

Lyddington Manor History Society

William FANCOURT, gentleman of Lyddington

Will proved 1728

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1 In the Name of God Amen
2 I William Fancourt of Liddington in the County of Rutland Gent
3 being of sound and disposing mind and memory praised be God
4 for the same haveing revoked all former Wills by me at any time
5 heretofore made do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
6 in manner and form following (that is to say) Imprimis I give and
7 bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Barbara the sum of twenty
8 pounds and a Suit of Mourning Item I give unto my sons William
9 Fancourt Edward Fancourt and Richard Fancourt and to my son and
10 daughter Jakeman to each and every of them a Suit of mourning
11 Item I give to my said daughter Jakeman Twenty pounds and
12 one of my little Silver Salvers to be paid three months after the
13 death of my Mother Fancourt Item I give to my said Wife all the
14 Furniture in the little Chamber and all my Linnen Brass & Pewter
15 with six Silver Spoons a Silver Coffee Pott a Tea Table with the
16 China and Tea Spoons belonging to it and all my Gold Rings
17 Item I give to my said son William Fancourt my largest Silver
18 Salver and the little silver Cup with the Fancourts Arms on it Item I
19 give to my said son Edward Fancourt my Silver Tankard Item I
20 give to my son Richard Fancourt my other Silver Cup and little Silver
21 Salver All the rest of my household goods I give and bequeath the
22 same unto my said wife and my said sons Edward Fancourt an
23 Richard Fancourt to be equally divided between them share and
24 share alike Item I give to my said Honoured Mother Dorcas
25 Fancourt one Guinea to buy her a Ring Item I give to the poor
26 of Liddington aforesaid the sum of Forty shillings to be distributed
27 amongst them at the discretion of my said wife Item I give to
28 the Vicar of Liddington aforesaid Ten shillings and to my Aunt
29 Wyche and my Cousin Hill and my Cousin Thomas Ridlington of Glaston
30 in the said County of Rutland Gent to each of them a Ring Item

31 I give to such Maid Servant as shall live with me at the time of
32 my decease the summe of Forty shillings to buy mourning All the
33 rest and residue of my Personal Estate of what nature or kind
34 soever and not herein before bequeathed I give and bequeath
35 the same unto my said wife In Trust nevertheless that she my said
36 Wife doth and shall so soon as she conveniently can sell and
37 dispose of the same and the mony arising by Sale thereof to go
38 in augmentation of the Real Estates herein after by me devised
39 for payment of my debts and Legacies and Funerall expenses
40 and the charge of proving this my Will Item I give & bequeath
41 unto my said wife All my Estate Right Title and Interest in
42 Possession Reversion or Remainder of all that my fourth part of
43 Ten parts the whole in Eleven parts to be divided of a Rent
44 charge of one hundred pounds per Annum issueing out of Lands
45 Tenements and hereditaments in Sandhurst in the County of
46 Kent Expectant on the Death of Mrs Susannah Faulkner and all
47 my Lands Tenements and hereditaments scituate lyeing and
48 being in Lubnam alias Lubenham in the County of Leicester with
49 the appurtenances and all my Estate there To hold the same
50 premises with the appurtenances unto my said wife and her
51 heires In Trust nevertheless that she my said wife her heires
52 Executors or Administrators shall sell and dispose of the same
53 Estates by and with the consent of the said Thomas Ridlington &
54 Moses Allin of Liddington aforesaid Gent or one of them at such
55 Rate or Rates as she my said wife her heires Executors or
56 Administrators can get for the same and the money arising by
57 the Sale thereof to be applyed together with the money arising by
58 Sale of my Personall Estate devised to be sold as aforesaid towards
59 paying my debts Legacies and Funerall expenses and the charges of
60 proving this my Will and the remainder of the money arising by
61 the sale of my said Reall and Personall Estate that she my said
62 wife her heires Executors or Administrators do and shall pay the
63 same unto the said Moses Allin of Liddington aforesaid Gent In
64 Trust nevertheless that he the said Moses Allin his Executors or
65 Administrators do and shall with the advice and consent of my said

