

Proved at London the 13th June 1844 with two codicils before the worshipful William Robinson Doctor of Laws and surrogate by the oaths of the Reverend William Stephen Billy Clerk Doctor in Divinity and ?????? ?????? Esquire the Executors according to the ?????? of the will to whom Administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer.

This is the last Will and testament of me James Oliver of the parish of Flitwick in the County of Bedford Farmer I give and bequeath unto my nephew Thomas Oliver who now resides with me (one of the children of my late Brother William Oliver) my nephew Richard Oliver of the parish of Westoning, in the County of Bedford Farmer and my nephew Thomas Coster of York (?) Terrace Regents Park in the County of Middlesex Gentleman my Executors hereinafter named their executors administrators and assigns such a principal sum of money out of my personal estate as will be sufficient to purchase so much stock (according to the the price thereof) in the three pounds per cent consolidated bank ?????? as will produce the annual sum of fifteen pounds twelve shillings and I divert such principal sum to be invested in the purchase of such stock directly or as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and to stand in the names of them the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or in the names or name of the survivors or survivor of them or the executors administrators or assigns of such survivor upon and for the trusts ?????? and purposes hereinafter mentioned declared or expressed of and concerning the same and I give and devise unto them the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster their heirs and assigns all that my freehold messuage or tenement with the ?????? situate and being in the parish of Millbrook in the said County of Bedford or in the occupation of _____ Jackson and also all my copyhold or customary land and hereditaments lying within the Manor of Saint Giles in the Wood otherwise Beechwood in the county of Hertford called Buckwood ?????? now in the occupation of James Messenger and all and singular other the real estate which at the time of my decease I shall or may be seized of or entitled to or over which I have or shall or may have any power of disposition or appointment with the rights members and app??tenances thereto belonging to hold the same unto and to the use of them the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster their heirs and assigns upon and for the trusts intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared of and concerning the same and I give and bequeath all and every my household goods and furniture my ready money monies in any of the public stocks or funds and all such sums of money as shall be due and owing to me at my decease upon mortgage or other specialty my stock in my ?????? as a farmer debts and all the Rest Residue Remainder of my personal chattels effects and property of whatever description of in or (?) to which I or any person or persons In trust for me shall be possessed or entitled at the time of my decease (subject to the investment hereinbefore ?????????? to be made thereout) unto the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster their executors administrators and assigns according to the nature and quality thereof respectively and I declare that my said real and personal estate hereinbefore devised and bequeathed to the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas

Coster their heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively as aforesaid are so devised

and bequeathed upon the trusts intents and purposes and with under and subject to the powers provisos and declarations hereinafter expressed and contained of and couresing the same respectively that is to say upon trust that they the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or the survivors or survivor of them or the heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively of such survivor do and shall with all convenient speed after my decease sell dispose of and convert into money so much of my said personal estate as shall be saleable and collect get in and receive the residue thereof and do and shall absolutely sell or dispose of my said freehold copyhold and real estates either entirely and altogether or in parcels and either by public auction or by private contract or partly by public action and partly bt private contract to any person or persons willing to become the purchaser or purchasers thereof respectively for ????? price or prices or sum or sums of money as to the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or the survivors or survivor of them or the heirs or assigns of such survivor shall seem reasonable and I declare that it shall be lawful for the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or the survivors or survivor of them or the heirs or assigns of such survivor to buy in the same ???ditaments or any part thereof at any auction or auctions and afterwards at any time or times resell the same in manner aforesaid and that they or any or either of them shall not be answerable for any loss expense or dimintion of price which shall be consequent thereupon and also that it shall be lawful if it shall be deemed expedient so to do to ????? or vary the terms of any contract for sale that have been entered into and for promoting and facilitating any such sale or sales I will and direct that they the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or the survivors or survivor of them or the heirs or assigns of such survivor do and shall enter into make and execute all such contracts conveyances surrenders or ?? other assurances which to my said trustees of the survivors or survivor of them of the heirs or assigns of such survivor respectively shall seem reasonable and I declare (?) that the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster and the survivors and survivor of them and the executors administrators and assigns of such survivor do and shall stand and be possessed of and interested in the ??? residue or surplus of the money to arise from the sale or sales hereinbefore directed to be made of my real estates and of the monies to arise and be produced from such sale and con??ion of my personal estate and so to be collected get in and received (?) as aforesaid and of the monies of which I shall be possessed at the time of my decease remaining after payment of my debts funeral and testamentaly charges and expenses and the investment hereinbefore directed to be made upon trust to pay share and divide the same into between and amongst all and every my nephews and nieces hereinafter named (that is to say) the said Thomas Oliver and James Oliver William Oliver Sarah Beethenor (?) and Maria Pryor (the five children of my late Brother William Oliver deceased) and the said Richard Oliver and James Oliver Thomas Oliver Elizabeth Oliver Sophia Oliver

