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The will of William Bruce of Llanblethian, esquire, dated 21st., December 1767.

To his son Thomas Bruce and his heirs all the lands lying in the parishes of Aberdare, Llanwonno and Llanblethian.

To his daughters Jane and Margaret Bruce £1000 each to be paid within a year of death, exclusive of the £200 bequeathed to them under Mr. Popkin's will.

The settlement on his wife Mary made before their marriage is confirmed. Since then he had purchased a house, garden and orchard from Mr. Richard Bassett adjoining the dwelling house. His wife Mary was to enjoy the use of it during her life as well as his household goods, plate and furniture, 3 cows and 3 horses. Should she not use them then the executor could dispose of them with exception of the plate and the gold watch.

To his daughter Jane Bruce a pair of diamond earrings.

To his daughter Margaret a diamond ring.

His son Thomas Bruce to be executor.

The mark of William Bruce.

Witnessed by Griffith David, Edward Bates, Thomas Lewis.

Proved 14th., January 1768.

To be proved at Canterbury.



In the name of God, Amen. This is the last
 Will and Testament of me William Bruce of the parish of ...
 Llanblethian in the County of Glamorgan Esquire; First I give
 devise and bequeath unto my son Thomas Bruce of Llanblethian
 aforesaid and to his Heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten
 forever All and singular my Free and Customary hold ~~enjoyment~~
 Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate lying and being in the
 several parishes of Aberdare Llanwinnon Llanblethian in the said
 County To Have and To Hold the said several messuages
 Lands Tenements and Hereditaments unto my said son Thomas
 Bruce and the Heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever
 and for want and in default of such Issue I give and devise
 the same to my Right Heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto
 my two Daughters Jane and Margaret Bruce the sume of one
 Thousand Pounds a piece to be paid them respectively by my
 Executor herein after named within Twelve months next after my
 decease exclusive of the two hundred pounds bequeathed them by
 M^r Popkin's will, Also my will and meaning is and I do hereby
 ratify and confirm the settlement made by me on my beloved
 wife Mary before my Inter-marriage with her and whereas since
 the making thereof I have purchased a House Garden and
 orchard of M^r Richard Bassett adjoining to my dwelling house my
 will and meaning is that Mary my said wife may have and enjoy
 the same during of her natural life as also may use and enjoy all
 my Household goods Plate and Furniture together with three Cows
 Three Horses during her natural life and in case ~~shall~~ shall not make
 choice of or use any part of the same / Except my Plate and

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God ~~witness~~ I desire the part the will not ~~in~~ use of my
be well or otherwise disposed of as my Executor shall think proper
I give to my Daughter Jane one pair of Diamond Earrings —
and ~~the~~ Diamond Ring to my Daughter Margaret and lastly
I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said son
~~William~~ ^{Thomas} Bruce whole and sole Executor of this my last will and
Testament and Residuary Legatee hereby revoking all former wills and
wills by me made and declaring this to be my last will and
Testament In Witness whereof I the said William Bruce have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st Day of December
one Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty seven.

The mark of
William + Bruce ⊕

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Signed sealed published pronounced and
declared by the said Testator as and for his
last will and Testament in the presence
of us who have subscribed our names
as witnesses hereunto in the presence
and at the request of the said Testator
and in the presence of each other

Griffith David
Edward Bates
Tho^s Lewis

January the 14th 1768.

Thomas Bruce the son and sole Executor
in this will named, was sworn well and faithfully
to execute the same, to exhibit an Inventory
and to render an account &c before me
Nath^l Wells
Surrogate.

Dec 11, 1869

Received your copy yesterday just about the 3rd
with the original of the late Mr. W. Bruce de-
scribed which you have sent agreeable to a
Memorandum from this Court. You have not
returned the Memorandum you have sent the
will but I suppose you will think it
proper to keep the same with the copy ^{of the will} you have made to be kept
in the Reg^{is} in the room of the original Jan^y

Yours most truly
Wm. H. R. R.

Wm. H. R. R.

Mr. Lewis

This Will was proved at Sandlot in the fourteenth day of January, in
the year of our Lord, one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty eight,
before the Reverend M.^r Nathaniel Wells Clerk, Master of Arts, the
Chancellor's Surrogate, by Thomas Bruce the son and sole executor
in this will named who was first on the holy Evangelists personally
sworn well and faithfully to execute the same, to exhibit an inventory
&c. and to render a just account of his administration thereof, when
thereunto lawfully required. —

June 4th 1769.
Collected and Examined with
the Original by us

James Davies Notary Public.
Middlesex N. York Public

June 4th 1769. The Original Will was this day sent by Post
to London in pursuance of a Commission under Seal
of the Exchequer Court of Canterbury to transmit
the said Original Will

James Davies Notary Public

Frederick by Divine Providence Arch Bishop of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan of all and singular Churches
and licitate persons whomsoever and wheresoever in and throughout our whole Province of Canterbury getting it hath been
represented and sufficiently made known unto the right worshipfull George Haye Doctor of Laws Judge Master Keeper or Commisary
of our Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the part and behalf of Thomas Bruce the natural and lawful son and sole executor named in
the last will and Testament of William Bruce late of the Parish of Lambeth in the County of Glamorgan Esquire deceased
bearing date the twenty first day of December One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven that he the said deceased left behind
him at the time of his death goods chattels and credits in several Diocesses or Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions within our said Province of
Canterbury sufficient to found the jurisdiction of our said Prerogative Court of Canterbury and that in the Month of January
One thousand seven hundred and sixty eighth the said Thomas Bruce being then young and thereof did incautiously and
unadvisedly obtain a Probate of the said Will to be committed and granted to him by the Authority of the
Consistory Court of the Right Reverend Father in God John by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Landaff where the
said Original Will now remains And whereas the said Judge at the Petition of the Executor of the said Thomas
Bruce rightly and duly proceeding did Interpose his Interlocutory Order and Decree for the
transmitting and leaving in the Registry of our said Prerogative Court of Canterbury the aforesaid
Original last Will and Testament out of the said deceased in manner and form herein after mentioned
Justice so requiring We therefore do hereby strictly enjoin and command you jointly and severally
peremptorily to morish or cause to be morished the Worshipfull George Harris Doctor of
Laws Vicar General and Official Principal of the Right Reverend Father in God John
by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Landaff his Register or Actuary or Actuaries in special
and all others in general in whose custody power or possession the said Original Will is
or doth now remain (whom we also by virtue of these presents do so morish that they give
one of them do on the sixth day after the service of this Monition if it be a Court day otherwise on the Court
day then next following in the Common Hall of the actors Commons situate within the Parish of Saint
Benedict near Pauls Church London and place of Jurisdiction there between the house of misters
and hushes in the forenoon of the same day transmit or cause to be transmitted unto our said Master
Keeper or Commisary or his Surrogate or some other competent Judge in this behalf the said Original
Will of the said William Bruce deceased bearing date as aforesaid under pain of the law and Contempt
thereof that you do only certify our said Commisary his Surrogate or some other competent Judge in this
behalf what you shall do in the premises together with these presents at the first Session of
Trinity Term to wit the Wednesday the twenty fourth day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine

Hen: Stevens } Deputy
John Stevens }
G: Gosling } Registers

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