

Will of Christopher Poulton (1617-1687)

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In the Name of God Amen I Christopher Poulton the Elder of the parish of Cookeham in the County of Berks Basketmaker being Weake in body but of Perfect mind and memory Praised be god for it doe make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in maner and forme following (vizt) Imprimis I committ my soule into the hands of Almighty God trusting through the merritts of my only saviour Jesus Christ To have Pardon & forgiveness of all my sinnes & my body to the Earth from Whence it Was taken to be decently Buried in ye Church yard of Cookeham aforesaid at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named Item I give & bequeath unto my Eldest Sonne Christopher Poulton Thirty Pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid to him my my Executor in manner and following that is to say Tenn Pounds with in one month next after my decease and Twentie Pounds Within Sixe months after the decease of Joyce my now Loving Wife if she shall live after me But if not ye Twentie Pounds to be paid unto him Within sixe months after my decease Provided if he the said Christopher my sone shall happen to die Without Issue Lawfully begotten of his body before ye death of me and my Wife that then the said money To remaine to my Executor but if he shall have Issue Lawfully begotten of his body then ye before mentioned Twentie Pounds to be paid to his heires within sixe months next after ye decease of my now Wife if shee Shall out Live me but if I Shall out Live her then to be paid within sixe months next after my decease Also I give unto him one flock bed one bed stead which he now lieth upon one covered one blankett one flock boulder Two pare of hempen sheets & What Else belongs to ye said bed Item I give and bequeath unto Joyce my now Loving Wife one litle Tenement With all Apertenances thereunto belonging in ye Towne of Cookeham now in ye Possession of Widdow Line during her naturall Life & no Longer and I give her Three Pounds by ye yeare to be paid quarterly by my Executor during her naturall Life and noe Longer & then ye said tenement to remaine to my Executor Provided if she my said Wife shall be contented to dwell with my Executor & he shall agree thereto so Long my Executor is to have ye rent of ye said house & not to be inioyned to pay her Three Pounds by ye yeare Likewise I give her one feather Bed one feather Boulder three Feather Pillowes ye best greene Rugg one coverlead one pare of greene curtains & ralions one bed stead with ye matt & cord & foure pare of sheets one pare of flexen & the other hempen one Long flexen Table cloath & two short ones & foure pillow beares sixe hand Towells & ye best great kitle one Litle Table one Chare covered with greene one trunk one Broad desk two of ye best puter dishes one puter bason one brass pott ye best blankett my will is that after ye decease of my now wife ye bed boulder blankett Rugg & greene curtains & ralions bedstead & two pare of canvus sheets one pare of flexen sheets 1 kitle two pewter dishes 1 flexen table cloath & sixe napkins shall be my son Christophers & for all the rest of ye goods before mentioned my will is shall fall to my Executor & he shall be at ye Charge of ye buriall of my now wife if she shall happen to marry the goods I gave her shall then remaine to my Executor excepting those goods that I gave to my son Christopher I give & bequeath to my Grandson Christopher Poulton Son of my son William Poulton five Pounds of Lawfull monie of England to be put out for him Emediately after my decease & ye interest to remaine from time to time to be paid to him when he shall come to ye age of one and Twenty yeares Item I give & bequeath unto my youngest son William Poulton and to his heires for Ever my Two tenements with all the apertenances thereunto belonging in the towne of Cookeham ye one now in the Possession of William Childs and the other in ye possession of Widdow Line that in ye possession of William Childs to be Emediately his after my decease and that in ye possession of widdow line after ye decease of my wife and likewise I give unto my son William Poulton all ye rest of my goods and Chattles of what kind or sort whatsoever and I make him my said son

william whole & sole Executor of this my last will and Testament in witnes hereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this seventh day of July the sixe and thirtieth yeare of ye Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles ye second king of England Scotland France & Ierland Anno Dom 1683

The marke of Christopher **P** Poulton

Signed sealed & published to be ye last will & Testament of Christopr Poulton in ye presence of us

the marke of
Elizabeth **W** Winter
Mary Winter
Robert Winter

An Inventory of the goods & Chattles of Christopher Poulton of the Parish of Cookeham in ye County of Berks lately deceased taken & Apraised by us whose names are hereunto subscribed the Sixteenth day of May in ye yeare of our Lord 1687/

In the Hall

Two Tables 4 poynt stoles 2 Rodden Chaires one Warming pan one spitt one pewter candlestick 2 brasse candlesticks one brasse mortar 2 basting Ladles one skimmers 4 porringers 2 Puter basons one finn Candle base one finn pastis pan 4 Puter dishes one other Chaire 2 Puter Chamber potts one pare of tongs one grideiron one pare Anirons 2 Links 2 pars of bellows one smothing Iron one puter fatt feller with other things

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1	10	0

In ye Butteries

4 drink Tubbs 4 Ciners one Powdering Troasse one Powdering Tubb one frying pan With other Lumber

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In ye Chithing

one cubberd one Table 6 brasse kittles 2 skilletts 1 brasse pott one Iron pott With other Lumber

1	6	8
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for his waring aparell

2	0	0
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In ye Chamber over ye hall

Two feather beds 2 feather bouldsters 6 feather pillows 2 pare of curtains & ralions 2 Ruggs 2 cover leads 2 blanketts 6 pare of hempen sheets 1 dosen of flexen napkins 4 flexen table cloats 3 hempen table cloaths 6 Towells one poynt chest 3 Trunks one small Chest one box

one hinging presse one chare one stole one close stole 2 bedsteads one Truckle bed 6
pillow beers

21 3 9

In ye Chamber over ye Buttery

2 flock Beds one bedstead 2 flock boulsters 4 cover Leads one blankett with other Things

4 0 8

Two mares 4 cows 5 Bullocks 4 ewes 1 store pigge with a saddle & bridle

9 1 6

Two boats 3 fishing netts

2 0 0

for Whited Rodds

2 15 0

for A stack of hay

2 1 0

for A carte Wheeles

0 15 0

Corne in ye Barne

1 0 0

due upon Bond

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Sume is

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Jacob Webb

The marke **X** of William Child

Robert Winter