

Will of Owen Blodwell, Shrewsbury, Salop 1733

In the name of God Amen I Owen Blodwell of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop, Mercer, being in perfect health and of sound mind and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God do make this my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say: First I give and bequeath all my personal Estate of whatsoever kind and kinds to my worthy friends Hill Adderton of Preston in the said County Esq and Humphrey Sandford of the Isle in the Liberty of the said Town of Shrewsbury Esq their executors and admins upon the several Trusts and to the several uses hereinafter mentioned and disclosed. Item I give and devise and bequeath unto the said Hill Adderton and Humphrey Sandford and their heirs all that messuage or tenement called the Mountains situated and being in the Parish of Oswestry in the said County by me lately purchased of Richard Paine together with all the lands and appurtenances thereto belong in trust that they and the survivor of them and his heirs shall with all convenient speed that may be after my decease sell and dispose thereof to the best purchaser and pay and dispose of the monies arising from such sale and the money arising from the rents, issue and profits in the meantime and until such sale be made upon the several trusts and to the several uses hereinafter declared that is to say in trust that they and survivor of the his heirs executors and admins shall out of the monies arising from the said personal estate and from the sale and profits of my said real estate in the first, pay and discharge a debt of one hundred and fifty pounds and interest due from me to the said Humphrey Sandford in trust for the daughter of John Acton of Bishops Castle in the County aforesaid Apothecary and secured by mortgage or assignment of a mortgage of certain lands in Ifton alias Upton in the Parish of Oswestry aforesaid formerly mortgaged by my Father John Blodwell deceased to Charles Bagot Esq for the sum of three hundred pounds. One hundred and fifty pounds whereof I have already discharged with my own Proper monies it being my desire that the said mortgage may attend the inheritance of the said premises according to the uses and limitations in my marriage settlement contained. And from and after payment of the said sum of One hundred and fifty pounds and interest that the residue and remaindee of the moneys arising from the sale and profits of my said personal and real estates shall be divided equally amongst all my younger children and the survivors and survivor of them exclusive of my eldest son and the son that shall inherit my real Estate by virtue of my marriage settlement. And that each younger child shall have his and her share paid to him her and them when he she or they shall severally attain their ages of One and Twenty years or be married which shall first happen. And that in the meantime so much of the yearly product and increase thereof or shall be thought necessary by my executors and trustees shall be paid and applied towards their respective maintenance and education. And my will is in case either of my younger children dye before she attain the age of one and twenty years or be married that the share or proportion of such younger child so dying shall go to the survivor. And I fall my younger children shall happen to dye before their said days of age or marriage that then my eldest son shall have the money arising from such sale of my personal estate. And if all my children shall dye before age or marriage that then the same shall be divided amongst all my relations by the fathers side of the first and second degree exclusive of my mother's relations. Item I give devise and bequeath all my messuages lands tenements and hereditiments whatsoever situate lying and being in the Parish of Oswestry or elsewhere in the Kingdom of England not herein before devised (from and after the decease of me and my wife without issue) to my next heir of the Family of Blodwell that shall be them living his heirs and assigns forever. Item my will is that my Dear Wife shall have the use of all my household goods, plates, linen, furniture during her natural life. And after her decease that the same shall be sold and divided and applied as my personal estate is above diverted. Item my will is that the said trustees and executors shall be indemnified of all costs trouble and expenses which they or either of them shall be

put into in execution of this my will. And that neither of them shall be answerable for the acts or receipts of the other of them but each for his own Acts and receipts respectively. And I do appoint the said Hill Adderton and Humphrey Sandford to be executor of this my will hereby revoking all former wills. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of Mars 1738.

Owen Blodwell

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the Testator in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence.

John Weaver, George Birchall, Joseph Barnes, Thomas Barnes

This will was proved at London before the Right Worshipful John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty three by Hill Adderton and Humphrey Sandford Esqs the executors in the said will name to who administration was granted of all singular the goods, chattels and credits of the deceased they being first sworn by Commission duly to Administer.