

Smith Charles
his will

In the name of God amen I Charles Smith of the parish of
Suttonbarn & County of Middlesex (which) being weak in body but of sound
and perfect memory bless be God for the same) and calling to mind the
uncertainty of this life on earth and knowing that all flesh must
yield unto death when it shall please God to call and being desirous
to settle things in order do make this my last Will & Testament
& hereby revoking & making void all other former Wills & Testaments
whatsoever by me made or caused to be made and publish this for
my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is
to say first & principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of
almighty God my Creator & Redeemer hoping that through the me-
ritorious death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ I shall
receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and my bo-
dy to the earth from whence it was first taken to be buried
in decent manner at the discretion of my ex^{ors} hereafter
named. And as for such worldly estate & goods which the Lord
in mercy hath endued me with I give & dispose the same in manner
& form following I Stern I give and bequeath unto my son William
Smith and to my daughter Mary Smith all my lands in Normy
with all & singular its appurtenances to them and their lawfull
heires forever to be divided in manner following that is to say)
one hundred acres of the said lands (the dividend thereof to good
crops the whole tract) to the only use benefit & behoof of my said daugh-
ter Mary Smith & to her heires lawfully begotten as aforesaid and
the rest residue & remainder of my lands to my said son William
Smith and to his heires lawfully begotten for ever as aforesaid
again it is my mind & will that if either my son William or
Mary happen to die without lawfull issue that then all the be-
queathed lands afores^d shall become the proper inheritance of the
survivor. But & if they both happen to die (leaving no lawfull
issue behind them) I give & bequeath the s^d lands & premises to my son
Francis Smith and to his heires forever. I Stern I give and bequeath
unto my son William Smith one of my best feather beds with
all its furniture belonging to it and it is my mind & will that he

shall have his full share of them all. Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Smith a feather bed with furniture to the same in like manner belonging to it and my Will is that she shall have her choice meat after her brother. Item I give & bequeath unto my son William Smith all my tools belonging or in any wise appertaining to the Smiths trade. But if my said son William ^{Smith} happen to die then to the only use & behoof of my daughter Mary & her assigns. Item I give & bequeath to my said son William Smith one silver watch one gunn sword one walking cane. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Francis Smith one gunn & one sword and as to the rest residue & remaind^r of all my goods chattells & cattells quick & dead of what kind & sorts soever that is not before bequeathed I do hereby give & bequeath the same to be equally divided betwixt my wife Ann Smith and all my children by an equal dividend. However it is my mind & will that noo Corn shall be carried of the premises but spent upon the same and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my dear & wellbelov'd daughter Mary Smith & my wife Ann Smith my true & lawfull ex^{ors} & my most trusty friends Mr. Nath^l Pope Sen^r & Mr. Joseph Bayly trustees to see this my last Will & Testament performed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixteenth day of February annoq³ Dni 1709.

Sealed signed & published in the presence of Charles Smith (seal)
of us Viz: Jn^o Ward mar^t Henry Ward
Tho. Woodier

Westm^o to f³ At a Court held for the S^t. County the 26th day of May 1714. The last Will & Testament of Charles Smith dec^d was presented into Court by his relict Ann Smith who made oath thereto and being proved by the oaths of Henry Ward & Thomas Woodier two of the witnesses thereto is admit^d to record and upon motion of the said Ann certificate is granted her & Mary Smith for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

Recorded, Mon^y die Junij 1714

Jest Tho. Sorrell J^o J^o
Dr. Eundam Thum