

Oxfordshire

HENLEY PROBATE DOCUMENTS

Richard JENINGS, gent. of Badgmore Court, Henley on Thames Will proved 1718

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1 In the Name of God Amen
2 I Richard Jenings of Badgmore Court in the County of Oxon Gen[t]
3 being sick and weak in body but of a sound and perfect mind and
4 disposing memory (thanks be given to God therefore) and calling to
5 mind the certainty of deathe and uncertainty of the time when and
6 to avoid all disputes which may happen after my decease as far as
7 in mee lies do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in
8 manner and form following (That is to say) First I commend my
9 soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it trusting to obtain
10 Salvation through the merits death and passion of Jesus Christ my
11 ever blessed Saviour and redeemer and my body to the earth from
12 whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my Exec[utri]x
13 and Exec[utor]s herin after named in the Church Yard of Henley upon
14 Thames in the County of Oxon afores[ai]d And as for that worldly –
15 Estate which God in his mercy hathe bestowed on me I dispose therof
16 as followeth Impr[im]is I give and bequeath unto my Dear and loving
17 wife Mary Jenings one full and equal Moiety or half part of all
18 and singuler my plate and houshold goods whatsoever and also I
19 give unto her my said Dear and loving wife Mary Jenings the
20 sume of one hundred pounds in lawful money of Great Britain to
21 be paid to her at the end and expiration of two years next after my
22 decease in case she shall be then living and not otherwise Item I
23 give and bequeath unto my Father in Law Thomas Kitchin and
24 my Mother in Law Anne Kitchin the Sum of Ten pounds a piece
25 to buy them mourning Item I give and bequeath unto my brother

26 William Jenings and my Nephews Richard Sharpe and Edward
27 Sharpe and my Nieces Anne Sharpe and Elizabeth Sharpe the
28 Sume of Twenty shillings a peice to be paid to them within twelve
29 months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath to my
30 Nephew John Sharpe the Sume of Ten pounds and to my Nephew
31 William Jenings the Sume of five pounds and to my loving friend
32 M[aste]r Thomas Bateman the sume of Ten pounds to be paid to them
33 within twelve months next after my decease Item I give and bequeath
34 unto my loving Friends M[aste]r William Dickinson M[aste]r Thomas -
35 Harman and M[aste]r Edward Ayres one guinea a peice to buy each of
36 them a ring Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Thomas -
37 Jenings the Sume of one thousand pounds to be paid him when he
38 shall have attained the age of one and Twenty years out of my -
39 Mannor of Turners Co[ur]t which I do hereby charge and make lyable
40 to the payment thereof And I do desire and my will and meaning
41 is that my Exec[utri]x and Exec[uto]r herin after named shall and may
42 out of the income of all my Estate herin after given to my son -
43 Richard Jenings allow and pay unto my son Thomas Jenings
44 (during his minority) what they in their judgmt shall think -
45 necessary and convenient for his maintenance and educacon [*blot*]
46 Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Anne Bagley the clear -
47 yearly Rent charge or Sume of Thirteen pounds per annum and to
48 my Sister Margaret Sharpe the clear yearly rent charge or Sume
49 of Nine pounds p[er] annum to be paid to them severally out of my
50 five Tenements in Henley and my two Closes called the hangings
51 now in the possession of Henry Wright and gardiner which I do hereby
52 subject and make lyable to the payment thereof during the term of
53 their natural lives and to be paid to then half yearly (vizt) at the
54 Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael
55 the Archangell by even and equal porcons the first payment thereof
56 to begin and be made at the first of the said Feasts which shall happen
57 next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew
58 Benjamin Sharpe the Sume of one hundred and Fifty pounds after

