

Will of Eady (Edith) Poulton (1685?-1737)

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In the Name of God Amen I Eady Poulton of White Place Farme in the Parish of Cookham in the County of Berks Widow being weak in Body but of a good sound and disposing mind and memory Thanks be given to Almighty God for the same doe make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following/ (that is to say) First and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at Cookham at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named And as for that Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and bequeath thereof as follows (viz) Imprimus I desire that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses be first paid and satisfied Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Fellows Tenn Guineas more than what I have already given her Two Years after my decease if she so long lives Item I give unto my Grandson Henry Fellows Son of my said Daughter Elizabeth Fellows Twenty Guineas when he shall attaine to the Age of One and twenty years Item I give devise and bequeath to my Son Christopher Poulton and his Heirs All that small Tenement with the Barne and Slip of Ground behind the said House now in the Possession of John Bird the younger situate in Cookham Towne Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said Son Christopher Poulton the Sume of One hundred pounds over and above what I have already given him One year next after my decease if he shall so long live Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Poulton the Sume of Seventy pounds Two years after my decease Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said Daughter Mary Poulton my Feather Bed Boulster Curtains Vallents Blanketts Quilt and other Furniture to the same belonging which stands in the Chamber over the Hall and six pairs of clean Sheets as good as any I have And also my Chest of Draws which stands in the said Chamber over the Hall Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Richard Poulton the Sume of One hundred pounds when he shall attaine to the Age of One and twenty years Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Son John Poulton the Sume of One hundred pounds when he shall attaine to the Age of One and Twenty years But if the said Mary Poulton Richard Poulton and John Poulton any or either of them shall happen to dye before their said Legacy shall become due and payable to them respectively Then I give devise and bequeath One Moyety of the said Legacy or Legacyes of him her or them soe dyeing to my Executor herein after named And the other Moyety to the Survivor or Survivors of them the said Mary Poulton Richard Poulton and John Poulton Item my Meaning and Desire further is That my said Executor hereafter named shall pay Interest to my said Sons Richard and John severally for their respective Legacyes Five pounds per Cent per Annum from the time of my decease until the same shall become due and payable to them respectively towards their Support and Maintenance Item All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever whether reall or personall not herein before disposed of I give devise and bequeath unto my Son William Poulton his Heirs Executors and Administrators for ever Item my Meaning further is and doe hereby request and desire my said Son William Poulton to take care and assist my said Two Sons Richard and John dureing their Minority in their breeding up and Education and to put them out Apprentices or to some Employ whereby they may be enabled to gett their livings as he shall think fitt Item I doe hereby make appoint and ordaine my said Son William Poulton full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoakeing and renouncing all former Wills by me made and publishing and declareing this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Eady Poulton the Testatrix have to this my last Will and Testament containing two Sheets of Paper to each sheet sett my hand and seale the Thirteenth day of March in the Fourth year of the Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland being

Defender of the Faith or Anno Dom 1730. The marke of Eady Poulton./. Signed Sealed
Delivered Published and Declared by the said Eady Poulton the Testatrix to be her last Will
and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our Names as Witnesses in the
presence of the said Testatrix ./ . Will: Poulton. Nath: Lane. Jeff:Goodchild./.

This Will was proved at London on the Thirty first day of January in the year of Our Lord
One Thousand seven hundred and thirty seven 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
by the Oath of William Poulton the sole Executor named in the said Will To whom was
granted Administration of all and Singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of the said
deceased he being first sworn duly to administer the same.