

Will of Samuel Blodwell, Shrewsbury, Salop 1755

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Blodwell of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop gentleman being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding (God be praised for the same) but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life so make declare and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merits death and passion of Jesus Christ my blessed saviour and Redeemer to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting life. My bod I commit to the Earth to be decently but privately buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. And as to the disposition of all that real and personal estate and effects which it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me And which I shall die possessed of interested in or entitled to I give and dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say). It is my will and desire that all of my just debts of simple contract legacy, funeral expenses and the charge of proving this my will be paid and satisfied with twelve months next after my decease and as for such money which I already taken up at interest or shall hereafter take up be the same secured by Bond or Mortgage I shall hereby make my Real Estate charged and chargeable with the payment thereof and I do hereby give devise and bequeath all those my messauges tenements shops lands rents hereditaments and premises situate lying and being in the town Franchises and parish of Oswesty in the County of Salop and now or late in the tenure possession and occupation of Edward Thomas. Thomas Stark, John Boulton, William Edgerley, John Burgess, Nathaniel Edwards, Widow Thomas, Elizabeth Boyd, John Tomley, John Davies, John Hart, Thomas Edwards, Edward Kynaston, Edward Price, David Lewis, William Owen Esquire, Pryce Maurice Esquire or some of them their of some of the undertenants or assigns together with all and singular houses, outhouses, edifices, buildings, barns, stables, gardens, orchards, ways, wastes, paths, passages, lights, lands, meadows, seasons, pastures, feedings, privileges, advantages, rents, issues and profits whatsoever to the aforesaid premises or any part thereof now or at any time heretofore usually belonging or appertaining to or with the aforesaid premises or any part thereof now or at any time heretofore usually devised leased sett left held occupied or enjoyed or accepted reputed taken or esteemed to be part or parcel of the said premises unto my Dear Affectionate mother Ellianor Blodwell widow to hold unto the said Ellianor Blodwell and her assigns from the day of my death for and during and until the full end term of her natural life subject to the payment of all my just debts and the legacies hereinafter devised And from and after the decease of my mother I give and devise and bequeath all my said Real Estate and the Rents Issues and Profits thereof unto my Dear and Loving sisters Letitia Blodwell and Ellianor Blodwell share and share alike to hold unto the said Letitia Blodwell and Ellianor Blodwell their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. But if either of my said sisters should die unmarried then it is my will and desire and I do hereby give and devise all the share and title (of each sister so dying) of and in my said Real Estate unto the survivor of my said sisters and unto the heirs and assigns of such survivor forever. And as to all and singular goods, cattle, chattels sum and sums of money and my securitys for money and all other my personal estate of what nature or kind so ever or wheresoever I give devise and bequeath unto my said sisters Letitia Blodwell and Ellianor Blodwell their executors administrators and assigns to be equally divided between my sisters share and share alike for them and their uses for ever. And I do give devise and bequeath unto my said sisters Letitia Blodwell and Ellianor Blodwell the yearly rent or sum of ten pounds a piece of current money of Great Britain to be paid to my said sisters by half-yearly payments in each year during the

life of my said mother Ellianor Blodwell only the first half yearly payment of the said rent to commence and be made on the first Lady Day or Michaelmas Day next after my decease. And I do also give and devise unto my said sisters the sum of five pounds a piece to buy them mourning. And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Bill Adderton of Preston Montford in the same County of Salop Esquire, Humphrey Sandford of the Isle in the said County of Salop Esquire and my Affectionate Mother Ellianor Blodwell joint executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made. In witness thereof I the said Samuel Blodwell have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty eighth day of December in the fifteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and forty one.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named testator Samuel Blodwell as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses hereto at the request of and in the same room with and in the sight of the said testator.

Michael Dolphin, Edward Leake, Thomas Bridges

On the seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five Administration (with the will annexed) of the goods chattels and credits of Samuel Blodwell late of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop deceased was granted to Ellianor Ecking wife of John Ecking the sister and on the residuary legatees named in the same will of the deceased (for that Bill Adderton Esquire and Ellianor Blodwell the mother of the said deceased and two of the executors appointed in the same will died in the lifetime of the testator and Humphrey Sandford Esquire the surviving Executor hath renounced the Execution of the said will) she having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer.