

**Will of Richard Exton, rector of Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop, 1759**

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This is the last will and testament of me Richard Exton, clerk, one of the prebendaries of Winchester, I do make my last will and testament in manner following **Imprimis** I give and bequeath unto my eldest brother William Exton of Peterborough in the County of Northampton and to his executors administrators and assigns my two leasehold farms with their appurtenances situate in the said County of Northampton which were given to me by the last will and testament of my late brother Robert Exton deceased **I give** unto my brother Brudenel Exton Doctor of Physick the sum of five hundred pounds to be paid within six months next after my decease **I give** unto the Right Honourable John Earl of Portsmouth the use of all my books and pamphlets and shelves now standing in my prebendal house at Winchester until one of his grandsons shall go into Orders provided such grandson shall go into Orders on or before his age of eight and twenty years and if either of his said grandsons shall go into Orders within the time aforesaid then it is my will and I do hereby give and bequeath my said books and pamphlets and shelves unto such grandson but if neither of the said Earl's grandsons shall go into Orders within the time above mentioned then my will and mind is that all such books and pamphlets as I shall have at the time of my decease shall be incorporated into the library at Hurstborne there to remain for the benefit of the person or persons who shall be entitled to that estate provided the same does not go out of the family **I give** unto Camilla Countess of Tankerville the sum of four hundred pounds **I give** unto Lady Herbert of Cherbury the sum of fifty guineas **I give** unto my godson Alwyed Clarke son of the late Mr Baron Clarke the sum of two hundred pounds **I give** unto Mr Henry Wallop, second grandson of the said Earl of Portsmouth, the set of knives and forks and spoons which the said Earl gave to me and also the said Earl's picture now hanging in the prebendal house at Winchester **I give** unto the Honourable Colonel Griffin that set of china which the Countess of Portsmouth gave unto me **I give** unto Lady Camilla Flemming her picture now hanging in my said prebendal house **I give** unto the poor of the parishes of Cliddesden in the County of Southampton and of Farleigh in the same county the sum

of ten guineas **I give** unto the poor of the parish of Chilbolton in the said County of Southampton the sum of five guineas which two sums of ten guineas and five guineas I desire may be disposed of by the curates that shall serve the cure of the said parishes at the time of the said legacys shall be paid **I give** unto the Reverend Mr Osborne of Chilbolton the sum of five guineas **I give** unto Mrs Hamblin of Hurstbourne the sum of five guineas and her husband's picture **I give** and bequeath unto John Hoadly Doctor of Laws and John Burton Doctor of Divinity the sum of twenty pounds upon trust and to the intent that they or either of them do pay the same to the treasurer or treasurers for the time being of a society who now call themselves the Governors of the County Hospital at Winchester which said sum of twenty pounds I will and desire may be paid out of my personal estate and applied towards carrying on the charitable designs of the said society **I give** unto such coachman as shall be living with me at the time of my decease the sum of ten pounds over and above what shall be due to him for wages or otherwise if he shall have served me three years **I give** all my wearing apparel unto my other man servant and maid servant to be divided equally between them and also the sum of ten pounds apeece over and above what shall be due unto them if they shall have served me three years **I give** and bequeath unto Mrs Speed, the wife of the Reverend Mr Speed of Martyr Worthy, Mrs Ann Preston, Mrs Mary and Mrs Elizabeth Hayes four of my tables now standing in my said prebendary house and also all my china undisposed of by this my will to be divided equally between them **I give** my watch made by Graham unto the said Henry Wallop **I give** all the rest of my furniture and household goods unto the Reverend Doctor John Burton, Master of Winchester School, except my linen which **I give** unto my said brother Doctor Brudenel Exton all the rest residue of my estates of what nature and kind soever I do thereby give and bequeath unto my said brother William Exton his executors administrators and assigns **and** I do hereby appoint the said Doctor John Burton sole executor of this my will and entreat him to destroy and burn to ashes all my papers of every kind both at Winchester and at Cliddesden except such as shall relate to money and accounts and that he do as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell my chariot, horses and harness and apply the money arising by sale thereof towards discharging the legacies given by this

will **I desire** my burial may be in the most private manner and with the least expences in the church or churchyard where I shall die **In witness** whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine **Richard Exton** signed sealed published and declared by the said Richard Exton as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of each other the words unto my other man servant and maid servant being first interlined *John Cole , John Kirby,*

**Probate** was granted to William Exton, brother and residuary legatee, the Reverend John Burton having renounced execution of the will, on 11th October, 1759.