and Mary Aldridye (?) (the six children of my late Brother Thomas Oliver deceased) and John Coster the said Thomas Coster and James Coster (the three children of my late Sister Sarah Coster deceased) who shall be living at the time of my decease and their respective executors administrators and assigns in equal proportions

to and for their own absolute use and benefit respectively and as touching (?) and concerning the said principal sum of money hereinbefore directed to be invested to produce the said annual sum of fifteen pounds and twelve shillings or the stock or fund to be purchased or acquired therewith I will and declare that my said trustees the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster and the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of such survivor do and shall stand and be possessed of and interested in the same upon the trusts and to and for the intents and purposes hereinafter declared or expressed concerning the same that is to say upon trust that they the said Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or the survivors or survivor of them his executors or administrators shall and do during the life of my half sister Elizabeth Morris of Eversholt in the county of Bedford widow pay the interest of dividends arising from the said stock when and as the same shall from time to time arise and be received unto her the said Elizabeth Morris or authorize and empower her to receive the same to and for her own use and benefit and after the decease of the said Elizabeth Morris upon further trust to raise by and out the said stock a sufficient sum of money to satisfy all the funeral expenses of her the said Elizabeth Morris and I direct the same to be paid and satisfied accordingly and also to raise by and out of the said stock the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds sterling and to pay and divide the same in manner following (that is to say) to pay the sum of fifty pounds part thereof unto Martha the wife of William Millard (one of the children of the said Elizabeth Morris) her executors administrators and assigns the sum of fifty pounds other part thereof unto Mary the wife of _____ Rutland (one other of the children of the said Elizabeth Morris) her executors administrators and assigns and ~~Thomas Hobbs of Flitwick (one of the children of my late half sister _____ Hobbs deceased)~~ the sum of fifty pounds residue of the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds unto Martha Hobbs of Flitwick aforesaid the survivor of my late half sister Ann Hobbs deceased her executors administrators and assigns and I direct the said several legacies to be paid as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of the said Elizabeth Morris and as to the residue of the said stock remaining after answering the purposes aforesaid upon trust that they my said trustees Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster or the survivors or survivor of them his executors or administrators shall and do pay marssvide (?) transfer or assign the same unto between and amongst all and every the hereinbefore named children of my deceased Brothers William Oliver and Thomas Oliver and and my deceased Sister Sarah Coster who shall be living at the time of the decease of the said Elizabeth Morris and their respective executors administrators and assigns in equal proportions to and for their own absolute use and benefit respectively I also give and bequeath unto my said trustees Thomas Oliver

Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster their heirs and assigns all such real estates as at the time of my decease shall or may be vested in me upon any trust or by way of mortgage to hold the same upon such trusts and for such intents and purposes as may affect the same but the money due upon any such mortgages to be considered as part of my personal estate And I appoint the said Thomas Oliver (son of my said deceased Brother William Oliver) the said Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster the EXECUTORS of this my will and I hereby revoke all former wills and other Testameniasy dispositions by me at any time heretofore made and my will is and I hereby declare that the receipt or receipts in writing of my said Trustees Thomas Oliver Richard Oliver and Thomas Coster and the survivors and survivor of them and the ??? executors administrators or assigns of such survivor shall be a good and effectual discharge or good and effectual discharges to any person or persons purchasing or dealing with real ??? personal estate or any part thereof or any monies stocks funds or securities to be received transferred or otherwise acquired under the trusts of this my will or any of them for all monies to be paid by him her or them in such respects as aforesaid or any of them and that the same person or persons his her or their heirs executors administrators or assigns shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the loss misapplication or nonapplication of the money which in such receipt or receipts shall be acknowledged to be received or any part thereof and my will further as and I hereby declare that my said trustees and executors or any of them their or any of their heirs executors or administrators shall not be charged or chargeable with or accountable for any more of the trust monies than they shall respectively actually receive or shall come to their respective hands by virtue of this my will although they or any of them may give sign or join in any receipt or receipts for the sake of conformity and that any one or more of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the other or others of them or for the acts receipts neglect or

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James Oliver is my 4x Great Uncle.

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