

Will of William Dicey (1690-1756)

Note: Paragraph breaks have been added to make the will easier to read; underlines _____ indicate words that I could not read; square brackets [] are words where I am uncertain of the transcription.

In the Name of God Amen I William Dicey¹ Citizen and Leather-Seller of London and now residing in the Town of Northampton being of sound Mind and Memory do make this my last Will as follows

First I will and direct that all my just debts be paid and satisfied out of my personal Estate together with my funeral charges and do desire to be buried as near my Wife as conveniently may be in a decent but private manner.

I give to my eldest Son Cluer Dicey² All that my third part and share of in and unto Doctor Bateman's Pectoral Drops and all other my Medicines and Shares in in Medicines Drops Waters and other Preparations made or vended or to be made prepared or vended at my wholesale warehouse in Bow-Church yard London or elsewhere wherein or whereto I have any Right Property or Interest Together with all that my Messuage Tenement House and Warehouses in Bow Church yard aforesaid and all Appurtenances thereunto belonging and all my Goods and ffurniture in or belonging to the said House And also all my Printing Presses Plates Tools Stock in Trade Utensils and Materials belonging to my Printing Trade or Business used or carried on in London and all my Stock of Printed Royal Sheets Charged and Chargeable nevertheless with the payment of two thousand Pounds of lawful money of Great Britain; one thousand and five hundred pounds part thereof I will and direct shall within the space of five days next after my decease be paid to my said Son Cluer by the Instalments herein after mentioned unto and amongst my Daughters Mary³ Ann⁴ and Charlotte⁵ and the Survivors and Survivor of them share and share alike (that is to say) at and after the Rate of three hundred Pounds yearly and every year until the whole Sum is paid

And I do hereby will and direct that the respective Share Portion and Interest of such of my said Daughters who are or shall be Married at the respective times whereon the said

¹ William Dicey (1690-1756) [[Wikipedia](#)], the Testator, son of Elizabeth née Cluer (1671-1699) and Thomas Dicey (1670-1705), husband of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748).

² Cluer Dicey (1714-1775) [[Wikipedia](#)], son of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), husband of Mary née Nutshaw (1717-1761).

³ Mary Hawkins née Dicey (1723-1802), daughter of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), wife of William Hawkins.

⁴ Ann Hill née Dicey (1728-1802), daughter of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), wife of Benjamin Hill (1727-1774).

⁵ Charlotte Kerr née Dicey (1734-1772), daughter of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), wife of (i) John Yeates (1735-?) and (ii) Dr William Kerr (1738-1824).

Sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds shall by the Instalments aforesaid become due and payable by virtue of this my Will shall be payable and paid to the proper hands of such married Daughter for her and their own sole and separate use and with which or any part thereof their respective husbands shall have nothing to do nor any Power or Controul over and that the several and respective Receipt and Discharge of such married Daughter shall be good valid and sufficient for the same and every Part thereof

And the other five hundred pounds residue of the said Sum of two thousand pounds I will and direct shall with all convenient speed after my decease be by my said Son Cluer laid out in the purchase of one or more Annuity or Annuities for the Life of my Son Robert⁶ to be made payable and secured to him free from all Taxes and other Outgoings and which if the same can be so procured or secured I would have made payable to him Weekly and every Week for his natural Life by as equal weekly payments as may be and until the said Annuity or Annuities shall be procured purchased and settled upon my said Son Robert I Will and Direct that my said Son Cluer do and shall Weekly and every Week pay unto my said Son Robert or his Assigns so much Money as shall and will make up the yearly Sum of thirty Pounds

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Ann and her Heirs for ever All my Messuages ffarm Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Ravensthorpe in the County of Northampton And all that and those my ffarm and Lands in Old otherwise Would in the County aforesaid which I purchased of M^r Willis And all that my Messuage or Tenement Outhouses Ways Passages and Buildings thereto belonging in the Town of Northampton wherein I now dwell and all and singular the Rights Members and Appurtenances to the said Premises belonging

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Charlotte and her Heirs for ever All other my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Old otherwise Would aforesaid And also all other my Messuages Land and Tenements situate or being in the Town of Northampton aforesaid with their and every of their Appurtenances Except my two Seats or Pews in the Gallery in All Saints Church in Northampton aforesaid Which I hereby give and bequeath to my said Daughters Ann and Charlotte and their Heirs equally between them.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Edward Dicey⁷ and unto his Wife and unto my Executors twenty Pounds apiece for Mourning

⁶ Robert Dicey (1720-1757), son of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), husband of Grace née Brown.

⁷ Rev Edward Dicey (1721-1790), son of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), husband of Martha née Scawen (1728-?).

