

## Lyddington Manor History Society

**Thomas KING, farmer of Caldecott**

**Will proved 1755**

### **PROB 11/813**

1 In the Name of God Amen  
2 I Thomas King of Caldecot in the County of Rutland  
3 Farmer being weak in body and declining but of perfect Mind and  
4 Memory thanks be to God for the same Do make this my last Will  
5 and Testament in manner following First I bequeath my Soul  
6 into hands of Almighty God who Gave it me hoping that by the  
7 Meritorious death and passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
8 Christ to have free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and  
9 an Inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven and My Body to  
10 be buried decently after the manner of a Christian Burial  
11 and as for my Worldly Goods as it hath pleased Almighty  
12 God to bestow upon me I Bequeath in manner following  
13 Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto Mary my beloved  
14 wife all that my Freehold house and one fourth part of  
15 my Freehold Close thereto Adjoyning and also one quarter  
16 of a yardland Copyhold which my Uncle William King  
17 purchased of Dorothy Skelton which I have Surrendered or do  
18 intend to Surrender to the use of this my last Will for and  
19 during the Term of her natural life and after her decease  
20 to the Use and behoof of my Son Thomas King his heirs  
21 and Assigns for ever Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my  
22 Son Thomas King all the rest of my Copyhold Estate lying  
23 and being in the Mannor of Caldecot aforesaid with all and  
24 Singular the Appurtenances thereunto belonging when he  
25 comes to the Age of One and Twenty years to him his Heirs  
26 and Assigns for ever Item I Give devise and bequeath unto  
27 my Eldest Daughter Mary King the Sum of One hundred  
28 pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain  
29 when she attains to the years of One and Twenty Item I Give to  
30 my Daughter Ann King the like Sum of One hundred pounds

31 of Good and lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid to her  
32 when she arrives at the age of One and Twenty years My  
33 Will is and I hereby direct that my Brother in law John  
34 Henson of Kings Cliff in the County of Northampton and  
35 my Kinsman Samuel Richardson of Kettering in the  
36 same County of Northampton I do appoint Trustees for my  
37 Children and my Will is and I hereby direct that the Two  
38 Hundred pounds Given to my Two Eldest Daughters Mary  
39 King and Ann King the Trustees shall raise out of the  
40 Personal Estate and be carefully put out to Use that they may  
41 receive the use and principal together at the age of One and  
42 Twenty years Item I Give Devise and bequeath unto my  
43 Daughter Elizabeth King the Sum of One Hundred pounds  
44 of Lawfull Money of Great Britain to be paid by my Son  
45 Thomas King out of the Real Estate when his Sister Elizabeth  
46 King shall attain to the Age of One and Twenty years Item  
47 my Will is and I hereby direct that if my well beloved Wife lives  
48 to bring forth a Child She being at this time pregnant If  
49 it be a Son my Will is and I hereby direct that he shall have  
50 all my Copyhold Estate lying and being in the Mannor of  
51 Great Easton in the County of Leicester to him his heirs and  
52 Assigns for ever which I have Surrendered or do Intend to Surrender  
53 to the use of this my last Will Item but if it shall be a  
54 Daughter My Will is and I hereby direct that my Son Thomas  
55 King shall have my Copyhold Estate in the mannor of Great  
56 Easton aforesaid he paying to his youngest Sister the Sum of  
57 One hundred pounds of good and Lawfull money of Great  
58 Britain when she attains to the age of One and Twenty years.  
59 Item my Will is and I hereby direct that if any one or more of  
60 my Daughters Should die before they come to the age of One  
61 and Twenty years then the other Sisters that are living shall  
62 have their portions equally divided amongst them Item  
63 and for all the Rest and residue of my Goods and Chattels I  
64 Give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife and my Son Thomas  
65 King they paying my Just Debts and Funeral Expences and

66 do make them Sole Executor and Executrix of this my last  
67 Will and Testament Revoking all former Wills by me made  
68 Either by Word or Writing In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
69 set my hand and Seal this Eleventh day of June And in the year  
70 of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Four  
71 *Thomas* King Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence  
72 of William Hill George Brown  
73 John Hand  
74 Be it known unto all Men by these presents that  
75 I Thomas King of Caldecot in the County of Rutland Farmer  
76 have made and declared my last Will and Testament in  
77 Writing bearing date the Eleventh day of June One thousand  
78 Seven hundred and Fifty four I the said Thomas King do by  
79 these presents Codicil Confirm and Ratify my said last  
80 Will and do Give and bequeath unto my Neice Mary King  
81 of Edith Weston in the County of Rutland the Sum of  
82 Five pounds of good and lawfull Money of Great Britain  
83 to be paid by my Executor and Executrix and my Will and  
84 Meaning is that this Will and Codicil or Schedule be and  
85 be Judged to be part and parcel of my said Will and  
86 Testament and that all things therein contained and  
87 mentioned be faithfully Performed in full and Ample  
88 manner in every Respect as if the same were so declared  
89 and set down in my said Will In Witness whereof I the said  
90 Thomas King have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the 13<sup>th</sup>  
91 Day of June 1754 *Thomas* King his mark  
92 Witness William Hill George Brown  
93 John Hand  
94 John Hand of Caldecot in the County of Rutland  
95 Gentleman and George Brown of the same place Miller  
96 two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament  
97 of Thomas King of Caldecott aforesaid Farmer deceased  
98 Severally make Oath as follows And first the said John  
99 Hand for himself Saith that pursuant to the Directions and  
100 Instructions given him by the said deceased he drew the

101 Paper Writing hereunto Annexed purporting to be the last  
102 Will and Testament and Codicil of the said deceased beginning  
103 with the Words (In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas King)  
104 and ending with the Words (and Fifty four) And Subscribed  
105 Thomas King, William Hill, George Brown John Hand)  
106 and Saith that the Several Interlineations Appearing to be  
107 wrote between the Second and third lines the Sixth and  
108 Seventh lines, the Ninth and tenth lines the Eighteenth and  
109 Nineteenth lines and the Nineteenth and Twentyth lines  
110 from the beginning of the said Will were wrote by and with  
111 the proper hand of him this Deponent and were so had  
112 and done before the said Deceased Executed the same And  
113 he the said George Brown for himself Saith that before the  
114 said deceased had Executed the said paper writing hereunto  
115 annexed he observed the Several interlineations Appearing  
116 therein between the said Second and third lines, the Sixth  
117 and Seventh lines, the Ninth and tenth lines, the eighteenth  
118 and Nineteenth lines and the Nineteenth and Twentyth lines  
119 from the beginning of the said will and Saith that the same  
120 were so had and done before Executing the same and are  
121 of the proper hand Writing of the said John Hand he  
122 being well acquainted with his manner and Character of  
123 Hand Writing having often seen him write All which these  
124 Deponents do Severally Depose to be true John Hand  
125 George Brown 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1755  
126 The said John Hand and George Brown were duly Sworn  
127 to the Truth of this Affidavit before me William  
128 Buckley  
129 This Will was proved at London (with a Codicil annexed)  
130 before the Right Honourable Sire George Lee Knight  
131 Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the  
132 Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the  
133 eighth day of February In the Year of our Lord One thousand  
134 Seven hundred and Fifty five by the Oath of Mary King  
135 Widow the Relict of the deceased and one of the Executors

136 named in the said Will to whom Administration was Granted  
137 of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said  
138 deceased She having been first Sworn by Commission duly to  
139 Administer (power reserved of making the like Grant to  
140 Thomas King the Son of the deceased and the other Executor  
141 when he shall apply for the same.

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