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Simon BARTLETT, cordwainer of Henley on Thames **Will proved 1785**

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1 In the name of God Amen
2 I Simon Bartlett of Henley upon Thames in
3 the County of Oxford Cordwainer being ill and weak
4 in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory
5 do make and ordain this my last will and testament
6 in manner and forme following that is to say my soule I
7 bequeath to almighty God who gave it hoping for
8 Redemption thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ and
9 my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred
10 at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named
11 and as to my worldly Estate and effects I dispose
12 thereof as follows First I give and devise unto my
13 beloved wife Elizabeth Bartlett and her assigns
14 during the term of her natural Life All that my
15 Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell situate
16 in Henley upon Thames aforesaid with the hereditaments
17 and appurtenances thereunto belonging and from
18 and after her decease I give and devise the same and
19 every part thereof unto and to the use of my beloved
20 Son Thomas Bartlett and daughter Elizabeth House
21 wife of Robert House their heirs and assigns for
22 ever equally to be divided between them share
23 and share alike as Tenants in Common and not as
24 joint tenants also I give and bequeath unto my
25 beloved Nephew Thomas Bartlett of Henley

26 upon Thames aforesaid Currier and my good friend
27 Robert Rathill of the same place Salesman their
28 Executors and Administrators all my personal
29 Estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever
30 upon Trust to place out the same in such Government
31 or other Securitys as they shall from time to
32 time think proper and to permit and suffer
33 authorize and empower my said beloved wife
34 Elizabeth Bartlett and her assigns from time to time
35 to receive and take the Income Interest Dividends
36 and Produce thereof during the term of her natural
37 Life to and for her own use and benefit and from and
38 after her decease Then in Trust to pay and divide
39 the same unto and between my said son and
40 daughter Thomas Bartlett and Elizabeth House
41 their Executors and administrators and Assigns ^{equally} share
42 and share alike And I do hereby will and direct
43 that neither of them my said Trustees shall be
44 answerable or accountable for any more of the
45 said Trust Moneys or effects than shall come to their
46 respective Hands nor for any less that may
47 happen to the same without their wilfull default
48 respectively nor the one of them for the other
49 of them and that they may also deduct out of the
50 said Trust Money all such Costs and Charges as
51 they shall be put unto in the Execution of the Trusts
52 aforesaid And I do hereby constitute and appoint my
53 said wife Elizabeth Bartlett and son Thomas
54 Bartlett Executrix and Executor of this my said
55 will and Lastly I do hereby revoke and make
56 void all former and other wills by me at any time
57 heretofore made and declare this only to be my
58 true and last Will and Testament in Witness whereof

59 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second
60 day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand
61 seven hundred and seventy six Simon Bartlett [*his mark*]
62 Signed sealed and delivered and declared by the said
63 Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in
64 the presence of us who in his presence and at his
65 request and in the presence of each other have
66 set our Names and Witnesses hereunto Thos Norton
67 Mary Powell J Cooper

68 This Will was proved at London the sixteenth
69 day of March in the year of our lord one thousand
70 seven hundred and eighty five before the worshipful
71 Thomas Bever Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the
72 Right Worshipfull Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws
73 Quester Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative
74 Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath
75 of Thomas Bartlett the son of the deceased and one
76 of the executors named in the will to whom
77 administration of all and singular the goods and chattells
78 and credits of the said deceased was granted behoving
79 been first sworn duly to administer power received
80 of making the like Grant to Elizabeth Bartlett
81 widow the relict of the said deceased and the other
82 Executor named in the said will or when she shall
83 apply for the same

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