

Will of Richard Poulton (1719-1779)

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In the Name of God Amen I Richard Poulton of Cookham in the County of Berks Yeoman being in health of Body and of sound mind memory and understanding (praised be God for the same) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I give and devise unto my dear and loving Wife Sarah Poulton all that my Messuages or Tenement Farm Lands Hereditaments and Premises with their and every of their Appurtenances situate lying and being at Knowle Hill in the Parish of Hurley in the said County of Berks now in the occupation of William Webb his Undertenants or Assigns To hold unto my said Wife Sarah and her Assigns for and during the Term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I give and devise the said Messuages or Tenement Farm Lands Hereditaments and Premises with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my Children William Poulton Maria Poulton Sarah Poulton Samuel Poulton Richard Poulton and all and every other Child or Children by me to be begotten on the Body of my said now Wife Sarah which may be hereafter born and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants provided nevertheless and my further Will and meaning is that in case any or either of them my said Children William Poulton Maria Poulton Sarah Poulton Samuel Poulton and Richard Poulton or any after born Child or Children shall happen to die before he she or they shall arrive to the age of Twenty one Years without leaving any Issue of his her or their Bodies Then I give and devise the part or Share of him her or them dying of and in the said Premises unto the Survivors of them their Heirs and Assigns for ever as Tenants in Common also I give and devise unto Mr Abraham Round of Henley upon Thames in the County of Oxford Mealman William Fellows of Wooburn in the County of Berks Mealman and Christopher Fellows of Beaconsfield in the said County of Berks Mealman their Heirs and Assigns all and singular the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises whatsoever with their and every of their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the Parish of Cookham aforesaid which I purchased of Mr Cox and his Wife upon this Special Trust and Confidence and I do hereby order direct and appoint that they the said Abraham Round William Fellows and Christopher Fellows and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell and dispose of the said last mentioned Messuages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and Premises being at Cookham and every part and parcel thereof for as much Money as can be had or gotten for the same and the Monies arising by such Sale together with the Rents Issues and Profits of the same premises in the mean time until such sale shall be made In Trust that they the said Abraham Round William Fellows and Christopher Fellows and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of such Survivor do and shall pay and apply the same unto and amongst all the Children by me begotten on the Body of my now Wife Sarah as well those now born or which may be hereafter born in equal Shares and Proportions at their respective Ages of Twenty one Years and if any of them my said Children shall happen to die before he she or they shall attain his her or their respective Ages of Twenty one Years Then it is my Will that the part and parts Share and Shares of him her or them so dying shall go and be divided amongst the Survivors and Survivor of my said Children in equal proportions Share and Share alike and my Will is that in the mean time and until the said Money becomes payable according to the directions of this my Will the same shall be put out at Interest on Government or other Security as my said Trustees shall think proper and the Interest and Produce of each Childs Share or so much thereof as my said

