

John Blodwell, Oswestry, Salop 1634

In the name of God Amen I John Blodwell of Oswestry in the counties of Salop, Gent being sick of body but of good and perfect memory thanks to God my Saviour does make this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I commit my soul to my redeemer and my body to the Earth and for my temporal estate I dispose the some of following item I give in the reparation of the Church of Oswestry the sum of twenty shillings.

Item I leave in the hands of Richard Rogers the younger shearman the sum of five pounds of money due by land which five pounds John Lloyd of Drury Lane in or near London gave to the use of the poor of Oswestry which five pounds together with five pounds more of my money I leave and give to the poor of Oswestry to be implied by the Bailiff and Bailiffs peers with good and wise with other money formerly given by well disposed persons upon lands for the benefit of the poor that the poor be not deceived thereof . I

tem I give and bequeath to Mr John Kiffin, vicar of Oswestry twenty shillings and to Sir John Jones, curate there, five shillings. I

tem I do give ,devise and bequeath all my messages, lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in the County of Denbigh with all and ever apertures and all conveniences and writings concerning the same and ever part thereof unto Richard Blodwell my eldest son and next heir and to the heir males of his body lawfully to be begotten forever. And for want of such heir males then to my son John Blodwell and to the heir males of his body lawfully begotten forever. And for default of such issue male then to my son Henry Blodwell and to the heir males of his body begotten lawfully forever. And for default of such issue males then to my son Robert Blodwell and to the heir males of his body lawfully begotten for ever. And for default of such issue male then to my son David Blodwell and to the heir males of his body lawfully begotten for ever. And for default of such issues of males then my will is that the same messages, lands, tenements and hereditaments shall remain to my eight heirs for ever.

Item I do also give devise and bequeath to my said son Richard Blodwell and to his heirs for ever all these lands called Maes yrnon Simault ?? and to other closes with the appurtenances which Richard Lloyd heretofore mortgaged to John Stannie and to which the said John Stannie is afterwards conveyed time being in Oswestry or elsewhere in the County of Salop and all writings concerning the same and also the mortgage money of the same dismisses happen to be redeemed being the sum of one hundred pounds to have and to hold the said mortgage lands, monies and writings to the use of my said son Richard Blodwell and of his heirs, assignees for ever.

Item I give, devise and bequeath all my plates and household stuff and implements of household and husbandry and husbandry whatsoever to be equally divided between Anne my loving wife and my said son Richard Blodwell.

Item I give and bequeath the benefit of one statute of four score pounds which I had from Roger Morcross and whereupon I have found and extended the house wherein Thomas Morris dwelleth in Oswestry aforesaid sometimes the house of the said Roger Morcross with the appurtenances unto my said son John Blodwell if please God he returns from beyond the seas for and towards the maintenance of the said John and in case my said son John happens to die before his return then my will is that the said Henry Blodwell my son and his executors and assignees shall have the benefit of the said statute and the house extended and liable thereunto after the decease of the said John.

Item I give, devise and bequeath unto my said son Robert Blodwell fifty pounds to be paid of the money for cloth which my cousin Thomas Kynaston hath said which money did amount as appeareth by not under his hand to one hundred and ninety pounds and upwards.

Item I give and bequeath unto the said David Blodwell my son one hundred pounds of money which my brother Richard Blodwell oweth to me by hand.

Item whereas my said brother Richard Blodwell and John Blodwell his oldest son owe unto me by their bone one other hundred pounds of money I give and bequeath forty pounds of the last mentioned one hundred pounds unto Joyce Kynaston my daughter and tweety pounds to my daughter Abigail Ward and other twenty pounds to my daughter Margaret Lloyd,

Item I give and bequeath to my grandchild and godson Edward Kynaston the sum of five pounds of money and to my grandchild Ursula Kynaston one other five pounds and also to my grandchildren Thomas Kynaston, Roger Kynaston and Humphrey Kynaston forty shillings a piece. And also I give and bequeath to my grandchildren John Ward, Arthur Ward, Barbara Ward and Katherine Ward forty shillings a piece. And also to my grandchild Magdalen Lloyd forty shillings.

Item I give and bequeath to Barbara the wife of my said son Richard Blodwell twenty shillings and also to Katherine the wife of my son Henry Blodwell other twenty shillings to buy them either of them a gold ring.

Item I give and bequeath to my sister Eleanor Eyton forty shillings and to Hugh Lloyd and Winifred Lloyd his sister the children of Richard Lloyd deceased forty shillings a piece.

Item I so also hereby ordain and appoint my said loving wife to be my sole executor of this my will who I trust with discharge the trust by me reposed in her and bestow her goods amongst her children with advised consideration. I also desire my brother-in-law David Morris Esquire, my brother Richard Blodwell Esquire, my brother William Morris and my son-in-law John Kynaston to see this my will performed in every respect to whom I give twenty shillings a piece to buy each of them a ring.

I give to my maid servant Elizabeth Howell twenty shillings and to Richard ap Evan a boy whose father came to my service five shillings. Also I duly appoint my said wife to deliver the bone? and writings which I do keep in trust to Edward Morris son and heir of Daniel Morris for they concerns his lands.

In witness whereof those hereunto to put my hand and seal dated the eighth day of October in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Charles by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the faith etc. And in the year of our Lord God one thousand and six hundred and thirty three.

John Blodwell

Sealed in the presence of us whose hand are
Richard Jones, Hugh Hucklestone, Richard Witherley, Richard Maurice