

Will of William Poulton (c1660-1740)

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In the name of God Amen

I William Poulton the Elder of Cookham in the County of Berks Yeoman being in good health and in perfect sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death doe make and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form 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 the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named And as for that Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to Bless me withall/ I give devise and bequeath thereof as follows First I give devise and Bequeath unto my loveing Son William Poulton All that my Messuage or Tenement with the Barns Stables Outhouses Orchards Gardens Yards and Barnsides thereunto belonging or known by the name of Odney House and also all the Closes Peices and Parcells of Arrable Land and Pasture thereunto the same adjoining and also all that Eyott or Ozier Peice of Land planted with Oziers called or known by the name of Granams Eyott which said Messuage or Tenement Lands and premisses are Situate lying and being at Odney and adjoined to a Comon called Odney Comon in the said Parish of Cookham and County of Berks and are now in the possession or Occupation of my said Son William Poulton also I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Son William Poulton all that my Water or Fishery called Shawses Water or Fishery and all the Eyotts and Ozier plotts to the same belonging or therewith used and enjoyed as part and parcell thereof which Said last mentioned Water or Fishery and Eyotts were late in the possession or Occupation of William Sawyer and Richard Brown and were purchased by me of Jeffrey Wade deceased Also I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Son William Poulton all those severall peices of Arrable Land containing by estimation Eleven Acres and an halfe and lyes dispersed in several of the Common Fields of Cookham aforesaid (to witt) Five Acres and an half in a Comon feild called Roxburrough Two Acres in a Comon feild there called Sutton One Acre in a feild there called Poundfeild and Three Acres in a Comon feild there called Hamfeild Also/ I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Son William Poulton all that Messuage Tenement Outhouses Gardens Yard and all their the premisses with their and every of their Appurtences thereunto belonging Situate lying and being in Cookham Town late in the tenure or occupation of Jacob Webb and now of John Bird all which said premisses are Situate lying and being in the said Parish of Cookham and County of Berks Also I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Son William Poulton all those my Five Acres and an half of Meadow Ground lying and being in a Comon Meade called Wooburn Meade in the Parish of Wooburn in the County of Berks and were late in the possession or Occupation of Richard Spratley and now in my own possession To have and to hold all and every the said Messuages or Tenements Closes Waters or Fisheries Eyotts or Ozier Plotts or Peices or Land planted with Oziers Peices and Parcells of Arrable Land Meadow and Pasture Ground and other the premisses herein before mentioned with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my said Son William Poulton his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also/ I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Son William Poulton all that Messuage or Tenement Garden Yard and Premisses with the Appurtences thereunto belonging Situate Standing and being in Cookham Town on the West side of the said Messuage or Tenement in the possession of the said John Bird To have and to hold to my said Son William Poulton his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give devise and Bequeath unto my Grandson William Poulton (one of the Sons of my Son Christopher Poulton deceased) all that my Messuage or Tenement called the Little Parke with the Orchards and Gardens and Closes or peices of Arrable Meadow or Pasture Land thereto belonging/ and also all those Four

