

Will of John Blodwell, Cruggion, Montgomeryshire 1672

In the name of God amen I John Blodwell of Cruggion in the County of Montgomery esq; the first day of November one thousand six hundred and seventy (according to the computation of the Church of England) being in perfect memory and remembrance. Praise be God do make and ordain my last Will and Testament in manner and form following first I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping that through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins. And for my body to be buried in Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated. I give my lands tenement and hereditaments with the oppurtenances in the Parish of Llanarment Dyffrein Kyrreagge and Llangollen in the County of Denbigh to Mary Blodwell my beloved wife for terme of her natural life in lieu of her jointure which she consented to sell with me to pay my debts contracted in the late war and troublesome times. And after her decease I give and devise the tenements and lands in Llanarmon Dyffein Kyerigge Parish in the Townshippe of Lloran Lluvarch and Pontiepant viz The place yny Dolwen, y troy yn y gazno in hauddroon Troy called pontiepant neer a ben y Jyuezy twydon y graigvawr and doleg Mizethen, with the lands liberties and appurtenances thereun to belonging unto my brother Nathaniel Blodwell just for term of his natural life and to the heirs males of his bdy lawfully begotten, And for want of such to John Blodwell gent the son of Richard Blodwell of Oswestry in the County of Salop for term, And after his decease to the heirs males of John Blodwell lawfully issuing and for want of such issue male, then to the issue of the said Nathaniel Blodwell lawfully begotten or to be begotten, And for want of such issue to the right heirs of the Testator I give and devise to John Blodwell the eldest son of Richard Blodwell before specified the three tenements and lands thereunto belonging with all liberties and appurtenances in the Parish of Llangollen and Townships of Dimbron and Egwysigle in the County of Denbigh to have and hold to him for term of his life and after his decease to the issue male of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten. And for the want of such issue to Richard Blodwell the second son of the said Richard Blodwell and to the heirs male of the said Richard. And for default of such heirs to Nathaniell Blodwell. And for default of such heirs to the right heirs of the Testator. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Blanche Ellis and to her children twenty pounds. Item I give and bequeath to my sister Mary Rocke twenty pounds and to her son Richard Rocke ten pounds. Item I give and bequeath my brother Richard Blodwell the sum of five pounds. Item I give to Mary the daughter of Richard the sum of ten pounds to be disposed of as my executor shall best allow of. Item I give and bequeath to Prudence Ellis two pounds having given her other before five pounds to her use. Item I give and bequeath to Jacob Ellis the sum of five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Prudence Rocks the daughter of my sister Rocke the sum of five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Morris Lloyd the sum of ten pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Richard Lloyd his brother five pounds. Item I give and bequeath to Margaret Lee..... (insert item I give and bequeath to cousin Frances Striven). And finally I leave all my personal estate and disposals of my executor to be disposed of amongst my brothers and sisters and their children to the best advantage and to discharge all my debts legacies and funeral rights, and do this purpose constitute and nominate Mary Blodwell my beloved wife to be sole executor of this my last will and testament. And being in perfect health and memory do revoke all other former wills and do hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year above written.

