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First name(s): **Joseph**

Last name: **WATHEN**

Place:

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one thousand seven hundred and eighty six administration
with the Will annexed of all and singular the Goods and
Effects and Credits of Richard Wether last of the parish
of Saint Paul Deptford in the County of Kent deceased was
granted to Elizabeth Wether Widow the Relict of the deceased
and universal Legatee named in the said Will the having
been first sworn duly to administer the Executor being
named in the said Will.

Thomas
Whitaker

In the Name of God Amen

I Tho. Whitaker of Bridwell Hospital of London Taylor
being of sound disposing mind memory and understanding do
make this my Will and Testament bearing witness and making void
all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in
form and manner following that is to say from and after the
discharge of my just and lawful debts and funeral Expences I
give and bequeath and devise to Mary my beloved wife all
my Monies in the funds and all my Books Debt Notes or
other what all my household furniture and all my effects Move
and Personal of whatsoever the same Debt or may consist
for her use during her natural life and after her death I give
and bequeath the same to my two sons to be sold and equally
divided between the two sons Thomas Whitaker and John
Whitaker I hereby nominate authorize and appoint my
said wife Mary to be my sole Executrix of this my last
Will and Testament by which wherof I set my hand and
Seal this 12 day of Aug^r in the year of our Redemption one
thousand seven hundred and eighty six Tho. Whitaker
Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of the Testator
and of us in the presence of each other to be his last Will and
Testament of the within named Testator William Wilson
Thomas Perce Charles Kenneth Gourdinier

This Will

was proved at London the third day
of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and eighty six before the worshipful John Orrell Doctor of
Law Judge of the Right worshipful Peter Calvert also of
Law Master Recorder - Commisary of the prerogative
Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of
Mary Whitaker Widow the Relict of the deceased and sole
Legatee named in the said Will to whom administration
was granted of all and singular the Goods Effects and Credits
of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer &c

Joseph
Wathen
Esq^r

In the Name of God Amen

I Joseph Wathen of the parish of St. Andrew
in the County of Gloucester Esquire being of sound and disposing

And and Memory praiſed be God do make publiſh and
 declare this to be my laſt will and Teſtament in manner and
 following that is to ſay firſt I will that all my juſt debts and
 financial expenſes be paid and diſcharged and I hereby man-
 nify and confirm the Act of Settlements actred into law
 my Marriage with Anne my beloved wife and I do give and
 bequeath unto the Truſtees in the ſaid Settlement named the
 further ſum of one thouſand pounds immediately after my
 deceaſe to be by them or the Survivors or Survivor of them
 or the Executors or administrators of ſuch Survivor paid or
 applied and diſpoſed of in ſuch manner and for ſuch and the
 ſame uſes Truſts intents and purpoſes as the ſum of money
 mentioned in the ſaid Settlement is directed to be applied and
 diſpoſed of and to no other uſe intent or purpoſe whatever
 and I give and bequeath unto the ſaid Anne my beloved wife
 all that my Dwelling Houſe or Dwelling Houſe called
 the New Houſe whiche I now dwell with the Garden
 outhouſes Buildings ſervial Eſtates of Meadow and Paſture
 Ground hereunto belonging and all other the Premises be-
 longt and purchaſed of Mary Davis with their and every of
 their Appurtenances to hold unto the ſaid Anne my wife for
 and during the term of her natural life and from and after
 her deceaſe I give and bequeath the ſaid Premises and every
 part thereof unto my ſon Samuel Wathen to hold to him
 his heirs and aſſigns for ever hereafter with theſe and
 I hereby then charge all and ſingular the ſaid ſervial
 Premises with the ſum of one thouſand pounds which I will
 be paid and equally divided amongst my ſons and Daughters
 Sarah Sarahs ſon Elizabeth Nathaniel and Anne when and
 as they reſpectively ſhall attain unto their reſpective ages of
 twenty one years ſhare and ſhare alike and I give and be-
 queath unto each of my ſons the ſaid Samuel Sarahs
 ſons and Nathaniel which they ſhall attain unto their re-
 ſpective ages of twenty one years the ſum of one thouſand
 pounds apiece to be paid by my Executors hereinafter named
 alſo I give and bequeath unto each of my Daughters the ſaid
 Sarah Elizabeth and Anne when and as they reſpectively
 ſhall attain unto their reſpective ages of twenty one years
 the ſum of one thouſand pounds apiece to be paid by my
 Executors hereinafter named herewith theſe I will that the
 ſaid legacies be given to my ſaid Daughters as aforeſaid
 ſhall be paid unto my ſaid Daughters at their day or days
 of Marriage provided ſuch Marriage with the ſolemnity of
 my Executors and Truſtees hereinafter named I give and
 bequeath unto my ſaid ſon Sarahs ſons all that my Dwelling
 or Dwelling Houſe with the Garden and Appurtenances
 ſituate lying and being in the Parroche of Crifſbury in
 the ſaid County of Glouceſter to hold unto my ſaid ſon
 Sarahs ſons Wathen his heirs and aſſigns for ever and I
 give and bequeath the uſe of all my Houſehold Goods and
 Implements of Houſehold Furniture Linen Bedding Plate
 and China unto Anne my ſaid wife for and during the term