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Daughters Ann and Charlotte one hundred Pounds apiece to be paid them respectively immediately after my decease for their present Occasions

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amy Kilsby⁸ the sum of three hundred Pounds over and besides the Moneys her husband hath had of me which said sum I will and direct shall be paid to her own proper hands twelve Months next after my decease and that her present or any after taken Husband shall have nothing to do with or have any Power over or Controul of the same and that her receipt or Discharge shall be valid and sufficient for the same

All my Printing Presses Printing Tools Stock in Trade Utensils and Materials belonging to my Printing Business in Northampton aforesaid and all my Wooden Cuts for printing Royal Sheets and all the rest and residue of my Personal Estate not before by me disposed of I give and bequeath unto my Executors herein after named *Upon Trust* that they and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor do and shall with all convenient speed after my decease sell and dispose of such Parts thereof as shall be proper to be sold and disposed of for the utmost Money they can get for the same and (after deducting and reserving to him and themselves thereout from time to time all Costs Charges Damages and Expenses which he and they shall from time to time pay bear sustain be put unto expend or suffer in about or any way concerning or relating to the Trust hereby in them reposed which I hereby authorize and empower him them and every of them fo Deduct and Reserve to him and themselves prior to all other Payments) do and shall pay apply divide and dispose of the same to and amongst my Daughters Ann and Charlotte share and share alike and if either of them shall die the whole to go to the Survivor of them

And I do hereby Will and direct that if my said Son Robert shall rather choose to carry on my Printing Business in Northampton than accept and take the Annuity by this my Will directed to be purchased for or secured to him for his Life and shall be desirous of purchasing my said Printing Presses Tools Stock in Trade Cuts Utensils and Materials belonging to my said Printing Business in Northampton aforesaid and within one Month next after my decease do and shall signify in Writing to my said Executors or either of them such his Choice and Desire That then my said Son Cluer shall not lay out or invest the said Sum of five hundred Pounds in the afore mentioned Annuity but the same or so much thereof as shall be necessary for that Purpose shall be laid out in the Purchase of my aforesaid Printing Presses Cuts and Materials in Northampton for him my said Son Robert and the Residue of the Sum of five hundred Pounds if any shall remain shall be paid to my said Son Robert and I do direct and desire my Executors if they shall receive of or from my said Son Robert such Notice as aforesaid to sell unto him my said Son Robert my said Printing Presses Cuts and Materials in Northampton aforesaid And I do hereby further declare my Will to be and do hereby further direct that is my said Son

⁸ Amy Kilsby née Dicey (1727-1758), daughter of the Testator and Mary née Atkins (1690-1748), wife of John Kilsby (1726-1764).

Robert shall neglect or refuse to make such his Option Election or Choice within the time aforesaid and my said Daughter Ann shall be minded or desirous of carrying on my said Printing Business in Northampton aforesaid and shall signify such her Mind and Desire to my said Executors or Either of them in Writing within one Month next after the Expiration of my said Son Robert's limited time for that purpose : That then my said Executors shall give unto my said Daughter the Preference at a fair and reasonable Price in the purchase of my said Printing Business in Northampton aforesaid

And I do hereby Will and Declare that what I have hereby given to my said Daughters who are or shall be Married at my decease shall be accepted deemed and taken in full Satisfaction and Discharge of all Covenants Agreements and Engagements by me entered into or which I shall enter into for payment of any Portion or Portions Sum or Sums of money to them my said Daughters or their Husbands any or either of them previous to or at or after their respective Marriage : And if they or any or either of them or her or their respective Husband shall Sue for or endeavour to recover or get any Sum or Sums of Money by me Covenanted or Agreed to be paid to for or with my said Daughters any or either of them before at or after her or their respective Marriage : That then and in every such case all and every Devise Gift Legacy and Bequest hereby made or given to such of my said Daughters shall be null and void : And I do hereby will and direct that all such Gifts Legacies and Bequeats shall be equally divided between my said other Daughters last mentioned who shall comply with this Will relating to the residue and surplus of my said personal Estate : And I do hereby further declare my will and mind to be that if any or either of my said Sons or Daughters or any or either of the Husband or Husbands for the time being of my said Daughters shall claim sue for or endeavour to get receive or take any Benefit Right Title or Interest of in or unto all or any of my Estates either Real or Personal by virtue or in Pursuance of or under the Custom of the City of London whereof I am a free-Man or shall promote or commence any Suit or Suits touching or concerning my said Estates or any part thereof as the Child or Children of a free-man of the said City of London or under such Right : That then and in such Case I do hereby Will and Direct that all and every the Legacy and Legacies Gift or Devise Gifts or Devises hereby made or given to such of my said Sons or Daughters who or whose Husband or Husbands shall make such Claim or Claims or commence any such Suit or Suits shall not be payable or paid but shall become null and void as to him her or them : And I do hereby give devise and bequeath the legacy and Legacies of him her and them to such of my said other Children who shall acquiesc under this my Will and to the Survivors and Survivor of them in equal Parts and Portions.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Son Cluer Dicey and John Lloyd the younger of the City of London Distiller Executors of this my Will and do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord *Christ* one thousand seven hundred and fifty five. *W^m Dicey*. Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator as his last Will and Testament in the

presence of us who have hereunto at his Request and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other set our Hands as Witnesses. *James Woolston. Alex Phillips Jun^r Tim : Rogers.*

This Will was proved at London before the Worshipful Andrew Coltee Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir George Lee Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven by the Oath of Cluer Dicey the Son of the deceased and one of the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer. Power reserved to make the like Grant to John Lloyd the Younger the other Executor named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same. Exd.

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