

## Will of Sir Thomas Orby (1658-1724)

*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 S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Orby<sup>1</sup> of S<sup>t</sup> Martins in the ffields in the County of Middlesex Barrister being of sound disposing mind memory and understanding (praised be to God for the same) do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and fform following

And first I resign my Soul to him that gave it in humble hopes of the pardon of all my Sins Satisfaction [Inspiration] and Eternall Salvation in and through my Blessed and Glorious Redeemer Jesus Christ and his intercession and Wonderfull Mediation my Body to return to the Earth with as little Pomp and charge as may be in humble hopes and assurance of a Joyfull Resurrection of Soul and Body before and by the means and intersession of that most Sacred Judge and Advocate and Saviour Christ Blessed for ever

And as to such Worldly Estate as God in his infinite Mercy hath blessed me with I dispose those of as followeth

I make and appoint the Lady Charlotte<sup>2</sup> my Dear Wife Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby making all former Wills void and do give and devise to her and her Assigns for Ever all the Mannours Messuages Lands Houses Tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in the Counties of Chester and Lancaster which I am any ways intituled or which were granted demised or limited by Fitton<sup>3</sup> late Earl of Macclesfield to me and my late Brother S<sup>r</sup> Charles Orby<sup>4</sup> Deceased or either of us for the term of Ninety nine Years determinate on lives or otherwise and all my Right Title Interest claim and demand whatsoever of in or to the same together with all my Chattels Real and Personall and all other my Estates and pretensions of what nature soever Recommending to her that she do pay all my Just and Lawfull debts and pay such Wages as shall be due to my Servants at my decease and that she reward them that she shall think worthy or meriting

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Orby, 3rd Baronet Orby of Croyland (1658-1724), the Testator, son of Catherine née Guernier (?-1706) and Thomas Orby 1st Baronet Orby of Croyland (1605-1692), husband of Charlotte née Gerard (1651-1727)

<sup>2</sup> Charlotte Orby née Gerard (1651-1727), wife of the Testator, daughter of Jeanne de Civelles (1613-1671) and Charles Gerard, 1st Earl of Macclesfield (1618-1694).

<sup>3</sup> Fitton Gerard, 3rd Earl of Macclesfield (1663-1702) [Wikipedia], brother in law of the Testator, son of Jeanne de Civelles (1613-1671) and Charles Gerard 1st Earl of Macclesfield (1618-1694).

<sup>4</sup> Charles Orby, 2nd Baronet Orby of Croyland (c1640-1715), brother of the testator, son of Catherine née Guernier (?-1706) and Thomas Orby 1st Baronet Orby of Croyland (1605-1692), husband of (i) Anne née Swinglehurst (1636-1690) and (ii) Anne Hopegood née Caulier (1640-1721).

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this Thirteenth day of September in the Yeare of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred Twentieth and three .. Tho Orby .. Signed Sealed Published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said S<sup>r</sup> Tho Orby in the presence of us who have Subscribed our names as Witnesses Patt Jordan Daniel Clear ff<sup>re</sup> Bretty ..

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Proved at London 20 Feb 1724 - *declaration in Latin, not transcribed.*

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