

In the Name of God Amen Howell Lewis of Aburthun  
in the parish of Llanblestian in the County of Glamorgan Yeoman, being of Sound and Disposing Mind,  
Memory and Understanding thanks be to Almighty God, do hereby make and Ordain this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First I Give Devise and Bequeath  
all that my Customary hold Mesuage or Dwelling House, Croft and Garden with the Appurtenances  
called Croft Willy, Situate lying and being at Newton in the said parish of Llanblestian and Manor of  
Salypan in the said County unto my Niece and Servant Maid Catherine Ewan the now Wife of Thomas  
Ewan of the parish of Llantrithyd in the said County Carpenter and to her Heirs and Assigns for ever. I  
also Give Devise and Bequeath unto Thomas Ewan son of my late Cousin Howell Ewan of the said parish  
of Llanblestian Mason deceased Half an Acre of Customary hold lands called Pont y Mula Situate  
lying and being near Newton in the said parish and Manor of Llanblestian and to his Heirs and Assigns  
for ever. I also Give Devise and Bequeath all that my moiety or half share of that household  
Mesuage or Dwelling House, Barn and Garden with the Appurtenances Situate lying and being  
at Aburthun as aforesaid in the said parish of Llanblestian unto my beloved Sister Margaret Richard Widow  
and her Assigns for and during the term of her natural Life and from and after her Decease I Give Devise  
and Bequeath the same unto Anne Jones Daughter of William Jones of Aburthun aforesaid Yeoman and  
to her Heirs and Assigns for ever. I also Give Devise and Bequeath all those several parcels of  
Customary hold Lands containing by Estimation seven Acres and three Quarters of one Acre (seven acres) or  
situate lying and being in the said parish of Llanblestian within the said Manor of Salypan, one parcel  
therof is called Llan y Sir Bach containing three Acres, one parcel therof called y Llan y Cwath  
containing two Acres and three Quarters of one Acre, one other parcel called

This of called Harry Sir Wact containing three Acres, one parcel thereof called if I may Crwa three  
Charters of Gwilling containing two Acres and three quarters of one Acre, one other parcel called  
Dwy Cro Gwilling containing two Acres unto my said Sister Margaret Richard to Hold the  
said premises with the Appurtenances unto my said Sister Margaret Richard and her Heirs and Assigns  
forever. — Subject and liable to the Payment of my Debts and the Legacies, by me herein after Given and  
Disposed of (that is to say) First I Give and Bequeath unto John, Nicholas, Evan, and Mary Evan  
Sons and Daughter of my said Cousin Howell Evan the Sum of Ten Pounds (and Owing from  
the said John Evan some by Bond) to be equally divided between and amongst them Shares and  
Share alike. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto the said John, Nicholas, Evan and Mary Evan  
the Sum of Ten Pounds to be paid between and amongst them Shares and Share alike by my  
Executors hereafter named at the End or Expiration of one Year next after my Decease, But  
if one or more of them shall happen to Die before his or her Legacy shall become payable that  
then the Share or Shares of him her or them so Dying shall be paid to the Survivor or Survivors  
of them. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto Margaret Thomas Widow another Daughter of my  
said Cousin Howell Evan, the Sum of Two Pounds. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto Jane  
Evan Widow late Wife of my said Cousin Howell Evan the Sum of Two Pounds and Ten Shillings. Also  
I Give and Bequeath unto John Lewis Son of my late Kinsman John Lewis late of the Parish of  
Yonlline in the said County of Down deceased the Sum of Twenty Pounds. — Also I Give and Bequeath  
~~unto my Cousin John Lewis late of the said County of Down~~  
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Also I Give and Bequeath unto Mary Dorse of the Parish of Lambeth in the said  
County of Middlesex the like Sum of Two Pounds. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto Mrs Sweeting of



Aburthm aforesaid I give the like Sum of Two pounds. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto William Sweeting  
of Aburthm aforesaid Yeoman the like Sum of Two pounds. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Kinswoman  
Mary Cravel Widow late Wife of Richard Cravel deceased the Sum of Two pounds and Ten Shillings.  
Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Kinswoman Joan Mouseth Widow her Sister the like Sum of  
Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Kinswoman Jane the Wife  
of John Lewis of the parish of Lyworney Labourer the Sum of Two pounds. — Also I Give and  
Bequeath unto Catharine Lewis Mother of the said Jane and Daughter of my Cousin William Lewis  
late of Connipowis in the said County deceased the Sum of Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — Also  
I Give and Bequeath unto Elizabeth Lewis another Daughter of the said William Lewis the like Sum  
of Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto Jane Lewis another Daughter  
of the said William Lewis the like Sum of Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — Also I Give and  
Bequeath unto Joan the Widow of my Nephew John Lewis late of Landough near Louth in the  
said County Miller deceased the like Sum of Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — Also I Give and Bequeath  
unto Charles Lewis Son of Charles Lewis late of How Mill in the said parish of Saint Hillary deceased  
the like Sum of Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto Joan John of Lanthier  
Saylor the Sum of Five pounds. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto William John of Aburthm aforesaid  
Labourer the Sum of Twenty Shillings. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto my old Servant maid Ann  
Lewis Widow late Wife of Thomas Lewis of Cren Wall in the parish of Stentrich in the said County deceased  
the Sum of Two pounds and Ten Shillings. — All which said Legacies by me herein before given and  
Bequeathed I do hereby order and Direct to be paid at the End or Expiration of one Year after my

