

The will of Watkin Lewis of Cowbridge, gentleman, dated 11th., June 1700.

To the poor of the parish in which he died, 20s. worth of bread to be distributed on the first Saturday after his death.

To his father Watkin Lewis, £6 every year, paid quarterly, if he is discharged by the Honourable Society of Chelsea College, or for want of receiving his pay in due time he becomes chargeable to the parish.

To his uncle Henry Lewis, 1s. a week during his natural life.

To his sister Elizabeth Lewis, £30 to be paid within 6 months of death in fulfilment of a legacy to her from his brother William Lewis lately deceased.

To his sister Catherine Lewis, £40 to be paid within a year of death in fulfilment of the legacy of £40 from their brother William Lewis.

To his cousin William Jenkins of St. Donats, wearing apparel, sword, books, fishing cane and tackle. Also £100 on condition that William Jenkins marries Elizabeth Lewis in the coming year, the sum to be paid within a fortnight of the marriage. Should Elizabeth refuse the proposal three times in front of witnesses, then William Jenkins was to receive the sum. Should either die before the marriage was consummated then the survivor would receive the money.

To Elizabeth Lewis of Wenvoe Castle, a guinea to buy a ring.

To the minister who would bury him, two guineas.

To his aunt, Mary Price of St. Donats, widow, £10.

To his cousin Mary, the wife of William Savors of St. Donats, £5.

To his uncle, Watkin Jenkins of Gladlys, £5 to buy a mourning ring.

To his friends William Fream and his wife a guinea each to buy rings.

To his servant Joan Gwyn, 10s. if she is still in his employment at his demise.

To his friend George Howells of ~~Bonvilston~~, esquire, all lands lying in Newcastle, (Bridgend), the messuage and lands in Llangan given to him in the will of his uncle, Edward Gamage of Llangan, and all his goods and chattels, on condition that he discharge all debts and pay all legacies as executor.

Signed by Watkin Lewis.

Witnessed by John Miles, Matthew Gibbon, Thomas Herbert, Thomas Llewellyn the vicar of Llancarfan.

Proved 22nd., May 1701.

In the Name of God Amen I Watkin Lewis of y^e Town
of Llanidloes in the County of Glamorgan but being sick in
Body, but of sound and perfect Memory (thanks be
to God) doe and Ordaine this my last Will and Testam^{nt}
in manner and forme following.

Item I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty
God my Creator, hoping assuredly through the merits
of Jesus Christ my Redeemer to receive Remission of
my Sinnes, and everlasting life, And my Body to be
decently interred in a Christian Buriall at y^e charge
and Discretion of my Executor hereafter named.

Item I give and bequeath unto the poor of the
parish wherein I shall happen to dye the summe
of twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them
in bread the first saturday next after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath unto my father Watkin
Lewis the summe of six pounds of current English
money yeare by yeare (during his naturall life) to
be payd him quarterly by my Executor hereafter
named if he be absolutely discharged by y^e honora-
ble Society of Colsey Colledge, Or for want of receiv-
ing his Pay in due time from the said Colledge, hee
thereby becoming chargeable to the parish ^{and other}

Item I give and bequeath unto my uncle Henry
Lewis one shilling p^{er} week (during his naturall life)
to be weekly payd him by my Executor. Item I give and
bequeath unto my Sister Elisabeth Lewis the summe
of thirty Pounds of current English money to be payd
unto her by my Executor within the space of six
months next after my decease in full satisfaction
of a former legacy of forty pounds given and bequeathd
unto her by my Brother William Lewis lately deceased.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Catherine
Lewis the summe of forty Pounds payable within
a twelve month next after my Decease in full

