

Will of Francis Cowlen tallow chandler 1757

In the name of God Amen I **Francis Cowlen** of Sampford peveral in the County of Devon Tallow Chandler being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding Blessed be God therefore do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for salvation through the meritts and mediation of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrixes hereinafter named And as to such worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me I give and dispose thereof as follows

First I give devise and bequeath unto my **son John Cowlen** the sum of five guineas to be paid him by my executrixes hereinafter named immediately after my decease

Item I hereby give devise and bequeath unto my **son William Cowlen** all that my messuage tenement and premises which I hold in fee simple situate and being in Sampford peveral aforesaid and known by the **sign of the White Hart** and now in the possession of John Brice as undertenant to me together with all its rights members and appurtinances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to hold to him my said son William Cowlen and his heirs and assigns forever.

I also give devise and bequeath unto my said son William Cowlen all my right title interest property claim and demand whatsoever which I have in and upon a certain plot of ground situate lying and being in the said parish of Sampford peveral and adjoining to my said tenement known by the **sign of the White Hart and called Moses** parish together with all sum and sums of money due to me thereon with the interest due and to grow due therefore to hold to him my said son William Cowlen and his heirs executors administrators and assigns forever and whereas I am justly indebted unto my **brother John Cowlen** of Sampford peveral aforesaid in the sum of one hundred and eight pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain and interest for the same my will therefore is that my said son William Cowlen shall satisfye and pay unto my said brother John Cowlen or to his executors administrators or assigns the said full sum of one hundred and eight pounds of good and lawful money of Great Brit and all such interest as shall be due thereon or for the same at the time of my death and that my said son William Cowlen his executors and administrators shall save and keep harmess (*sic*) and indemnified my executrixes hereinafter named of and from the same and every part and parcell thereof forever and my will further is that all rent and arrearages of rent that shall be due to me at my death for the premises herein by me given to my said son William Cowlen shall be due and payable to my said son William Cowlen his Executors administrators and assigns and not to my executrixes hereinafter named and his receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the same

All the rest residue and remainder of my worldly goods and effects whatsoever or wheresoever I give devise and bequeath the same unto my **daughters Susannah wife of George Wood of Halberton in the said county and Sarah wife of John Bellamy** of Sampford peveral aforesaid jointly whom I do hereby nominate and appoint joint executrixes of this my said last will and testament and hereby revoking all former and other will and wills by me heretofor made In witness wherof I the said Francis Cowlen the testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1757

Witnesses:

Richard Hurley

Thomas Row junr

John Brice