

Will of John Strange of Long Wittenham 1780  
(Ref D/A1/125/120)

*[probate clause]*

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1780

John Strange the son and sole Executor in  
this Will named was sworn to the Truth  
thereof and as usual [?] also that the  
Deceased Effects do not amount in Value  
to the sum of one hundred Pounds before me

J Johnson

The Testator died nd April last a Widower  
*[nd meant 'no date' or actual date not known  
to the Clerk; John was buried on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1780]*

This Will was proved at Oxford on the eighth day of July  
the year of our Lord 1780 before the Revd Johnson Clerk  
Batchelor of Law Jurirsgate [?] of the Revd Arthur Dodwell  
Clerk MA off<sup>d</sup> [?] Principal of the Revd the Archdeacon of the  
Archdeaconry of Berks lawfully constituted by the deeds of  
John Strainge the son of the deceased and sole Executor  
therein named to whom Admon was granted being first  
sworn duly to Administer

[Will]

In the Name of God Amen. I John Strange of Longwittenham in / the County of Berks [Yeoman] being at this present perfect in mind memory and understanding / God be praised for the same, But calling to mind the Mortality of Human Nature and knowing that it is ap- / -pointed for all Persons once to Die, do for the disposing of the Temporal Estate which it hath pleased the / Almighty good God to bless me with in this Life make my Last Will and Testament in the following manner / and form. And first and princpaly of all I Recommend my Soul to God; and my Body I commit to the / Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor herein after named shall think fitt also / I give Demise and Bequeath unto my three daughters Martha, Mary and Ann the Legacy or sum of / seven Pounds to each of them, of good and Lawfull money of Great Britain and to be paid unto each of them / within two years next after my Decease by my Executor herein after named. Also I give Demise and Bequeath / unto my Daughter Sarah the Legacy or sum of Eight Pounds of the like Lawfull money of Great Britain / and to be Paid unto her within two years after my Decease by my Executor herein after named also / I give unto my said daughter Sarah my Round Table after my Decease. And Further my Will and meaning / is if that I should continue in Longwittenham Club until my Decease Then I give and Bequeath the sum of / one Guinea unto Each of my aforesaid Daughters Martha, Mary, Ann and Sarah of the like good and / Lawfull money of Great Britain and to be Paid unto each of them out of the Club money as soon as it is / Received of the Club society out of the Club Box in Order to Buy Each and Every of them a Gown / over the above Legacys are Lawfully Due. Then I Will and demise each Daughters Legacy unto their Child or Children. To be / Paid by my Executor unto him her or them at their respective ages of Twenty one years \ share x share alike . / Also in case if either of my a / foresaid Daughter should Die and leave no issue, Child or Children Then I Will such Daughters Legacy unto my Executor / if either of them Die Childless before the above Legacys Lawfully becomes due. Also I give and Bequeath unto my / Son John Strange [Bricklayer] all and every of my Estate both Real and Personable of what Nature or kind soever. To be had and holden unto my Son John Strange his heirs and assigns from and immediately after my Decease / To the only proper use and Behoof of my said Son John Strange his Heirs and assigns for Ever. Together with all the / Rest and Residue of my Household Goods, Cattle, Chattles, Furniture, Ready Debts owing, Arrears or Rent, Bonds sum or / sums of money and all other Properties of what Nature or kind soever unto me belonging and apportioning which shall / Remain after the Payment of all my Debts, Legacys and Funeral Expenses the Rest and Residue of my Club Money which / shall remain after my Daughters are Paid as above mentioned to be paid unto my Executor to defray my funeral expenses and / to purchase and erect a Pair of Grave-stones to my memory by my son John Strange. And him my son John Strange / I do charge with the Payment of all my Debts Legacys and Funeral Expenses. And Lastly I do hereby Constitute Ordain and / appoint my said Son John Strange the whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby utterly revoking / Dissanulling Disalowing and making void all Former and other Wills by me heretofore at any time left or made Ratifying and / Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Fifteenth Day of March One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Four

John Strange

Signed sealed published and Declared by the above named John Strange the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament who in our Presence and in his Presence and at his Request. Attested and Subscribed by us  
John Frogley  
Richard Sheppard  
John Smallbone