59 the expiration of Five years next after my decease (if he shall be
60 then living and not otherwise and subject to the proviso herinafter
61 mentioned And in the mean time and until the said Sume of one -
62 hundred and fifty pounds shall become due I give and bequeath
63 unto him the clear yearly rent charge or Sum of Fifteen pounds to be
64 paid in like manner as the rent charges before mentioned and subject
65 also to the proviso herein after menconed provided always and my
66 will and meaning is that my said Nephew Benjamin Sharpe shall
67 within Two months next after my decease go and reside about
68 eighty miles from Henley upon Thames afores(ai)d and so continue
69 without the said distance of eighty miles from Henley during the
70 remainder of his life and shall also within the said two Months
71 give a Bond unto my Dear and loving wife Mary Jenings
72 and therein become bound unto her in the penal Sume of Five
73 hundred pounds to observe the direccions concerning him in this
74 my Will And if my said Nephew Benjamin Sharpe shall refuse to
75 give such Bond in manner as afores(ai)d and not leave Henley -
76 within the time afores(ai)d and reside at the distance of Eighty miles
77 from Henley as afores(ai)d then the Legacy of one hundred and fifty
78 pounds and the rent charge of Fifteen pounds per annum shall
79 cease and be void and then the same shall redond and come
80 unto my Son Richard Jenings Item I give and bequeath unto my
81 Servants that shall be living with me at the time of my decease
82 the Sume of Fifty shillings apeice Item I give an bequeath unto
83 the Poor of the parish of Henley upon Thames aforesaid the Sume
84 of Three pounds to be distributed to and amongst them in such -
85 manner as my Exec(utri)x and Exec[uto]r shall think proper Item I do hereby
86 give and bequeath unto my Exec[utri]x and Exec[uto]r herein after
87 named full power and authority to fell cutt down grub up take late &
88 make sale of all or any of my Timber Timber Trees Shaws Woods
89 and Underwoods within my said Manner of Turners C[ou]rt in order
90 to pay my just debts and Legacies as they shall severally become
91 due (if in case my personal Estate will not amount to sufficient

92 to satisfy the same And whereas I have by Ind[entures of Lease and
93 Release dated the nineteenth and Twentieth days of September
94 Anno D[o]m[ini] 1715 for the considerac[i]ons therein intenc[i]oned granted
95 and confirmed (amongst other uses) unto my said Nephew –
96 Benjamin Sharpe and his Assignes for and during the Term of
97 his natural life All those my three Tenements by the river of
98 Thames in Henley upon Thames afores[ai]d And also my Two
99 Closes called the Hangings Closes Subject nevertheless to the proviso
100 therein contained That the said Richard Jenings might by any
101 Deed in writing in my life time duely attested or by my last Will
102 and Testament declare revoke and make void the said Indentures
103 and every thing therein contained and declare limitt or appoint any
104 new uses concerning the some Now I th said Richard Jening do
105 (pursuant to the power reserved in the said Indentures) by this my
106 last will and Testament revoke declare annull and make void
107 the said Ind[enture]s of Lease and Release and every Article ^{and thing} therein - -
108 contained And I do (pusuant ^{also} to the power afors[ai]d) give and bequeath
109 the said three Tenements and two Closes unto my said Son Richard
110 Jenings his heires and Assignes for ever Subject nevertheless to the
111 rent charges to my said Sisters as aforesaid Item all the rest and
112 residue of my Estate wheresoever and whatsoever after my Debts
113 Legacies and funeral expences are paid and satisfyed I give and
114 bequeath unto my said Son Richard Jenings his heires and Assignes
115 for ever subject and lyable to the charges payments incumbrances
116 as afores[ai]d. And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint
117 my said Dear and loving wife Mary Jenings and my loving friend
118 William Toovey of Henley upon Thames aforesaid Maltster Exec[utri]x
119 and Executor of this my last will and Testament In Trust for my –
120 said two Sons And my will and meaning is That it shall and may be
121 lawfull to and for my said Exec[utri]x and Executor to save harmless and
122 deduct to themselves by and out of my said Estate all costs charges
123 damages and expences whatsoever which they or either of them
124 shall or may be as for or by reasourn meanes of the execucon of this

125 my Will or the Trust by me herein reposed in them And for their care
126 and paines herein I give to then the sume of Fifty pounds a peice
127 and that they my said Exec[utri]x and Exec[uto]r their Exec[ut]ors and Adm[in]rators I
shall be
128 only charged or chargeable with and accountable for such part or –
129 parts of my said estate as they shall respectively actually receive
130 and with no other nor the one for the other nor with or for the - -
131 default receipts acts of disbursments of the other but for their own
132 acts only and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any –
133 time heretofore made and do publish and declare this to be my
134 last Will and Testament and no other In Witness whereof I the said
135 Richard Jenings the Testator have to this my last Will and - -
136 Testament set my hand and Seale this twenty eighth day of –
137 January in the fifth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord –
138 George by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland
139 King Defender of the Faith etc Anno Do[mini] 1718 g /.Richard
140 Jenings Signed Sealed published declared and delivered by
141 the said Richard Jenings the Testator as and for his last will
142 and Testament In the presence of us and then attested by us
143 in his presence T H Williams John Hinnes [?Hume]
144 Fran: Blandy

[Summary of the Latin probate clause]

Date of probate: 3 March 1718
Place of Probate: London
Executor: Mary Jenings, William Toovey
Court official: John Bettesworth
Inventory value: *[non stated]*

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