Satisfaction of a former Legacy of forty pounds given and bequeathed unto her by my Brother Wm Lewis late deceased. Item I give and bequeath unto my dear cozyn William Jenkins of s^t Donats in the said county all my wearing apparel with sword, Boots, fishing gear & tackle. And also I give and bequeath unto the said Wm Jenkins of s^t Donats aforesaid the sum of one hundred pounds current English money, on condition, that he the said Wm Jenkins shall by Gods permission marry and take to wife my sister Elizabeth Lewis within the space of one year next after my decease; And upon breach of fulfilment of the solemnization of the said marriage provided to my Executor. The said sum of one hundred pounds shall be by my Executor paid unto him the said Wm Jenkins within the space of a fortnight. But if my said sister Elizabeth shall (noted of my desire and inclination therein first given unto her) absolutely refuse and utterly deny to marry him the said Wm Jenkins. The question proposed and earnest solicitacions made to her by the said Wm Jenkins all three severall distinct times before two or three credible substantial witnesses (true Relation thereof given upon Oath to my Executor) that then the said hundred pounds be paid unto the said Wm Jenkins. And in case that either the said Wm Jenkins or the said Elizabeth shall happen to dye before the time limited, or consummation of marriage, my will is y^t the said hundred pounds shall goe to the survivor of them.

Item I give and bequeath unto m^{rs} Elizabeth Lewis of Wendcastle one guinea to buy her a ring. Item I give unto Margaretts wife of Thomas Hewelys & Vicar of Lancardan one guinea to buy her a ring. Item I give unto y^r minister y^e shall bury me (whom I shall nominate) two guineas.

Item I give and bequeath unto my dear Aunt Mary Price of s^t Donats with the sume of ten pounds to be immediately paid unto her by my Executor. Item I give and bequeath unto my cozyn Mary the now wife of Wm Savors of s^t Donats

the sum of five pounds to be paid immediately after
my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my
dear uncle Wathin Jenkins of Godalstye sum of five
pounds to buy him a mourning ring, Item I give
unto my friend W^m Bream and his wife a guinea a peece
to buy them rings. Item I give unto Joan Glyn y^e servant
y^e kind^{est} Ten shillings if she continue in y^e service till I dye
lastly my will is And I doe hereby give devise and be-
queath unto my worthy good friend George Howells of
Bovill in the said county Esq^r all my messuages, tenem^{ts}
and premises with the appurtenances. Situate lying and
being within the parish of Newcastle in the said county
in as large manner as the same was by me purchased.
And also all that messuage, Outhouses, Orchards, garden
and all other th^e appurtenances th^e unto belonging with
all that my Tenement of Land in the parish of Langan
in the said County given me by the will of my uncle Ed-
ward Gamadge of Langan aforesaid in the County
aforesaid gone lately deceased together with all my good
cattles and Chattels whatsoever. SO HAVE I TO HOLD
the same unto him the said George Howells his heirs
and assigns forever. On condition that the said George
Howells shall pay all the Annuities hereby charged. The
legacies by me bequeathed and discharge all my debts and
funeral expences: whom I hereby nominate and appoint
Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament (annul-
ling and revoking hereby all former Wills by me made)
In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal
the eleventh day of June Anno Dⁿⁱ W^m 1st Martini & 1^o
duodecimo or thereabouts, Dom. 1700
Signed, Published and declared
in the presence of us

John Miles Et.
Math Gibbons
Thomas Corbett
John Lewelyn & vic. of Lancaster

W^m Lewis

22. Maj Anno Dni 1701.
Georgius Howells Ad. Executor
in huius Testam. notat Jur. &c.

Coram me

Hen: Salmon Not. P. &c.

invento
nullo exhibito

Christoph. Jervis
Not. P. &c.

Probatum fuit huius Testamentum apud
Londrae vicepsimo - secundo die mensis
Maj Anno Dni millimo septingentesimo -
primo coram Henrico Salmon Not. P. &c. mro
Jurato &c. Juramento Georgij Howells Exlis &c. Cui
Comissa fuit Administratio &c. de bene &c. de
Inventio &c. de Computo &c. Jurato

John &c.

Christoph. Jervis gen.
Not. P. &c.

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