

Will of David John, baker, 18th December, 1654

In the Name of God amen, the eighteenth day of December in the yeare of Our Lord God 1654 I David John of the Towne of Cowbridge Baker and within the dioceses of Landaffe being Sicke in body, but of good and perfect Memorie y^e Lords Name bee praised who doth Stengthen mee; doe make my last will and Testament In maner and forme following first of all I give and bequeath my soule Into the hands of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, through whose Mercy and Merrits I trust to bee Saved and my Body to bee interred in Christian burial within the Church or Churchyard of Cowbridge, And as for such worldlie Goods as it hath pleased God to endue mee withal I doe dispose of them as followeth;

Imprimis I give unto my only Childe and daughter Willmot John two sheepe or ewes that is with Hugh Crooke of Benerton? w[i]th all their proffitts whatever, all other Goods, Stock or estate whatsoever, the Lord hath sent mee I leave wholly unto my wellbeloved wife Alice Lewis: (alias) John for and during the tearme of tenne yeares, provided that shee Continues her widow estate and at the expiration of the said tenne yeares my will and Meaning is that my daughter Willmott John bee made a Joynt partner with my wife to enjoy the one half of the Rents and proffitts that become due upon the house and Bakehouse provided likewise and excepted that if my wife alis Lewis (alias) John doth againe enter into the state of Matrimony that then and immediately w[i]th out any further delay both my goods Stocke and estate to be divided thoroughly the one halfe of them unto my daughter Willmott John to see it soe done I doe refer and repose? my whole Interest in the Overseers of this my last will and Testament all other Rights and Legacies I leave to bee fulfilled by my Executor which is my wellbeloved wife Alice Lewis whome I doe Nominate and apoynt to bee the Sole Execut[o]r and I devise my Trusty frindes Miles Johns: Francis Thomas and William Miles to bee Overseers of my Child and of this my last will and Testament

Signum David [his mark] John

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This will was proved by the Executrix w[i]thin named the 22nd March, 1654, before Hugh Wood, official.

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The will of David John of Cowbridge, ~~butcher~~, dated 18th., December 1654.

To be buried in the church or churchyard in Cowbridge.

To his only child and daughter Wilmott John, 2 sheep or ewes with Hugh Crooke of Boverton, together with any profits from them.

The rest of his property to his wife Alice Lewis, alias John, during her widowhood. However should she remarry then the property was to be shared with his daughter Wilmott John.

Miles John, Francis Thomas, William Miles to oversee the will.

Proved 22nd., March 1655.

In the Name of God Amen, the eighteenth day of December in
the year of Our Lord Gods 1654 of David John of the
Count of Cambridge Butler and within the Diocese of Can-
terbury being Sittie in body, but of good and perfect Memory of
Gods Name but perished who doth Strengthen me; do make my
last will and Testament for myne and furth following first
of all of myne and bequeath my soule unto the hands of Iesus
(Christ) my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, through whose
Merits and Merits I trust to be saved and my Body to be
interred in Christian buriall within the Church or Church-
yards of Cambridge; And as for such worldly Goods as it hath
pleaseth God to send me with all of doo Dispose of them
as followeth; I give and bequeath unto my only Child and
Daughter Willmet John two sheep or ewes that is with
ough Crooke of Bonerton wth all their profittes what-
soever, all other Goods, Stocks or estate whatsoever, the
Gods hath sent me of bequeath wholly unto my wellbelovd
wife Alis Lewis; (alias) John for and during the term
of some years, provided that shee Continue her owne
estate and all the expiation of ^{the} said term years my
will and Meinint is that my Daughter Willmet John
for make a good partner with my wife to enjoy the unt-
half of the Rents and profittes that comes due upon
the house and Butshong provided likewise and excepted
that if my wife Alis Lewis (alias) John doth againe enter
into the state of Matrimony that then and immediately wth
out any further delay, my goods Stocks and estate to be
divided thoroughly the one half of them unto my Daughter
Willmet John to use it as shee doo of doo referre and respect my
whole interest in the Chances of this my last will and
Testament all other Rights and Legacies of bequeath to be full-
filled by my Executor which is my wellbelovd wife Alis
Lewis whom I doo nominate and appoint to be the Sole
to be and I desire my Country friends Miles Johns: Francis
Thomas and William Miles to be Executors of my
Child and of this my last will and Testament /

The Mark
Miles John
Francis Thomas
William Miles
David John
John
John

This will now proceed by the Executive
when thought, upon the subject of
26th Dec. For the purpose of
Official

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