

TWYFORD PROBATE DOCUMENTS,

William, The Rev. PERKINS, Curate of Twyford, Vicar of Kingsbury Somerset

Will proved 1821

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1 In the Name of God Amen

2 I William Perkins Vicar of Kingsbury in the County of
3 Somerset and Curate of Twyford in the County of Buckingham
4 do make this my last will and Testament as follows that
5 is to say First I give devise and bequeath all my real
6 and personal Estate of what nature or kindsoever except my
7 Library unto my good Friends the Reverend Edw'd Tatham
8 DD Rector of Lincoln College in Oxford and the Reverend Wm.
9 Denison Rector of Cublington in the said County of Buckingham
10 their heires Executors advisors and assignes upon the trusts
11 nevertheless and to the intents and purposes hereafter declared
12 of and concerning the same that is to say upon trust to pay
13 and apply the same and Rents issues dividends interests
14 and profits of all my said Estate unto and to the use of my
15 dear Wife Ann Perkins for her kind and affectionate attention
16 as well to myself as to her Children for the term of her
17 naturall life if she shall survive me or so long continue
18 my widow And from and immediately after her decease
19 or marrying again upon trust that they the said Edward
20 Tatham and William Denison or the survivor of them or the
21 heirs Executors or advisors of such survivor do and shall
22 with all convenient speed well dispose of and convey
23 all and singular the said real and personal Estates
24 such parts therof as are hereby otherwise disposed
25 of by public auction or private Contract unto any person

26 or persons who shall be willing to become the purchaser
27 or purchasers of the value or any part thereof for the most
28 money that can Edward Tatham
29 and William Denison be reasonably had for the same and do and
30 shall for that purpose make and execute all such deeds
31 conveyances and assurances as they the said Edward Tatham
32 and William Denison or the Survivor of them or the heirs
33 Executors administrators or assignes of such survivor shall
34 think fit and I do hereby declare my will to be that upon
35 payment of the Money to arise severall such sale or sales
36 or any of them or any part or parts thereof respectively
37 it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Edward
38 Tatham and William Denison and the Survivor of them and
39 the heirs administrators and assignes of such
40 to give and sign any receipt or receipts for the
41 money to arise thereby which receipt or receipts shall
42 be good and sufficient discharge and discharges to any
43 purchaser or purchasers thereof his her and their respective heirs
44 Executors admons and assigns for so much of the said purchase
45 money as shall be therein expressed or acknowledged to
46 have been received and such purchasers his her or their
47 respective heirs Executors admons or assigns shall not
48 afterwards be obliged to see to the application of such
49 purchase money or answerable or accountable for any
50 loss misapplication or nonapplication thereof or any
51 part thereof respectively and my will and mind is and
52 I do hereby direct that the said Edward Tatham and
53 William Denison and the survivor of them and their
54 heirs Executors admons and assignes of such survivor
55 shall stand possessed of and interested in the Monies to
56 arise by such sale or sales respectively as aforesaid In
57 trust to divide the money arising thereby after payment thereof of the
58 legacies hereafter given unto and amongst my Children Christopher
59 Perkins Thos. Perkins MaryAnne Perkins Tabitha Perkins Margaret

