

COPY OF WILL – 19 April 1811

## Descriptions

Twelve sheets of thick hand-made paper, foolscap size. Each sheet, bar the last cover sheet, is stamped one shilling and also bears paper duty stamp of two shillings per quire. Average of eleven widely spaced lines of handwriting per page, ink fading. Sheets tied together with raffia.

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[written in pencil] 19 Apr 1811

Office Copy of the  
Will of Mr William Cock  
deceased.

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## Preamble

Extracted from the Register of the Royal Peculiar<sup>1</sup> and Exempt Jurisdiction of the Deanery of Bridgnorth

## Testator

**In the Name of God Amen** I William Cock of the parish of Alveley in the County of Salop Farmer being of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding

## Testatum

**Do** make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament First of all I will order and direct that my just Debts funeral Charges and the Expenses of proving this my Will be fully paid satisfied and discharged out of my personal Estate by my Executors herein after named and as soon as conveniently may be after my //(1)<sup>2</sup> Decease I Give devise and bequeath to my Friends Thomas Bache of the Green House in the parish of Alveley aforesaid Farmer and Thomas Falkner Talbot of Wightwick in the parish of Tettenhall in the County of Stafford Farmer All my Messuages Tenements or Dwellinghouses Lands Hereditaments Household goods Furniture Money Securities for Money and all other my real and personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever being and of what nature kind or Quality the same may be **To Hold the** //(2) same unto the said Thomas Bache and Thomas Falkner Talbot their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns To for and upon such Trusts Ends Intents and Purposes as are herein after mentioned expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say) Upon Trust to permit and suffer my wife Martha Cock and her Assigns to have receive and take the Rents issues and profits of my said real Estate and the Use Usage Wear Enjoyment Interest and proceeds of my said Personal Estate and effects for and during the //(3) Term of her natural life Provided she shall continue my Widow and not intermarry with any future husband or Husbands And from and after the Decease or intermarriage of my said Wife which shall first happen Upon Trust that they the said Thomas Bache and Thomas Falkner Talbot or the Survivor of them or the Heirs Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do and shall sell and dispose of the said Messuages Tenements or Dwellinghouses Lands Tenements Household Goods and furniture for the most and best price and prices that can be //(4) had and obtained for the same And also do and shall collect get in and receive such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be due and owing to me at the Time of my decease. **And Upon Further Trust** that they the said Thomas Bache and Thomas Falkner Talbot or the survivor of them or the Heirs Executors or Administrators of such

<sup>1</sup> The Deanery of Bridgnorth, covering six parishes, was a Royal Peculiar, ie not subject to the jurisdiction of a bishop but to the monarch, until 1856.

<sup>2</sup> //indicates page breaks in the copy – with the page number (.) therein marked

Survivor shall and do pay apply retain and dispose of the Monies to arise and be received as aforesaid in manner following (that is to say) **One Moiety** or equal half part thereof into amongst and between my Nephews //(5) and Nieces John Lees Thomas Lees Elizabeth Lees and Phoebe Lees the four Children of my late Sister Elizabeth Lees deceased by her Husband James Lees equally share and Share alike his her or their respective legal personal Representative or Representatives **And** the other Moiety or Half part of such Trust Monies unto him the said Thomas Falkner Talbot his Executors Administrators or Assigns **Provided** always and it is my Will and desire that if my said Nephews and Nieces John lees Thomas Lees Elizabeth Lees ad Phoebe Lees or either or //(6) any of them shall be desirous of purchasing my Estate at Alveley aforesaid now in my own Occupation Then and in such Case my said Trustees or the Survivor of them or the Heirs of such Survivor shall accordingly sell and dispose of and convey and assure the same to them or either or such of them so being desirous of purchasing the same at a fair price and Valuation to be set thereon by two disinterested persons or by an Umpire to be appointed by the said two Referrees **And** for facilitating such //(7) Sale my Will is such that the Receipt or Receipts of my said Trustees or the Survivor of them or the Heirs Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall be a good and sufficient discharge for so much Money as shall be therein acknowledged or expressed to be received **And** the purchaser or purchasers his her or their Heirs or Assigns shall not afterwards be obliged or liable to see to the Application of such Purchase Money or accountable for any Loss Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof or of any part thereof **And** Lastly I do hereby //(8) nominate constitute and appoint the said Thomas Bache and Thomas Falkner Talbot the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Will and Wills by me at any time or times heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament **in Witness** whereof I the said Testator William Cock have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this nineteenth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and eleven – **The Mark X of William Cock** [initialled in copy 'LS'] – **Signed sealed published and declared** by the said //(9) Testator William Cock as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his Sight and in the Sight and presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto Charles Hinchley of Alveley Surgeon – George Glaze – Rich.<sup>d</sup> Oakley –

12<sup>th</sup> November 1811 – The Will within written of William Cock late of the parish of Alveley within the Royal Peculiar and Exempt Jurisdiction of the Deanery of Bridgnorth in the County of Salop Farmer deceased was proved by Thomas Bache and Thomas Falkner Talbot the Executors therein named upon Oath to whom administration //(10) of the Testators Personal Estate within the said Peculiar Jurisdiction was committed and granted and they were likewise sworn faithfully to execute the same and to exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of the Testators Personal Estate into the said peculiar Court when thereunto by Law required And that they Testators Personal Estate does not amount in value to fifteen hundred pounds – Sworn before me by the above Thomas Bache & Thomas Falkner Talbot the day of the date hereof

Thomas Dethick Surrogate

Ex.<sup>d</sup>

[signature of] Jos<sup>h</sup> Smith Sol<sup>r</sup> [?] Pub: Registrar

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