my son John of give and the said John of give and  
to be my executor in all my affairs and to be my executor in all my affairs and to be my executor in all my affairs and to be my executor in all my affairs and  
the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and

William yedars and in the County of Westchester to be my executor of this my last will and testament  
I do hereby certify that the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and  
I do hereby certify that the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and the said John of give and

Witness my hand and seal the first day of February in the first year of the  
reign of our said sovereign Lord King Henry the eighth. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of February in the first year of the  
reign of our said sovereign Lord King Henry the eighth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of February in the first year of the  
reign of our said sovereign Lord King Henry the eighth.

John de Row  
The marks of  
The marks of

The marks of  
The marks of  
The marks of

In the name of God Amen December the 22 1551  
Of Thomas Goddard wife of Thomas in the County of  
Essex Carpenter deceased in body but of good and perfect memory  
I shew to be to God do make this my last will and Testament  
as followeth

I give I bequeath my soule into the hand of God hoping to be saved by  
Christ my Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Church  
yard of St. Andrew above said

I give I bequeath unto John my now wife my house whereon  
I now live with the Parson thereunto belonging the lower  
Parson and the appurtenances received during her natural life

I give I bequeath my lower Parson together with all his woods and  
other appurtenances whatsoever unto my son in law John Marjor  
aled worth to him and his heirs for ever

I give I bequeath my lands wherewith I now live and the parson  
thereunto belonging (the lower parson excepted)  
after the decease of John my now wife unto my future heirs  
and Thomas for them and their heirs for ever  
paying unto my son in law John Marjor within a year after the decease of me and my  
wife the sum of 100 shillings that neither of the wife or wife of the said  
Henry and Thomas shall hold or possess any of the  
land house or land bequeathed if in case they should marry  
again if their husbands should dye before them but they  
shall hold it during their widowed estate and not otherwise

I give I bequeath unto John my now wife all my goods movable  
and immovable during her natural life

I give I give unto my daughter Grace the wife of John Marjor  
after the decease of my said wife the bed wherewith I now  
lie and the furniture thereunto belonging and appurtenances  
and my hat pot and my fiddle and my tabor and my Cello  
and my Coffer and my two small barrels

I give I give unto my son Thomas my bedstead wherewith I now lie  
and my chest after the decease of my said wife

I give I give after the decease of my said wife the rest my unburied  
goods unto my sons Thomas and Henry to be equally divided  
between them

I shew my will is that my son in law shall have the use of the house  
containing St. Michael next the parson excepted

I make my sons Henry and Thomas my executors

I appoint my son in law Richard and Lawrence Pocock to be my overseers  
whom I have set my hand and seals in the presence of  
John Goddard

In witness whereof  
will: Thomas Goddard

his mark



**Know** all Men by these Presents that **M<sup>r</sup> Mary Goddard** of Shively in the County of Berke **Widow** **Francis** **Baron** of Newbury in the County aforesaid **Crabtree** **and** **James** **Baron** of Newbury aforesaid **Timber Merchant** are held and firmly bound unto **Her Majesty** **John** **Lord Bishop of Sarum**

in the Shire of **Oxford** and **Twenty** **County** of good and lawful **Monty** of Great Britain, to be paid unto the said **Lord Bishop** or to his certain Attorney his Executors, Administrators or Assigns To which Payment well and truly to be made **At** **the** **charge** **of** **the** **part** **of** **us** **by** **himself** for the whole our and each of our **Seigns** **Executors**, and Administrators firmly by these Presents sealed with our Seals Dated the **Twenty** **5<sup>th</sup>** Day of **June** in the **Twenty** **fourth** Year of the **Reign** of our **Sovereign** **Lord** **George** **the** **Second** by the **Grace** of **God** of **Great** **Britain**, **Ireland** and **Jersey** **King** **Defender** of the **faith** and so forth, And in the Year of our **Lord** **One** **Thousand** **Seven** **Hundred** and **Eighty**

**The** **Condition** of this Obligation is such, That if the said **Commissary** **Godard** **Widow** **Robert** **Administrator** of all and singular the **Goods**, **Chattels** and **Credits** of the said **Lord** **and** **each** **of** **them** **in** **and** **out** **of** **the** **County** **of** **Berk** **do** **make** **or** **cause** **to** **be** **made** **a** **true** **and** **perfect** **Inventory** of all and singular the **Goods** **Chattels** and **Credits** of the said **Parties** which have or shall come to the **Hands**, **Possession** or **Knowledge** of her **Said** **Baron** **and** **Baron** or into the **Hands** and **Possession** of any **Person** or **Persons** for her **and** the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the **Registry** of the said **Bishop**

next ensuing and the same Goods, Chattels and Credits and all other the Goods, Chattels  
 and Credits of the said Deceased at the time of his Death within at any time after  
 shall come to the Hands or Possession of the said Mary <sup>1751/4</sup> <sub>1752</sub>  
 or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for her do will and  
 truly administer according to Law; And further do make or cause to be made a true and  
 just Account of her said Administration at or before the <sup>1751/4</sup> <sub>1752</sub> Day of  
 June 25/4 1752 and all the Residue of the said Goods, Chattels and Credits  
 which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators Account the same being  
 first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of the said Court  
 shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges  
 by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to the true Intent and Meaning of a late  
 Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and thirtieth Years of the  
 Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second, intituled an Act for the  
 better settling of Intestates Estates shall limit and appoint; And if it shall hereafter appear  
 that any such Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased and the Executor or  
 Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court making Request to have  
 it allowed and approved accordingly if the said <sup>1751/4</sup> <sub>1752</sub>  
 Court being thereunto required do tender and deliver the said Letters of Admini-  
 stration (Approbation of such Testament being first had and made) in the said Court;  
 then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and Virtue.

Sealed and delivered

in the Presence of

17 November in the 24th year  
 of our said Sovereign Lord King  
 Charles the Second before us  
 the said Thomas Capel, Esq.

every good  
 Fra. Page

Lundy, Sur. J. Capel