

## Will of William Poulton, 1690

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**In the name of God Amen** this Eight and twentieth day of February Anno D[omi]ni 1687 And in the Fowerth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James the Second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith. I William Poulton of the Parish of St Buttolphs without Aldgate London Merchant being in health of body and of sound minde and memory praised bee Almighty God Doe make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) First I resigne up my Soule unto Almighty God that gave it hoping for remission of my Sins and everlasting life only in by and through the meritts death and mediacon of Jesus Christ my alone Saviour and Redeemer And my body I comitt to the Earth to be buried out of my owne House in the Parish Church of St Buttolphs Aldgate aforesaid late in the Evening without any vaine Pomp and to be accompanied only with my Children and relacons in a private manner and without any Sermon and the prayers used by the Church of England to be said at my Interment and not any other prayed or in any other manner whatsoever And for such Worldly estate as God hath given me I dispose thereof (after my debts paid and funerall charges defrayed) as followeth (that is to say) First I give unto my Deare Wife Elizabeth Poulton All that my Mannor of Winchcombe in the County of Gloucester with the rights members and appurtenances thereof and the Capitall Messuage thereof And all other Messuages Lands and hereditaments thereunto belonging To hold the same unto my said Wife Elizabeth Poulton and her Assignes for and during the terme of her naturall life in lew and in full of her Dower which she hath right unto at Comon Law out of all my real estate and desire that she would accept of the same accordingly Item I give unto Elizabeth my said Wife the Summe of Three Thousand pounds of lawfull money of England and the Necklace of Pearle and the best Jewell of Diamonds and all other Rings and Jewells in full of her share right and name unto my personall estate by the Custome of the Citty of London or otherwise howsoever Item I give and devise unto Richard Poulton my eldest Son All that my Farme and Lands Tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances called or known by the name of Maene Martel in the County of Dorset To hold the same unto the said Richard Poulton his heires and Assignes for ever And I doe give and devise unto my said Son Richard Poulton All that part of my now dwelling house situat in the said Parish of St Buttolphs Aldgate London with the appurtenances as is freehold To hold the same unto my said Son Richard Poulton his heires and Assignes for ever And I doe give and bequeath unto my said Son Richard Poulton all such other part of my said now dwelling house with the appurtenances which I hold by Lease from the Parishioners of the said Parish of St Buttolphs Aldgate To hold unto my said Son Richard Poulton his Executors and Administrators during the remainder of the terme now in being and he to renew at his owne charge And I doe give and devise unto my said Son Richard Poulton All that my aforesaid Mannor of Winchcombe in the said County of Gloucester with the rights & Members and appurtenances thereof and the said Capitall Messuage thereof and all other Messuages Lands and hereditaments thereunto belonging To hold the same from and immediately after the decease of Elizabeth my said Wife unto my said Son Richard Poulton his heires and Assignes for ever And I doe give unto Richard Poulton my said Son when he shall attaine the Age of Twenty and one yeares the Summe of Two Thousand pounds of lawfull money of England Item I doe give unto James Poulton my Son when he shall attaine th Age of Twenty and one yeares the Summe of Two Thousand pounds of lawfull money of England Item I give unto Elizabeth Poulton my Daughter when shee shall attaine the Age of Twenty and one yeares or be married

the Sume of Two Thousand pounds of lawfull money of England Item I doe give unto such Child as my said Wife is now Ensient of at such time when such Child shall attaine his Age of Twenty and one yeares if a Son and if a Daughter when she shall attaine the Age of Twenty and one yeares or bee married the Sume of Two Thousand Pounds of lawfull money of England And if any of my said Sons and Daughters Richard Poulton James Poulton and Elizabeth Poulton and the Child my said Wife is now ensient of shall dye or depart this life before the said Legacy or Sume of Two Thousand Pounds shall bee due unto them as aforesaid That then I give the said Legacy Sume or Sumes of money soe given unto him her or them soe dying unto the Survivors or Survivor of them my said Children the said Richard James and Elizabeth and such Child as my said Wife is now ensient of in equall porcons when the said Survivors or Survivor of them shall attaine his Age of Twenty and one yeares for a Son and for a Daughter when she shall attaine her Age of Twenty and one yeares or bee married And I doe desire and order my brother John Poulton to be Guardian to my said Children and to such Child as my said Wife is now ensient of And that my said brother John Poulton doe putt forth at Interest the said severall Sumes above given unto my said Children Richard James and Elizabeth and the Child my Wife is now Ensient of for their respective profitt and advantage and the benefitt and interest soe arising to bee for their respective maintenance and educacon and the overplus of any shall be to be to their respective use and uses for their respective moneys soe putt forth at interest And I doe will and order that my said brother John Poulton shall run no hazard in putting forth the said moneys at interest or be forced to make good or to make satisfaction for any of the said Sumes or any part thereof that shall prove bad or be lost but such of my said Children and the said Child my Wife is now ensient of whose money shall bee soe lost or mistarry shall beare the same Loss Item I do give unto my Sister Elizabeth Clark Widdow Fifty pounds Item I give unto my Sister Martha Coleborne Five Pounds for mourning Item I do give unto John Poulton my said brother Twenty pounds for mourning Item I give unto Thomas Molineux for mourning Tenn Pounds and to my Maid Sarah Proud for mourning Five pounds And to the rest of my servants Five pounds to be equally devided amongst them Item I doe give unto the severall persons hereafter named a Mourning Ring of Twenty shillings each vizt George Weld Esqre Roger Pope Esqre George Whitmore Caps Thomas Weld and Elizabeth Weld and Ann Whitmore his Sisters and Katherine Whitmore my Sister Thomas Young Gent my Nephew William Fashion and Richard Hayward And whereas I have build upon the ground which I hold by Lease from the Parishioners of the said Parish of St Buttolphs Aldgate London I doe give unto the poor of the said Parish of St Buttolphs Aldgate the Sume of Tenn Pounds Upon Condition That the Parishioners of the said Parish of St Buttolph Aldgate doe demand of my Executors a reasonable Fine to make up the terme which I have in being from the said Parishioners Ninety and Nine yeares and that my said Executors doe approve and agree unto the same Fine and the term be made Ninety and Nine yeares accordingly And if the said Parishioners shall not by such reasonable fine make up the term I now have Ninety and Nine yeares Then I doe revoke the said Legacy of Tenn Pounds so intended as aforesaid Item I doe give unto the Churchwardens of the said Parish of St Buttolphs Aldgate for the time being Five Pounds to buy bread for the Poor of the same Parish and to bee distributed by the said Churchwardens amongst the poor of the said Parish the Three Succeeding Sundays next after my Interment The rest and residue of my goods chattles and estate whatsoever I give to my said Sons and Daughters and the Child my Wife is now ensient of in equall porcons And I doe make and appoint my said Dear Wife Elizabeth Poulton and my said loving brother John Poulton Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament not doubting they will performe the same according to this my Will In Witnesse whereof I have to this my Will contained in Fower Sheetes of Paper sett my hand to each Sheet

and my Seale to the Whole the day and year first above written = Will Pouldon = Signed  
Sealed published and declared by the said William Pouldon to be his last Will and  
Testament this 28 day of February 1687 in the p[re]sence of Tho: Molineux 1687 Tho  
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**Probatum** fuit ???