

In the name of God Amen

I Robert Harding of the County of Gloucester Sheriff of South Gloucestershire being
sick and weak in body but in perfect and sound memory do hereby
make and utter this Will and Testament by me last of me made and do make
and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following. First I stand to my living Wife Jane during her
natural life all my Estate both real and personal. Item I leave
my Land and Plantation quantity and quality after the decease of my living
Wife to be equally divided between my two Sons (viz) John and Thomas to them
and their heirs forever. Item My Will and desire is that my four Daughters
Sally Ann Mary Francis receive five pounds a piece after the death
of my living Wife or before if they ^{shall be} in need. Item My Will and desire
is that all my legacies after the decease of my living Wife shall be divided
and equally divided amongst all my Children (viz) John Thomas Elizabeth
Sally Ann Mary and Francis but in case either of my abovesaid Children
should die before a division be made of the same

my wife Mary and Francis but in case either of my above said Children
should die before a division leaving lawful issue such I give you to claim
the part of the descent to them and their heirs forever. Item All the
residue of my Estate Stocks of all kind lands and Real Estate Furniture after
the decease of my loving Wife I leave to be equally divided amongst all
my above said Children (Viz) John Thomas Elizabeth Selby Ann Mary
Francis but in case either of my Children should die before a division or
leaving lawful issue such I give you to claim the part of the
descent to them and their heirs forever. Lastly I do hereby ^{and appoint} my Son
John and my Son Thomas Executors of this my last Will and Testament
and as soon as they qualify to provide for the Payment of my just
Debts as they may stand and seal this seventh Day of February
January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
seventy seven.

Signed truly Published
in presence of
Wm. Pitt
John Pitt

Robert Selby

being careful you such I have given to claim the part of the
decent to them and their heirs forever. And by I am ^{and appoint} that my son
John and my son Thomas Executors of this my last Will and Testament
and as soon as they qualify to provide for the payment of my just
Debts as Wages my hand and Seal this seventh Day of January
in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
twenty seven

Signed Seal & Published

in presence of

Wm. Ship

Charles Saunders

William Hensley

Robert Hensley

At a Court held for Essex County at Sheppards on the 17th day
of August 1748.

This last Will & Testament of Robert Hensley Deceased proved by
Charles Saunders & Wm. Hensley two of the Witnesses thereto in open Court
before the Court of Sessions now sitting at the County of Essex
at the Court House at Sheppards on the 17th day of August 1748.