

The will of William Miles, Vicar of Llanblethian, dated 10th October 1772.

To his wife Elizabeth Miles the sum of four hundred pounds to discharge all his debts.

To his wife Elizabeth Miles his house ^{brewhouse &c} and the one leased to John Sweeting, ^{Jenkins} Carpenter, both houses being in the eastern part of the town of Cowbridge and purchased by him from Catherine Williams, widow, and her two daughters.

To his wife all his money at interest and accruing from the sale of his houses to ^{the day} Edward Case, gentleman of ~~Salle~~ Norfolk, Henry Case, attorney at law of Mildenhall ~~Norfolk~~ and Charles Case, gentleman of Toftishall Norfolk and his brother Edward Miles, gentleman, of ^{the Tower} London. His wife was to receive from time to time the interest on such sums.

If his wife should remarry then she was to receive £200 within three months of her remarriage,

If his wife should remarry or die, the residue of his money was to pass to his five youngest children – Edward, Jefferson?, Elizabeth, John and James, share and share alike when they reached the age of 21. His administrators were to apply the interest of the money to the upbringing and education of these children.

To his eldest son William, the largest silver tankard given to him by his father because he was the eldest son.

The rest of his goods to his wife as executrix.

Signed William Miles

Witnessed by John Walton, William Forman and Anne James.

Proved- 20th March 1773.

In the Name of God Amen I William Miles
Clerk Heir of Lambeth in the County of Glamorgan
being weak in Body but of sound Mind and Under standing
Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
recommending my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God
and my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the
Discretion of my heire or heires after named And as for
my temporal Estate I give and dispose thereof in Manner
following that is to say I give and bequeath to my
belov'd Wife Elizabeth the Sum of Four hundred Pounds
to be payd her on my Decease and to be applyd by her in
the Discharge of all my just Debts and funeral Expences
and for such other necessary purposes as she shall thinke
fit. I also give and devise unto my said Wife and
her Heirs the House wherem I now live with the browhouse
Garden and Curtilage thereto adjoining And also all the
other Messuages and Gardens now in the Possession of John
Buckley Carpenter, subject to the lease I have granted him
therof, all which Premises are situate in the eastern Village
of the Town of Cowbridge in as large and ample Manner as
I have had the same of late years William Widew and her
three Daughters to this Intent only that my said Wife or her
Heirs shall sell and dispose thereof as soon after my
Decease, as conveniently may be for the best price that can
be had for the same and that she or her Heirs shall pay
the Money which shall arise by such sale as soon as the
same shall be received to my Executors heires after named
or to the Survivors or Surviving of them his Executors or
Administrators to and for the debts and Expences herein
after declared thereof without Receipt shall be a sufficient
Discharge to the Person or Persons paying the same. I also
give and bequeath the Residue of the Money I now have
at Interest, after paying therout the above Sum of Four
Hundred Pounds to my said Wife together also with the Money
that shall arise by the sale of my said House to Edward Case
of Salisbury in the County of Norfolk Gentleman, Henry
Case of Mithon-hat in the County of Suffolke Money of four
Pounds Case of Soft-hat in the said County of Norfolk
Gentleman and my brother Edward Miles of the Tower
of London Gentleman and to the Survivors and
Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators In
Trust to permit and suffer my said Wife and her Assigns
from time to time during her Widowhood to receive and
take the clear yearly Interest and Produe thereof as the same
shall become due and to pay to and for her and thers
and Benefit And in Case my said Wife shall happen to

marry I give and bequeath her the sum of Two Hundred
Pounds which I direct my said Trustee or the Survivors or
Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators to pay her
out of the Residue of my Money now at Interest and the
Money to arise by the Sale of my said House within three
Months next after her Intermingment. I also give and bequeath
the Residue of my Money at Interest and what shall arise by the
Sale of my said House, on my Wife's Death or Marriage wh.
shall first happen to my five youngest Children, I give and
bequeath, Elizabeth, John and Frances ^{Child or Children} and such other
as my Wife is now ensient or I may hereafter have by her
Share and Shares of the to be paid them as they respectively
attain the Age of one and Twenty Years, And in case any
or either of my said Children hereunto named or any other my
Child or Children to be hereafter born shall die before the
Attainment of the Age aforesaid then and in such case I give
and bequeath the Share and Shares of him her or them
dying to the Survivors or Survivor of them to be paid them
equally when and as the original Shares are herein before
made payable. And I do hereby direct and empower my said
Trustee and the Survivors or Survivor of them his Executors or
Administrators to apply the Interest of such Share or Share
of the said Trust Money in the Maintenance and Education
of my Children hereunto named and such other Children or
Child as I may hereafter have by my said Wife and any to be
or their respective Intermingsment until they respectively
attain the Age aforesaid. And in case all my said Children
shall die before the Attainment of the Age of one and
Twenty Years I give and bequeath such Residue of my
Money now at Interest and what shall arise from the Sale of
my said House to my wife of her to be divided and paid
as the Law directs. And I also direct that my said Trustee
and the Survivors or Survivor of them his Executors or
Administrators shall lay out at Interest the Money which
shall arise and they or either of them shall receive from the
Sale of my said House on some publick or private Security
whom they shall think fit and afterwards as they shall approve of
and the said Money as well as the Residue of my Money
now at Interest from June to June to call in and receive
and to place out the same in like manner at Interest as
often as they think fit subject to the Trust aforesaid. And
I do further direct that the Trustee shall be indemnified
out of the Trust Money for all Costs Charges and Expences
which they may sustain or be put unto in the Execution of
the Trust hereby imposed in them. I give and bequeath to my
son Sir William my largest Silver Buckard which my

Father gave Me as his eldest Son. All the Privity of my
personal Estate I give and bequeath to my Wife and sole
Executrix and appoint her whole and sole Executrix of this
my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have
signed wth my Hand and Seal this Tenth Day of
October One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy two

Signed sealed published and delated
by the said William Miles as his
last Will and Testament in the
presence of the w^{ch} subscribes our
names as Witnesses both in the
presence and at the request of
the said Testator of the W^{ch} Child or
Children in the tenth line being first intended

William Miles.

J. J. Watton

Will. Forman

Ann James

March 20th 1773

Elizabeth Miles widow the Relict and sole
Executrix in this will named who was sworn to
the Tenth thereof and to her faithful performance of

the same before me

William Jenkins Surrogate

Shewed at Landoff on the Twentieth Day of March in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and seventy three before the Pres^r William Jenkins
Clark J. M. Surrogate by Elizabeth Miles Widow the Relict and sole
Executrix 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 true Account of her administration thereof when thereunto
lawfully required