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Decease. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto such a board & tithed as shall Live with me at the time  
of my Decease the Sum of Two Pounds and Ten Shillings to be paid her at the End or Expiration of  
Three Months after my Decease. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto the said Anne Jones the Daughter  
of the said William Jones the Sum of Fifty Pounds Principal money due and Owning from the said  
William Jones her Father to me by Mortgage of Three Acres of Customaryhold Land lying at Abusthin  
aforesaid upon Condition that she the said Anne Jones do and shall pay unto the said William Jones her  
Father forty Shillings a Year during his natural Life, and I do hereby Order and Direct my Executors  
hereafter named at the request Costs and Charges of the said Anne Jones to Assign over and Convey all  
my Right Title and Interest of in and to the said principal money and to the said Mortgage premises  
unto her the said Anne Jones or any other person or persons in Trust for her upon her or their paying and  
Discharging all the Interest due to me at the time of my decease. — Also I Give and Bequeath  
unto the said Anne Jones my large Brass Pan, — also I Give and Bequeath unto my said Kint woman  
and Servant Maid Cathrims the Wife of the said Thomas Coan my Long Table, Bench, six Tomsteds  
and one large Cupboard lying in the room below Stairs in my Dwelling House, and also the old Bedstich  
which is now at my House called Croft Willy aforesaid. — Also I Give and Bequeath unto the Overseer  
of the poor of the Parish of Lambeth aforesaid the Sum of Thirty Pounds to be paid them at the End or  
Expiration of Two Years after my Decease, upon this Special Trust and Confidence and to the Intent  
and purpose hereof that the said Overseer and their Successors (for this time being) Do with all  
convenient Speed lay out the same at Interest after the Receipt thereof to and for the use of the  
poor of the said Parish of Lambeth, and pay Distribute and Divide the Interest of the said



Shily pounds Yearly and every Year on every the Twentieth day of December Between and Amongst such of the  
poor parishioners (who do not receive relief from the said Parish) for ever. and upon no other Trust whatsoever.  
Also Give and Bequeath unto Christopher Bassett of the parish of Lenmark in the County of Glamorgan  
aforesaid Gentleman, and Richard Jones of the parish of Saint Nicholas in the said County Usoman and  
the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor the Sum of Twenty pounds  
to be paid them or the Survivor of them or the Executor or Administrator of such Survivor at the end or  
Expiration of Two Years next after my Decease, upon this special Trust and Confidence nevertheless that  
they or the Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do lay out the same at Interest  
with all convenient Speed after the Receipt thereof and pay and Apply the Interest and produce thereof  
Yearly for ever, for and towards Supporting Repairing Amending and Keeping up the Society or Meeting  
House lying at Aberthaw aforesaid where the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters who now Assemble  
and Meet together for the Worship of God and Licensed for that purpose and not elsewhere to be laid out and  
Expended by them the said Christopher Bassett and Richard Jones and the Survivor of them and the Executors  
or Administrators of such Survivor for the use and purpose aforesaid in such manner as they or the Survivor  
of them or the legal Representatives of such Survivor shall seem Meet. Provided nevertheless  
and in Law the said Society or Congregation shall at any time be Dissolved or prohibited from Meeting together  
at the House aforesaid Then I do order and Direct that the said Sum of Twenty pounds so given by me  
to the uses aforesaid and all the Interest and produce from thence for the holding and being of the same shall nevertheless  
be paid and Refunded to and for the use and benefit of such person or persons who for the time being should  
or would have been Entitled to the Revenue of my personal Estates by Virtue of and under this my Will.  
Also I Give and Bequeath the Sum of One pound Eleven Shillings and Six pence to be Distributed in Bread  
between and Amongst the poor of the said parish of Saint Nicholas within one Week next after my Decease.  
Also I Give and Bequeath the one and singular the Best Revenue and Remainder of my Goods Chattels