60 Lee Perkins Jane Perkins Martha Perkins Frances Perkins and Sophia
61 Perkins equally share and share alike and if either of them shall
62 happen to die before my said wifes decease or second marriage with
63 out lawful issue then the part or share of him he or them so
64 dying shall go to and be divided amongst the survivors and
65 survivor of my said above named children share and
66 share alike nevertheless I do hereby subject and charge all my
67 said real and personal Estates with a proper provision for clothes
68 Maintenance and Education of my said Children Christopher
69 Thomas MaryAnne Tabitha Margaret Lee Jane Martha Frances
70 and Sophia during such my said wifes enjoyment thereof and
71 I do hereby direct my said wife out of the rents and profits of my
72 said real and personal Estate to find provide and pay for such
73 Clothes Maintenance and education of my said Children accordingly
74 namely for my sons Christopher and Thomas until they
75 shall attain the age of [left blank] and for my said daughters Mary
76 Ann Tabitha Margaret Lee Jane Martha Frances and Sophia
77 until they shall respectively marry I give and bequeath all my Library
78 of Books unto my four Sons Hutton Perkins Wm Perkins Christopher
79 Perkins and Thomas Perkins to be equally divided between them share
80 and share alike immediately after my decease also I give and
81 bequeath all my plate unto my said four Sons to be equally divided
82 between them share and share alike immediately after the decease
83 or second marriage of my said wife also I give and bequeath all the
84 residue of my household Goods and Furniture Beds Bedding Table
85 and other linen and household Effects unto my ten daughters viz to
86 the before mentioned MaryAnn Tabitha Margaret Lee Jane
87 Martha Frances and Sophia and to Betsy the wife of Ezra Stallworthy
88 Hannah the wife of Thomas Hallsworthy and Sarah the wife of
89 Benjamin Sheen of Thame to be equally divided between them share
90 and share alike immediately after the decease or second marriage
91 of my said wife also I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsey
92 the wife of Ezra Stallworthy the legacy or sum of £[left blank]
93 to my daughter MaryAnne Perkins the Legacy or sum of £[left blank]

94 To my daughter Sarah the wife of Benjamin Sheen of Thame
95 the legacy or sum of £[*left blank*] To my daughter Tabitha Perkins
96 the legacy or sum of £[*left blank*] To my daughter Margaret Lee
97 Perkins the legacy or sum of £[*left blank*] To my daughter Jane
98 Perkins the legacy or sum of £[*left blank*] To my daughter Martha Perkins
99 the legacy or sum of £[*left blank*] To my daughter Frances Perkins the
100 legacy or sum of £[*left blank*] To my daughter Sophia Perkins the legacy
101 or sum of £[*left blank*] To my son Hutton Perkins the legacy or sum of
102 £10 and to my Son Wm Perkins the legacy or sum of £10 to be paid
103 to them respectively immediately after the decease or second =
104 Marriage of my said wife Also I give and bequeath to my said son
105 Hutton Perkins the further legacy or sum of £100 to be paid to him
106 immediately after the decease or second marriage of my said wife
107 which it is my desire he my said Son shall pay and apply to the
108 use and benefit of my Daughter Hannah the wife of Thos Stalworthy
109 by weekly payments or other wise as he my said Son shall think
110 fit so as her said husband shall have no power or control over
111 the same Also I give and bequeath to my son Christopher
112 Perkins the legacy or sum of £200 and to my son Thos Perkins
113 the legacy or sum of £200 to be paid to them respectively
114 out of my said personal Estate either immediately after my decease
115 or at any other such time previously or at the death or second marriage
116 of my said wife as to my trustees shall seeme meet and proper and in
117 the mean time to remain for the benefit of my said widow as aforesaid
118 and whereas certain sums of money in the funds and otherwise were
119 given and bequeathed to me by my brother in law The Revd James Holme
120 in and by his last will and Testament bearing date on or about the
121 [*left blank*] day of [*left blank*] In trust for my Children and to be by me divided
122 and disposed of amongst them as I should think fit and proper
123 Now I do hereby declare my will to be that the same shall be divided
124 in manner following that is to say To my said Daughters Betsey the
125 wife of Ezra Stalworthy Hannah the wife of Thomas Stalworthy
126 and Sarah the wife of Benjamin Sheen the sum of £10 apiece
127 to be paid to them respectively after my decease Also