66 Couzen Thomas Ridlington of Glaston aforesaid Gent put out the
67 same in the name of the said Moses Allin his Executors or *Administrators*
68 upon such Security or Securitys real or personall and at such rate
69 or rates as he can best gett for the same and the yearly Interest
70 and produce therof do and shall pay and apply the same in manner
71 following (that is to say) Twenty pounds per Annum part of the
72 said Interest money to be paid to my said wife dureing the joint
73 lives of my said wife and of my said Mother Fancourt by two
74 equal payments in the year in the Church Porch of Liddington
75 aforesaid at the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin
76 Mary and St Michael the Archangell the first payment thereof
77 to begin and to be made on the first of the said Feasts but one
78 that shall next happen after my decease and my mind and will is
79 that from and after the decease of my said wife and my said
80 Mother or the decease of either of them which shall first happen
81 that the said yearly payment of twenty pounds given to my said
82 wife as aforesaid shall cease and be void and shall not be paid
83 all the rest and residue of the said yearly Interest of the Surplus of
84 my real and personall Estate and also the said Twenty pounds
85 per *Annum* other part of the said Interest given to my said wife as
86 aforesaid so soon as the same shall be at an end by the death of
87 my said wife and Mother or either of them as aforesaid that he
88 the said Moses Allen his Executors or Administrators do and
89 shall pay and apply the same for and towards the maintenance
90 and education of my said sons Edward Fancourt and Richard
91 Fancourt until they attain their respective ages of one & twenty
92 years in such manner and proportion as the Guardian of my
93 said sons shall appoint and my mind and will further is that the
94 acquittance of the Guardian of my said sons shall be a good
95 discharge to the said Moses Allen for the same and as for and
96 concerning the principal money being the Surplus of my real
97 and Personall Estate devised to be sold as aforesaid and by
98 me appointed to be put out to interest in the name of the said
99 Moses Allen his Executor Administrator as aforesaid I Will and
100 appoint the he the said Moses Allen doth and shall pay and

101 apply the same in manner following that is to say Three
102 hundred pounds part thereof unto my son Edward Fancourt and
103 and to my son Richard Fancourt the summe of two hundred pounds other
104 part thereof to be paid them at their respective ages of twenty
105 four years and the residue thereof that he the said Moses Allen
106 doth and shall pay to and divide the same between my said sons
107 Edward Fancourt and Richard Fancourt and my said wife share
108 and share alike and my mind and will further is that in case my
109 said Wife and my said Mother Fancourt shall both of them be
110 living at such time and times as my said sons Edward Fancourt
111 and Richard Fancourt shall attain their respective ages of
112 Twenty four years That then my mind and will is and I hereby
113 order and appoint that the said Moses Allen shall detain four
114 hundred pounds part of the Principall of the Surplus money in his
115 hands to pay and satisfy my said wife her said Annuity and that
116 she shall be contented to take the yearly Interest and produce of
117 the said four hundred pounds in lieu and satisfaction for her said
118 yearly payment of Twenty pounds per Annum given to her
119 during the joint lives of her and my said Mother as aforesaid and
120 that the same shall be paid her in manner aforesaid and my
121 Will and mind is that the residue of the said Principal of the said
122 Surplus money shall be paid by the said Moses Allen to my said
123 sons Edward Fancourt and Richard Fancourt in equall
124 proportions according to their respective Legacies of three hundred
125 pounds and two hundred pounds given to them as aforesaid And
126 if there shall not be sufficient to pay them the full of their
127 respective Legacies I will and appoint that the same shall be
128 made up to them by the said Moses Allen out of the said Four
129 hundred pounds detained in his hands on the account of my said
130 Wifes yearly payment so soon as her said yearly payment shall
131 be at an end And my mind and will is and I hereby empower my
132 said Mother her Executors or Administrators to put and place
133 out my said son Richard to some honest Trade or Employment and
134 that what money she shall agree to pay for or on account of putting
135 him out apprentice that such summe or sums of money shall be paid

