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John  
Thornton

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## This is the last Will and Testament

of me John Thornton of Cirk in the County of Northampton. Witness  
witness (as follows) I devise my dwelling house shop garden and premises  
situate at Cirk aforesaid and now in my own occupation unto my son William  
Thornton his heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless and I do hereby charge the  
same with the payment of the sum of five pounds a piece to my son Edward  
Dunkley Thornton and my daughter Mary Thornton at the end of twelve calendar  
months from my decease. I devise all those my five cottages and premises with the  
appurtenances situate at Cirk aforesaid formerly the property of Thomas Baberian  
Wills unto my said son William Thornton his heirs and assigns forever subject  
nevertheless and I do hereby charge the same with the payment of the sum of fifty  
pounds a piece unto my son Richard Thornton my said son Edward Dunkley Thornton  
my daughter Elizabeth Wills and my said daughter Mary Thornton at the end of  
twelve calendar months from my decease. But in case my said son William Thornton  
shall within one calendar month from my decease decline to accept the said last mentioned  
devise and pay the said legacies then I devise the said five cottages and premises unto  
my said sons William Thornton and Richard Thornton and my friend Thomas  
Cowley of Cirk aforesaid farmer and grazier their heirs and assigns upon trust  
to sell the same either together or in parcels by public auction or private contract at  
such times and subject to such stipulations relative to the title or the evidence of title  
otherwise and with power to buy in the premises at any public sale or to receive either  
on terms or gratuitously any contract and to resell without being answerable for any  
loss and after payment of all expenses attending such sale or sales upon trust to  
divide the surplus equally between my said sons Richard Thornton and Edward  
Dunkley Thornton and my said daughter Elizabeth Wills and Mary Thornton share  
and share alike I bequeath to my said sons William Thornton and Richard  
Thornton my share in my business stock in hand and book debts subject to the  
payment of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the sum of five  
pounds a piece to my said son Edward Dunkley Thornton and my said daughter  
Mary Thornton at the end of twelve months from my decease and also to the payment  
of the sum of three shillings per week to my brother William Thornton during  
the term of his natural life. And I direct that the first payment of the said annuity  
shall commence at the expiration of one week after my said brother shall become  
unable to attend to business I bequeath to my said daughter Mary Thornton  
two beds as at to my said son Richard Thornton a painted set of drawers  
and to my said son Edward Dunkley Thornton an oak set of drawers I bequeath  
the residue of my household furniture plate linen and other household effects  
unto and equally between my said sons William Thornton Richard Thornton  
and Edward Dunkley Thornton and my said daughter Mary Thornton. I  
devise and bequeath all the residue of the real and personal estate to  
where I shall be entitled at the time of my decease (except mortgage and  
trust estates) unto and equally between my said sons William Thornton  
Richard Thornton and Edward Dunkley Thornton and my said daughters  
Elizabeth Wills and Mary Thornton their heirs executors administrators  
and assigns forever always and I do hereby empower the trustees or  
trustee for the time being of this my will to give receipts for all monies  
paid to such trustees or trustee by virtue of this my will and declare that  
such receipts shall exonerate the persons taking the same from liability  
to see to the application of the monies therein mentioned. I appoint my  
said sons William Thornton and Richard Thornton and the said Thomas  
Cowley executors of this my will. And I devise to my said executors their  
heirs and assigns all estates vested in me as mortgagee or trustee or  
in the counties affecting the same. And I direct that my said trustees and  
executors may and mutually allow to each other all expenses  
incurred by them in the execution of this my will and that they shall be responsible  
each for his own acts and defaults only and not for involuntary losses  
and shall be indemnified against all liabilities consequent on the



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execution of this my Will And lastly I revoke all former wills by me made  
and declare this to be my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty six — John Thornton — signed published and declared by the  
said John Thornton the testator as and for his last will and Testament in  
the presence of us present at the same time who at his request in his  
presence and in that of each other have hereunto subscribed our names  
as witnesses — John Alledge, Clerk — John Dunkley, Clerk —

**Proved** at London 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1857 before the Judge by the oaths  
of William Thornton and Richard Thornton the sons and Thomas Corbett  
the Executors to whom Probation was granted having been first duly  
proved to administer

John  
Tucker

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**This is the last Will and Testament**  
of me John Tucker of Bishopstortford in the County of Hertford  
Common Brewer and Distiller that is to say I give devise and  
bequeath unto my said sons James Tucker William Drury Tucker and  
Henry Tucker all of my freehold and leasehold messuages or tenements  
messuages making office lands hereditaments and premises in Bishopstortford  
Bishopstortford aforesaid and elsewhere to hold the same unto my said sons  
James Tucker William Drury Tucker and Henry Tucker their heirs executors  
administrators and assigns according to the nature of the respective  
estates upon trust to sell the same by public auction or private contract  
as soon as conveniently may be after my decease for the most money  
and best price that can be obtained for the same And I also order and  
direct my said sons to sell and dispose of all my copyhold estates and  
premises in like manner And I do declare that the receipts of my said  
sons or the survivors or survivor of them or their heirs executors or  
administrators shall be good sufficient and effectual discharges to  
the respective purchasers of my said estates without such purchasers  
being liable to see to the application or answerable or accountable for  
the misapplication or nonapplication of their respective purchase  
monies or any part thereof Item I give and bequeath unto my said  
sons James Tucker William Drury Tucker and Henry Tucker all my  
household furniture stores in hand ready monies and securities for  
money book debts personal estates and effects whatsoever and  
whosoever upon trust to convert the same into money as soon  
as can be after my decease And (after payment of my just debts and  
funeral and testamentary expenses) to divide the monies arising  
from my said estates and effects into and amongst themselves and all  
my other children in equal shares and proportions And I nominate  
constitute and appoint my said sons James Tucker William Drury  
Tucker and Henry Tucker Executors of this my Will hereby declaring  
that they shall not be answerable or accountable for any loss which  
may happen in or to my estate and effects without their wilful neglect and  
default nor shall the one of them be answerable or accountable for the acts deeds receipts  
neglects or defaults of the other of them but each for his own acts deeds receipts  
neglects and defaults only I revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore  
made In witness whereof I the said John Tucker have hereunto set my hand  
this eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and forty three — John Tucker — signed by the said testator as his  
last will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at  
his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed  
our names as witnesses — William Gee — George Beadle —