128 Also I give and bequeath a Mourning Ring of the value of two
129 Guineas apiece to the said Edw. Tatham and Wm Deinson of which
130 I request their acceptance as a small token of my regard And lastly I
131 do hereby appoint my said dear wife Ann Perkins sole Executrix of
132 this my last will and Testament and do direct that she shall pay
133 all my just Debts Funeral Expences and charges of proving this my will
134 and I do hereby revoke all former and other wills by me at any time
135 heretofore made and my will is and I do hereby direct that my said
136 Trustees shall each of them be answerable for their own separate
137 acts and receipts respectively only and not the one of them for the
138 acts or receipts of the other of them and that they shall not be
139 accountable for any loss which may happen in any Estates so that
140 the same do not happen thro any negligence or default of them
141 the said Trustees or either of them and lastly I will and direct
142 that my said Trustees do and may retain all the costs chsrge
143 and Expences which they or either of them may sustain in and
144 about the execution of this my will out of the Estates and
145 Effects hereby in them respectively vested In witness whereof
146 I set my hand and seal the 13th day of May 1820. William Perkins
147 Signed sealed published and delivered by the said Testator
148 as and for his last will and testament and by him published
149 and declared so to be in the presence of us who in his presence at
150 his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto enscribed
151 our names as witnesses Robt Gray, // John Wigg, //
152 Thomas Windmill, /

In the goods of the Revd William Perkins Clerk deceased
Appeared personally William Smith of Buckingham in
the County of Buckingham and made oath that he was Clerk in the
Office of George Bradford late of Buckingham aforesaid attorney at
Law deceased and that during the time he was in such situation
he was directed by the said George Bradford to draw up or write the
last will and Testament of the Reverend William Perkins late
of Twyford in the County of Buckingham and Vicar of Kingsbury in
the County of Somerset Clerk deceased which said will begins

162 thus In the name of God Amen I William Perkins Vicar of
163 Kingsbury in the County of Somerset and Curate of Twyford in
164 the County of Buckingham do make this my last will and
165 Testament ends thus In witness whereof I the said Testator
166 have to this my last willand Testament set my hand and seal
167 the 13th day of May 1820, and at the time of the said George
168 Bradford giving this deponent instructions for the drawing of the value
169 he informed the deponent and which he believes was the case that the
170 said deceased had not made up his mind as to the amount of various legacies
171 which he intended to leave to his daughters or in what way he should
172 dispose of the residue of certain sums of money bequeathed to him by
173 the Reverend James Holmes in trust for his children to be divided
174 as he should think fit he the said George Bradford directed him this
175 deponent to leave Blanks for the value and accordingly the paper
176 Writing hereto annexed with the necessary blanks was copied
177 fair previous to execution and having now carefully viewed and
178 perused the same and particularly noticed the blanks respectively
179 following the Letter £ in the 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th and 13th lines
180 of the fourth side of the said will reckoning from the top thereof and also
181 the blank following the word 'to' at the top of the sixth side of the said
182 blanks in the same state plight and condition as when the same was
183 delivered for correction by the said deceased Wm Smith Sworn
184 this 17th day of January 1821 by the said William Smith before me
185 William Eyre Commissioner

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187 *Note in Margin:* On the 23rd February 1836 Administration
188 (with the will annexed/ of the Goods
189 Chattells and Credits of the Reverend
190 William Perkins late of
191 Twyford in the County of Bucks
192 and Vicar of Kingsbury in the
193 County of Somerset Clerk deceased
194 left unadministered by Anne Perkins
195 widow deceased. Whilest living the

196 Relict sole Executrix and
197 Residuary Legatee for life or
198 widowhood named in the said
199 was granted to Sophia
200 Armstrong formerly Perkins
201 wife of Abraham Armstrong
202 the Daughter and one of his
203 Residuary Legatees substituted
204 in the said will having been
205 first sworn duly to administer
206 The said Executrix died
207 Intestate and the Reverend
208 Edward Tatham Doctor in
209 Divinity and the Reverend
210 William Denison Clerks
211 the Residuary Legatees in Faith
212 being dead.
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214 [*main text*] **Proved** at London 24th January 1821 before the Judge
215 by the Oath of Ann Perkins widow the Relict and sole Executrix to
216 whom admon. was granted having been first sworn by comm. duly to administer.

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