

Thornton Willows of Leake

This is the last Will and Testament of me Thornton Willows of Leake in the County of Lincoln Shopkeeper and Cottager. First I give and bequeath unto my Dear wife Jane Willows all such Furniture, Beds, Bedding, Linen, and all other necessary articles required to furnish her House, and as my Trustee shall think proper to give to her, and upon her death, I then give and bequeath the same or residue thereof in her possession unto my Daughter Jane the Wife of William Holland Thorpe. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Frances Jane Willows and daughter of my daughter Ann the Wife of John Low, the sum of Five Pounds to be paid her on her attaining the Age of Twenty one years, but to be placed out of Interest on the death of my wife, and also the Interest if any, arising from the said Five Pounds. I give and devise all my real Freehold Messuages, Lands Tenements and Heriditaments which shall belong to me at my decease, of what nature and kind forever, and whereforever situate, unto my Friends Cornelius Margison Alenson of Wrangle Schoolmaster and Miles Wilson of Leake Farmer and William Evison of Wrangel Farmer, their Heirs and Assigns, to hold as to my Real Estate to and to the use of the said Cornelius Margison Alenson, Miles Wilson and William Evison their Heirs and Assigns forever. And I give and bequeath all my Money, Securities for Money and all other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever (except such as herein given to my dear wife) unto the said Cornelius Margison Alenson, Miles Wilson and William Evison their Executors, Administrators and Assigns and shall and be possessed of all my said Real and Personal Estate respectively Upon the Trusts hereafter mentioned. In the first place, I direct that my wife shall have and enjoy a Room and Chamber in the house in which I now live, and also hold and have the Garden and Orchard free from the payment of Rent, for and during the term of her natural Life or so long as she remains my widow. Then I direct that my Trustees shall let the residue of my Real Estate to the best advantage they can, and after paying the interest every year, out of the Rents and Profits thereof, then the residue of the said Rents and Profits shall be paid to my wife by weekly payments or otherwise as my Trustees shall think best, for and during the term of her natural Life or so long as she shall continue my widow. Then I direct that as soon after my decease as conveniently may be my Trustees shall sell and dispose of all the residue of my said Personally and convert the same into Money, and by with and out the same Money, shall pay all my just Debts Funeral and

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Testamentary Expenses, as soon as conveniently may be. Then I direct that from and immediately after the Death or Second Marriage of my dear Wife Jane Willows, that shall first happen that my said Trustees do and shall sell and dispose of all my said Real Estate either by Public Auction or Private Contract, in one lot or separate parcels, to any person or persons and for such price or prices as my said Trustees shall think reasonable with full power and authority, at any Auction to buy in any of the said Freehold Estates, and resell the same at any future Auction or Private Contract in one Lot or in parcels without being answerable for any loss or discrimination in price by such resale. And I do hereby direct and declare that all receipts which shall be given by my said Trustees for any Money to be received under the Trusts of this my Will or to arise from any such sales as aforesaid, shall be good and effectual discharges for the same and the Persons paying the same Money shall not be bound to see the application thereof or be answerable for any misapplication or non application of the same. And that my Trustees shall not be answerable one for the other of them nor for signing receipts for the sake of conformity, nor for involuntary losses. And as to the produce thereof (after paying all expenses attending the Sales and due execution thereof) arising from such Sales as aforesaid, shall be equally divided to and amongst all my Children, namely my son Thornton, and my daughters Mary the wife of William Evison, Ann the wife of John Low, Martha the wife of William Baker and Jane the wife of William Holland Thorpe, or such of them as shall be then alive to whom I give and bequeath the same. And I direct that should any of my said children die, leaving lawful issue, shall take the share or shares of his her or their parent or parents respectively as the original shares. And that it shall be lawful for my Trustees respectively to reimburse themselves, or allow to their Co Trustees their or his costs and expences in discharging the Trusts hereby in them reposed. And I do hereby appoint the said Cornelius Margison Alenson, Miles Wilson, and William Evison, Trustees of this my Will, hereby revoking and making void all former or other wills heretofore made by me. In Witness whereof I the within named Testator Thornton Willows do declare this writing to be my last only Will and Testament, written on one sheet paper and one side only set my hand this ninth day of June, 1851.

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This writing was signed and published by the within named Testator Thornton Willows as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and In his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto, all alterations were made before signing this ninth Day of June 1851.

[signed] John Willcock
 George Wright