of her natural life ^{and from} and after her death unto and amongst
all my Children in such manner shares and proportions
as for my said wife by any deed in her life time or by
her last Will and Testament shall give or direct the same
and in default of such direction or appointment I will that
the same be equally divided as to value amongst all my
Children or their legal Representatives share and share
alike & give and bequeath unto the poor of the parish
of Bishop in this County of Gloucester the sum of twenty
pounds to be disposed of at the Discretion of my Executors
and the Minister and Churchwardens of the said parish
in such manner as they shall think proper and as to all
the rest and residue of my stock in trade and personal estate
of what nature or kind soever not heretofore disposed
of after payment of all my just Debts Legacies and funeral
expences I give and bequeath the same and every par-
ticular unto the said Anne my wife in order to enable her
the better to breed up and educate my said Children lawfully
reputing her at the time of her death to give what
she shall think reasonable of such residue of my said personal
estate of what and amongst my said Children in such
shares manner and proportions as she shall think proper
& desire to be buried in a decent manner in the vault in the
parish Churchyard of Bishop aforesaid and lastly I do
hereby nominate constitute and appoint Ann my beloved
wife sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and
do desire my friends William Perkins of Shropshire and John
the County of Somerset Gloucester and Downes Jordan more of
Shropshire aforesaid Executors whom I appoint Masters to oversee
and adjust her in her Execution thereof and for their care
and trouble therein I give unto each of them the sum of
twenty pounds and I do hereby revoke all former and
other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do
declare this only to be my last Will and Testament be-
ing witnessed of the said Joseph Wathen the Testator
leave to this my last Will and Testament contained in
two sheets of paper to wit the first sheet of it my hand and
seal this second day of May in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and eighty six J. Wathen
Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Joseph
Wathen the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence
have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto M^r Sutton
Thomas Hill Jⁿ Colborne

This Will was proved at London the fourth
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and eighty six before the Right Worshipful Peter
Calvert Esq^r of Laws Master of the Court of Common Pleas
of the County of Middlesex and Commissioner of the
Court of Chancery lawfully constituted by the Oath of Ann Wathen widow the Executrix of the

and the Executors named in the said will to whom
administration was granted of all and singular the Goods
Chattels and Credits of the said deceased bearing true first sworn
by Commission duly to administer

Joanna

I Joanna Wheelwright x Wheelwright

of Birmingham in the County of Warwick Widow do hereby
my last will and testament in manner following that is to
say first I will and direct that all my just debts funeral
expences and the expences of proving this my will shall be
fully paid and satisfied also I give and bequeath unto my
Nephew Matthew Gordon now or late of the County
of Dorset Coal Merchant the Sum of one hundred pounds
in case he shall be living at the time of my decease and in
case the said Matthew Gordon shall not be living at the
time of my decease then I give and bequeath the said one
hundred pounds unto and amongst such of my Children as
shall be then living — share and share alike if
more than one but if only one shall be then living then I
give and bequeath the said one hundred pounds to my only
Child also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew James
Gordon of Weymouth in the County of Warwick Deceased
the Sum of fifty pounds in case he shall be living at the time
of my decease But in case the said James Gordon shall
not be living at the time of my decease then I give and
bequeath the said Sum of fifty pounds unto and amongst such
of my Children as shall be then living share and share
alike if more than one but if only one shall be then living
then I give and bequeath the said fifty pounds to such only
Child also I give and bequeath unto my dear Mary a
Dorset the Sum of fifty pounds in case she shall be
living at the time of my decease But in case the said
Mary shall not be living at the time of my decease
then I give and bequeath the last mentioned Sum of fifty
pounds unto and amongst such of my Children as shall be
then living share and share alike if more than one but
if only one shall be then living then I give and bequeath
the said last mentioned fifty pounds to such only Child also I
give and bequeath unto my dear Daughter of my late Brother
James Gordon the Sum of fifty pounds in case he shall be
living at the time of my decease But in case he shall be
then Dead then I give and bequeath the last mentioned
fifty pounds unto and amongst such of my Children as shall
be then living share and share alike if more than one but
if only one shall be then living then I give and bequeath
the said last mentioned fifty pounds unto such only Child also
I give and bequeath unto such of my Children of my late
Brother John as shall be living at the time of my
decease the Sum of fifty pounds to be paid at such time or
times and in such proportions as my Executors shall see fit