

Will of William Dobson, rector of Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop. 1731

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In the Name of God Amen I William Dobson DD and president of Trinity College Oxon being at present (God be praised) in perfect mind and memory and in my usual state of health but ever mindful of human frailty and the uncertainty of life and in advanced age moreover admonishing me that the hours of my dissolution cannot be far off I do now in the 81st yeare of my age ordain this my last will and testament as follows **In the first place** having resigned and humbly recommended my soul into the hands of Almighty God its author and hoping through the merits of my Saviour Christ to obtain remission of all my transgressions omissions of duty and the unprofitability of my life and having committed my body to the earth to be decently but privately buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named (unless I shall leave particular direction under my hand in writing) I will that all my debts and funeral expenses be duly discharged **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son Henry all the interest that I have in the fund upon survivorship (where my said son is the nominee) with the rents and advantages secured to me and my assignees by an Act made in the fourth year of William and Mary one fourth part of the sums of one hundred pounds advanced by me upon the incouragement of the said Act being the proper money of Richard White of Herriard in the County of Southton clerk **Item** I give and bequeath unto my son in law Thomas Winder clerk the sum of one hundred pounds (which sum at the time of his marriage with my daughter Mary and in consideration thereof I entered into an obligation to pay or cause to be paid after my decease which sum is now in his hand **Item** there being now in my hands the principal sum of one hundred pounds belonging to the poor of the parish of Cliddesden cum Farley in the County of Southampton I will that the like sum of one hundred pounds (which I have with other sums upon bond in the South Sea Company) which securities are in the hands of my son Henry) be appropriated and delivered to the inhabitants of the parish of Cliddesden to discharge the said principal sum of one hundred pounds and what is due upon account for interest pp (which account may be seen in a small vellum book in a drawer in my study at Cliddesden) I will shall be fully satisfied out of my personal estate **Item** those few books either in

Oxford or Cliddesden which I shall die possessed of I will shall be divided between my grandsons William and John the sons of my eldest son William at the discretion of some friend or friends whom my executrix shall name only I will that my eldest grandson William shall have (over and above his share with his brother) *Pooles Synopsis* entire part of which is in my study in Trinity College and part in my study in Cliddesden **Item** I give to the poor of the parish of Garsington the sum five pounds and to the poor of the parish of Cliddesden five pounds and to the poor of the parish of St Mary Magdalene in Oxford the sum of fifty shillings which charities I desire may rather be laid out in linen or apparel as the minister and overseers shall direct than disposed of in money **Lastly** if any thing shall remain after my debts and legacies are discharged I do give and bequeath the same unto my loving wife and whom I do constitute sole executrix of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of February 1729. *William Dobson* sealed and declared in the presence of Samuel Parker Richard Clements Esq

Codicill Be Known by these present that I the said William Dobson president of Trinity College Oxon have made and declared my last will and testament in writing bearing date the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord 1729 I the said William Dobson do by this present codicil confirm and ratify my said last will and testament and whereas a lease of a farm in the parish of Cumnor purchased of the Right Honourable Montague Earl of Abingdon for three lives is part of my personal estate which will fall to my executor in my last will named my will is that the said Farm shall be for the use of my Executrix in that my said Will and Testament named during her natural life (if the above mentioned lease shall so long subsist) and after her decease for the use of my three grand children therein named in such manner and in such proportion as my executrix shall think fit and shall ordain by her last will and testament or in default of such a disposition in such manner as my son in law Richard Wyle shall think proper the circumstances and exigencies of the said three children respectively considered especially with respect to their education my meaning is that this codicil be and be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said last will and testament **in witness** thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord 1730 *William Dobson* sealed and declared in the presence of Henry Townsend

Thomas Spir.

Probate was granted to his widow, 30 September 1731.