

## **The last will and testament of Abraham Page**

The last will and testament of me, Abraham Page, of Wellbury Turnpike in this Parish of Pirton in the county of Hertford as follows, that is to say

In primis I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Ann the wife of William Crook of Barton in the county of Bedford all the Interest and profits arising from one hundred and eighty pounds which principal is now vested in the hands of Samuel Whitbread Esq all the Interests arising therefrom to be received by my executors hereinafter mentioned or the survivor of them to be by them or him applied and paid as soon as they shall receive it to the use and behalf of my said daughter, Ann Crook, as the same shall become -----and payable for and during the whole term of her natural life

Also I give and bequeath to my grandson, William Crook, son of the said William and Ann Crook, all my wearing apparel whatsoever

Also I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter, Mary Crook, the daughter of the said William and Ann Crook, all my household goods and furniture whatsoever

Also my Will and mind is that after to decease of my said daughter Ann Crook then I will and bequeath to my said grandson William Crook, the sum of twenty five pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid to the said William Crook by my executors hereinafter mentioned or the survivor of therein within six months after the death of my said daughter Ann Crook if the said William Crook shall then be living if not my mind and will is that the last mentioned legacy of twenty five pounds should then be paid and given to his said sister Mary Crook

Also I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter Mary Croft the daughter of the said William and Ann Crook the sum of twenty five pounds to be paid by my executors or the survivor of them to the said Mary Crook within six months after the death of my said daughter Ann Crook if she the said Mary Crook shall then be living if not then I will and bequeath the last mentioned legacy of twenty five pounds to her said brother William Crook

Also I give and bequeath to my grandson, Jonas (alias) Joseph Dowe the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money to be paid by my executors or executor to the said Jonas Dowe within six months after the death of my said daughter Ann Crook if the said Jonas Dowe shall then be living if not then I wish and mind that the last mentioned legacy of fifty pounds should then be given and paid to his brother John Page Dowe

Also I give and bequeath to my grandson, Joan Page Dowe the sum of fifty pounds of lawful money to be paid by my executors or executor to the said John Page Dowe within six months after the death of my said daughter if her soul then have acquired the full age of twenty one years and be then living if the said John Page Dowe should have separated this life before the last mentioned bequest given to him shall become due and payable pursuant to this my will then I will and bequeath to said last mentioned bequest of fifty pounds to his said brother Jonas Dowe

Also I give and bequeath to my newpnew John Fisher of Lidlington in the county of Bedford the sum of ten pounds of lawful money to be paid by my executors or the survivor of them within six months after the decease of my said daughter Ann Crook if the said Joan Fisher shall then be living or if not then it is my desire that the last mentioned legacy of ten pounds should be given and paid to my four above mentioned grandchildren share and share alike

Also I give and bequeath to Joan Crouch of Monkwele Street No 37 Cripplegate, London Silversmith and to John James of Wellbury in the Parish of Offley in the County of Hertford farmer the sum of ten pounds each and also further it is my will and desire that if my executors thereafter mentioned and named should not at my ----- find a difficulty in case interests are ----- or in ----- effects not disposed of to pay all my lawfull debts funeral expenses and other incident charges then it is my will and desire that each of the legatees hereinbefore mentioned shall pay to my executors out of their respective legacies or bequests so much in ten pounds according to their respective legacies as my executors shall then want or be deficient of to defray all my aforesaid lawfull debts funeral expenses and ----- incident charges and also I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the aforementioned John Crouch and John Davis joint executors to this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all former wills by me made and do declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness thereof he said Abraham Page have to this my last will and testament written on four sides of one sheet of paper set my hand and seal the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three Abraham Page signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Abraham Page to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribe and attest the same as witness in his presence and in the presence of each other witness William Knight, William Reynolds

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