136 by the said Moses Allen out of the money that \shall/ come to his hands
137 by virtue of the Trust aforesaid and that the same shall be taken
138 and allowed of by my said son Richard as part of his Legacy
139 herein before by me given to him and my mind and Will further
140 is that the acquittance of such Master or Mistress as my said son
141 Richard shall be put unto shall be a good discharge to the said
142 Moses Allen for the same And I further Will and appoint that
143 if my said sons Edward Fancourt and Richard Fancourt or either
144 of them shall happen to dye before his or their respective Legacies
145 shall become due and payable that the Legacy or Legacies of
146 him or them so dyeing shall go to the Survivor or Survivors of
147 my said Sons Edward Fancourt and Richard Fancourt Item I
148 give and bequeath unto my son William Fancourt and his heires
149 and Assignes All my Freehold and Copyhold Messuages Cottages Closes
150 Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with the appurtenances Scituate
151 Lyeing and being in the Town Feilds and Libertys of Liddington
152 aforesaid and Thorpe by water in the said County of Rutland or in
153 either of them or elsewhere in the said County of Rutland To hold
154 the same unto my said son William Fancourt and his heires and
155 Assignes for ever subject nevertheless and chargeable with
156 Annuity or yearly Rent charge by me given and devised to my said
157 wife in manner as hereinafter mentioned (that is to say)I give &
158 devise unto my said wife one Annuity or yearly Rent charge of
159 eight and twenty pounds per Annum for and during the Terme
160 of her naturall Life clear of all Taxes to be Issueing & payable
161 out of all my reall Estate in the said County of Rutland by me
162 given and bequeathed to my said son William Fancourt as
163 aforesaid by two equall payments in the year in the Church
164 Porch of Liddington aforesaid at the Feasts of the Annunciation
165 of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Feast of St. Michael the
166 Archangell the first payment thereof to begin and to be made on
167 such of the said Feasts as shall first happen next after the
168 decease of my said Mother Fancourt and my mind and will is
169 that in case the said Annuity of Twenty eight pounds per Annum
170 or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of

171 Forty days next after any of the said Feasts or days on which
172 the same ought to be paid as aforesaid that then and so often it
173 shall and may be lawfull to and for my said wife and her Assigns
174 into and upon all or any part of my said Estate charged therewith
175 as aforesaid to enter and distrain for the same and the distress
176 and distresses then and there from time to time to be found to take
177 Lead drive away and impound detain and keep untill the said
178 yearly Rent of twenty and eight pounds per *Annum* and all arrears
179 thereof and all costs and damages occasioned by non-payment
180 of the same shall be fully satisfied and paid And I hereby
181 make and constitute my said Mother Fancourt Guardian for
182 my said sons William Fancourt Edward Fancourt and Richard
183 Fancourt until they attain their respective Ages of one & twenty
184 years and I make and appoint my said wife Sole Executrix of this
185 my last Will and my mind and will Further is that it shall and
186 may be Lawfull to and for my said wife and the said Moses Allen
187 to deduct out of the money that shall come to their hands the
188 necessary charges and Expenses they or either of them shall be
189 at in the managing the Trust by me in them reposed and that they
190 shall not be chargeable or accountable the one for the other or for
191 the Arts neglects or defaults of each other but for their own arts &
192 Deeds only and that he the said Moses Allen his Executors or
193 Administrators shall not be charged or chargeable with the Loss of
194 any money he or they shall put out at Interest by virtue of the
195 Trust by me in him reposed they using their best care to put the
196 same out upon good security or Securitys In Witness whereof I
197 have to this my Will contained in three Sheets of Paper annexed
198 together in the heads thereof to the First and Second Sheets have
199 sett my hand and to the third Sheet have sett my hand and Seal
200 this twentyeth day of March Anno Domini one Thousand seven
201 hundred and twenty seven. W. Fancourt, Signed Sealed Published
202 and declared by the above named William Fancourt the Testator
203 as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who
204 in his presence and at his request have hereinto subscribed our
205 names as Witnesses Mary Barne Wm. Larratt Elizabeth Manton

Summary of Latin Probate clause

Proved at London by Barbara Fancourt widow of deceased, 17th July 1728

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