Trustees shall think proper shall be applied towards his or her Maintenance and Education and if they shall not think proper to apply the whole Income of any Childs Share in his or her Maintenance and Education then I desire my said Trustees to manage the said Overplus for his and her use and benefit and I do hereby direct that if my said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivor of them his Heirs Executors or Administrators shall think proper and necessary to apply any part of the principal Money of any of my said Childrens Shares in and about his or her Education or advancement in the World it shall and may be lawful for them so to do provided also and my Will is that the Receipt or Receipts of my said Trustees for the Sum or Sums of Money for which my said Estate shall be sold shall be good and effectual Discharge and discharges to the purchaser or purchasers thereof and that such purchaser or purchasers shall not be obliged to attend to the application thereof or of any part thereof or be answerable for or liable to make good any Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof and my Will further is that my said Trustees shall not be liable to make good any Loss that may happen in the placing out at Interest any of the said Monies so that such Loss do not happen by their wilful default nor shall my said Trustees be answerable the one for the other or others of them or for the Acts Deeds Receipts or management of the other or others of them but each of them only for his and their own Acts Deeds Receipts and Managements only and that they my said Trustees shall and may deduct and retain out of the said Money all reasonable Costs and Charges to be occasioned by means of or in the Execution of the Trusts aforesaid also I give and bequeath unto my said Wife her Executors Admors and Assigns all my Leasehold Interest and Term of Years to come of and in all and Singular the Lands and Grounds which I now rent lying above Cookham Moor and which pay Tythes to Bazill Woodhouse and Richard Turner with the Dole and Marsh Meadow also I give and bequeath unto my said Wife all my Stock and Implements of Husbandry as shall be in and about the Farm and Lands which I purchased of Mr Cox in the Parish of Cookham aforesaid at the time of my decease of every kind whatsoever also I give and bequeath unto my said Wife the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid unto her within three Months next after my decease hoping that from what I have before given to my said Wife she will be enabled the better to nurse and breed up her Children without lessening the Income of the Monies I have before given to them also I give and bequeath unto my said Wife the Furniture of any two of my Rooms in my now Dwellinghouse as she shall think proper to take also I give and bequeath unto my Son John Poulton his Executors Administrators and Assigns all my Leasehold Interest and Term of Years to come of and in the Farm and Lands called Shiphouse Farm wherein I now live and of and in all and every the Lands which I now occupy lying on that side of the parish near the said Shiphouse Farm and which pay Tythes to Mr Remnant Esq^r and my Will and desire is that my said Son John Poulton shall have and take the Stock and Implements of Husbandry being in and about the said Farm called Shiphouse Farm of every kind whatsoever at my decease he my said Son John Poulton paying such Sum and Sums of Money for the same to my Executors and Trustees as the same shall amount unto upon a Just valuation to be taken by two indifferent persons the one to be chosen by my said Son John and the other by my said Executors such Sum and Sums of Money my Will and desire is shall be added and go along with the Residue of my personal Estate hereinafter mentioned and in case he my said Son John shall refuse to buy such Stock and Implements Then I do direct my said Trustees and Executors to sell and dispose of the same in the best manner they can and pay and divide the Money arising therefrom (after deducting all charges) to and amongst the several persons to whom I have given the Residue of my personal Estate in equal proportions also I give to my Son Christopher Poulton the Sum of One hundred and Fifty pounds also to my Son Joseph Poulton the Sum of Fifty pounds also to my Son Charles Poulton the Sum of Fifty

pounds also to my Daughter Eady (the Wife of Mr Stevens) the Sum of Fifty pounds also to my Son John Poulton the Sum of Three hundred pounds also to my Daughter Mary Poulton the Sum of Three hundred pounds and as to all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattels ready Money and Securities for Money and personal Estate whatsoever not by me herein before given or disposed of (after payment of my Debts Legacies Funeral and Testamentary expenses) I give and bequeath the same unto and amongst them my said Children Christopher Poulton Charles Poulton Joseph Poulton John Poulton Eady (the Wife of Mr Stevens) and Mary Poulton equally Share and Share alike and I do hereby commit the Tuition and Guardianship of such of my Children who shall be under the age of Twenty one Years at my decease unto my said Trustees the said Abraham Round William Fellows and Christopher Fellows and the Survivors and Survivor of them his and their Executors and Administrators and I do nominate constitute and appoint them the said Abraham Round William Fellows and Christopher Fellows Executors in Trust of this my last Will and Testament desiring them to taken upon them the execution thereof and to see the same duly and truly performed and I do hereby revoke all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Richard Poulton (the Testator) have to this my last Will and Testament contained in five sheets of paper set my hand and seal as follows (viz) my hand to the Four first Sheets near the bottom and to this last Sheet my hand and Seal the Sixth Day of May In the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy seven Richard Poulton RP Signed sealed published and declared by the said Richard Poulton (the Testator) as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other Jeria Joseph Terell of Reading Baker / Tho: Round Attorney at Law at Reading / Mary Round his Wife /

This Will was proved at London the Twenty second day of May in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy nine before the Worshipful William Marcham Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Abraham Round William Fellows and Christopher Fellows the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased the having been first Sworn duly to Administer/