Acres of Arrable Land be the same more or lesse continuous or adjoined to the last mentioned Messuage or Tenement and premisses which said last mentioned Messuage or Tenement and premisses are Situate lying and being in the said Parish of Cookham and were late in the tenure or Occupation of Thomas Peverell deceased and now in the possession or Occupation of John Grove To have and To hold to my said Grandson William Poulton (one of the Sons of my Son Christopher Poulton deced) his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give devise and Bequeath unto my Grandson John Poulton (one other of the Sons of my said Son Christopher Poulton deceased) the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid to him by my said Grandson William Poulton within Six years next after my decease which said Sum of Ten Pounds last mentioned I charge all and every the said last mentioned Messuage or Tenement called the Little Parke and premisses with their and every of their Appurtenances with the payment thereof Also I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Grandson Richard Poulton (one other of the Sons of my said Son Christopher Poulton deceased) all that my Messuage or Tenement and Malthouse Drying Loft Granaryes Buildings Barns Stables Orchards Gardens Yard and Barnsides and all other Appurtenances thereunto belonging or therewith used and enjoyed as part or parcell thereof and were late in the possession or Occupation of John Grimsdalle and Edward Sawyer and are Situate lying and being next Cookham Ferry which said last mentioned Messuage or Tenement Malthouse and premisses I purchased of Mr Fellows To have and to hold the said Messuage or Tenement Malthouse and premisses last before mentioned with their and every of their Appurtences unto my said Grandson Richard Poulton his Heirs and Assigns for ever But subject Nevertheless to the payment of the Sume of Eight Pounds a year to my said Son William Poulton his Executors Administrators and Assignes for and during the residue and remainder of a Terme of Years to me demised by Lease from Ralph Nowland Esqr deceased of a Farme and Lands called Shiphause and hereafter devised for my said Grandson Richard Poulton his Executors and Administrators as shall be to come and unexpired Also/ I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Grandson John Poulton (one other of the Sons of my said Son Christopher Poulton deceased) the Sume of Twenty Pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid to him by my said Grandson Richard Poulton within ten years next after my decease which said Sum of Twenty Pounds last mentioned I charge all and every the said last mentioned Messuage or Tenement Malthouse and premisses with their and every of their Appurtenances with the payment thereof and I give devise and Bequeath unto my Granddaughter Elizabeth Fellows (one of the Daughters of my said Son Christopher Poulton deceased) the Sume of One Guinea to be paid to her by my Executor hereafter named Also I give devise and Bequeath unto my said Grandson Richard Poulton (one of the Sons of my said Son Christopher Poulton deceased) my Lease of the Farme called Shiphause Farme and all the Lands thereto belonging which I heretofore Rented of Ralph Nowland Esqr deceased and now of Doctor Niblett and all my Right and benefitt therein and therein and thereby To hold to him his Executors and Administrators for and during all the residue and remainder of the said Terme of yeares as are therein to come and unexpired Also I give devise and bequeath unto my said Grandson Richard Poulton all my Goods Chattells Cattle Corn Grain Hay Grasse either growing on the Ground or Cutt and Housed in the Barn or on any part of the premisses belonging to the said Farme and all other my Stock of what nature or kind soever either living or dead which belonged to the said Farme and used thereon To hold to him his Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever Also I give devise and Bequeath unto my GrandChildren and Great GrandChildren hereinafter named (to witt) to my GrandChildren Christopher Poulton Elizabeth Poulton and William Poulton Children of my Son William Poulton Five Pounds apeice to my Great GrandChildren Henry Fellows William Fellows Christopher Fellows and Elizabeth Fellows Children of my Granddaughter Elizabeth Fellows Five Pounds apeice To my Great Grandaughter Elizabeth Poulton

Daughter of my Grandson Christopher Poulton Five Pounds to be paid to them severally when they shall severally and respectively attain to their several ages of one and Twenty yeares but if any or either of them the said Eight last mentioned Legatees shall happen to dye before his her or their Legacy shall become payable then the Legacy of him her or them soe dyeing shall be equally divided and paid to the Survivors share and share alike all which said Eight Legacys of Five pounds a piece last abovementioned which I have given to my said Eight GrandChildren and Great Grand Children my meaning and desire is that my said Son William Poulton shall pay the said eight Legacys to the said severall Legatees out of my premisses I have hereinbefore devised to him as the said severall Legacys shall become due and payable to them and each of them respectively and I doe hereby charge the said premisses above devised to my said Son William Poulton with the payment of each and every of teh said Eight last mentioned Legacys to the said Legatees as aforesaid Also all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate not hereinbefore devised as well Reall as Personall after my Debts Funeral Expenses and Legacies are paid and satisfied I give devise and Bequeath to my said Son William Poulton his Executors Administrators and Assignes Also I hereby make and appoint my said Son William Poulton full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and renouncing all former Wills by me made and published and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said William Poulton the Testator to this my last Will and Testament containing two sheets of paper have to each Sheet set my hand and Seale the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and nine Will Poulton Signed Sealed Published delivered and declared by the said William Poulton the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names in the presence of the said Testator William Hastings Jeff Goodchild John Goodchild James Earl.

This Will was proved at London the Twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine before the Worshipfull Edward Rimaston Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipfull John Betteworth Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of William Poulton the son of the said deceased and Executor 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.