unto my wife and bequeath the sum of one pound eleven Shillings and six pence to be distributed and paid  
between and amongst the poor of the said parish of Lanbathan within one Week next after my decease  
also I give and bequeath all and singular the best Reversion and Remainder of my Goods Chattels  
and personal Estates whatsoever (if any there be after the payment of my just Debts Legacies and  
Funeral Expences) unto my said Sister Margaret Richard her Executors Administrators and  
Assigns to and for her own use and benefit absolutely, And in Case my said personal Estate shall  
fall short and be Deficient in Discharging my Debts and the said Legacies by me hereby given and  
Bequeathed and all the Troubles and Expences my Executor herein after named shall be at and put unto  
by reason of their taking upon them the Burden and Execution of the Execution of this my Will  
I do hereby expressly order and Direct my Customary hold Land hereby Devised bequeathed unto my said  
Sister Margaret Richard in fee or so much thereof as will be sufficient to answer the purposes  
aforesaid to be sold or mortgaged in Aid of my personal Estate for and towards Discharging the  
said Incumbrances. — And Lastly I do hereby nominate Constitute and Appoint my said  
Sister Margaret Richard and Thomas Morgan of Abertim aforesaid Gentleman whole and  
sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my Hand and Seal this Eighth Day of May in the Year of our said One Thousand  
Seven Hundred and Seventy One.

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said  
Testator Howell Lewis and for his last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us, and attested by us in his presence and at  
his Request and likewise in the presence of each other

Tho: Morgan  
Lewis Jenkin  
David Jenkin

The mark of  
Howell Lewis



June 25<sup>th</sup> 1771.

Margaret Richard Widow the Sister, and Thomas Morgan the  
Executors in this will named were sworn well and faithfully to  
execute the same, to exhibit an Inventory &c. and to render an Acc<sup>ts</sup> &c.  
before me

Thomas Williams  
Surrogate

This will was proved at Essex on the twenty fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand,  
seven hundred and seventy one, before the Reverend Thomas Williams Clerk, B. D. the Chancery's  
Surrogate, by Margaret Richard Widow the Sister and Thomas Morgan the Executors in this will  
named who were first on the oath, Evangelists personally sworn well and faithfully to execute the  
same, to exhibit an Inventory &c. and to render a just account of their administration thereof, when  
thereunto lawfully required.

**Chs02316-1 Will of Howell Lewis, Aberthin, yeoman 1771**

1. Customaryhold messuage, croft & garden called Croft Willy at Newton, to kinswoman and maid Catherine Evan, wife of Thomas Evan of Llantrithyd, carpenter
2. To Thomas Evan, son of my late cousin Howell Evan of Llanblethian, mason – half acre of customaryhold land called pont y Stula nr Newton
3. My moiety of freehold messuage, barn and garden at Aberthin to sister Margaret Richard, widow, and after her death to Anne Jones, daughter of Wm Jones of Aberthin yeoman.
4. Several parcels of customaryhold land, 7 and three quarter acres in manor of Talyvan (Kae y Tir Bach 3 acres, Y Dwy Erw a Three Chwarter Cross Gwillim 2 and three quarter acres, Dwy Erw Cross Gwillim 2 acres – to sister Margaret Richard
5. To John, Nicholas, Evan and Mary Evan, sons & daughter of cousin Howell Evan....
6. To Margaret Thomas, widow, another daughter of Howell Evan...
7. To Jane Evan, widow of Howell...
8. To John Lewis, son of late kinsman John Lewis of Penlline, cordwainer
9. To Mary Jones of Llanblethian
10. To Anne Sweeting of Aberthin spinster
11. To William Sweeting of Aberthin yeoman
12. To kinswoman Mary Gravel, widow of Richard Gravel
13. To kinswoman Joan Mousell widow
14. To kinswoman Jane, wife of John Lewis of Llysworney, labourer
15. To Catherine Lewis, mother of said Jane and daughter of my late cousin Wm Lewis of Dinas Powis
16. To Elizabeth & Jane Lewis, daughters of said Wm Lewis
17. To Joan, widow of kinsman John Lewis late of Llandough, miller
18. To Charles Lewis, son of Charles Lewis, late of Howe Mill, St Hilary
19. To Evan John of Llantrisant
20. To Wm John of Aberthin labourer
21. To old servant maid Anne Lewis, widow of Thos Lewis of Caer Wall, Pentirch
22. To said Anne Jones (as in 3) £50 owing from her father by mortgage on 3 acres of customaryhold land in Aberthin
23. To overseers of the poor in Llanblethian £30
24. Residue, after some more bequests of goods, to sister Margaret Richard; Margaret & Thomas Morgan of Aberthin, gent to be executors; Mark of Howell Lewis; Thos Truman, Lewis Jenkin and David Jenkin, witnesses