

Will of Christopher Poulton, 1742

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In the Name of God Amen I Christopher Poulton of the Borrough of Chepping Wycombe in the County of Bucks Mealman being Weak in Body but of Sound disposing mind and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following First I commend my Soul to God and my Body to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to my temporall Estate I dispose thereof as followeth I give devise and bequeath All those my two Messuages or Tenements with the Barns Stables Outhouses Orchards Gardens and Backsides thereunto belonging and now in the severall Occupations of John Bird and Mary Martin Situate Standing and being at Cookham in the County of Berks unto William Pulton of Odney in the Parish of Cookham aforesaid Fisherman and Thomas Russell of Westwycombe in the County of Bucks aforesaid Clerk their Heirs and Assignes To the use and behoof of the said William Poulton and Thomas Russell their heirs and assigns forever In Trust nevertheless and to the Intent and Purpose that they the said William Poulton and Thomas Russell or the Survivor of them his Heirs and Assignes do and Shall Sell and dispose of the Freehold and inheritance thereof for the best Price that can be gotten for the Same and Do and shall pay and Apply the money Arising thereby (in and of my Personall Estate) towards the Payment of my Just Debts Item I Give devise and bequeath unto my loving Wife Sarah Poulton All that my Messuage or Tenement and Malthouse wherein I now dwell Situate and being in the Burrough of Chepping Wycombe aforesaid and which I Purchased of Joyce and Thomas Wheeler To hold to my said Wife and her Assigns for and During the Term of her Naturall life and from and after her decease I Give the said Messuage or Tenement and Premises with their Appurtenances unto my three Daughters Mary Sarah and Eady and to their heirs as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants Item all the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels and Personall Estate I Give devise and bequeath to my said Wife her Executors Administrators and Assigns And I do hereby constitute and Appoint her Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoeking all former Wills by me made And I desire my Good Friends John Russell of West Wycombe aforesaid Gentleman and William Poulton of Whiteplace in the Parish of Cookham aforesaid Yeoman to be overseers of this my Will and to see the same well and truly Executed In Witness whereof I the Testator have to this my Will contained in two Sheets of Paper to each Sheet sett my hand and Seal this Tenth day of April in the year of our Lord 1742: Chr^{sr} Poulton /-/ Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who Subscribed our Names thereto in his Presence and by his Direction Mary Russell John Wild G: Edwards ~

This Will was Proved at London before the Worshipfull Robert Chapman Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull John Bettesworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the Eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred forty two by the Oath of Sarah Poulton Widow the Relict of the Deceased and Sole Executrix named in the said Will To whom Administration was granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased being first Sworn Duly to Administer the Same:~ Ex^d