

Lyddington Manor History Society

William MORRIS, farmer of Caldecott

Will proved 1825

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1 This is the Last Will and Testament of me William Morris
2 of Caldecott in the County of Rutland Farmer first I will and direct that all my just
3 debts Funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my will shall be fully paid and
4 satisfied by my Executor hereinafter named as soon as may be after my decease & do
5 hereby give and devise unto my Nephew Robert Morris of Caldecott aforesaid victualler
6 all that Messuage or Tenement known by the sign of the Plough Inn in Caldecott
7 aforesaid with the Yard Garden Homestead Outbuildings and Premises thereunto belonging
8 and also all that Close Piece or Parcel of new inclosed Land situate at Caldecott aforesaid
9 adjoining the said Homestead and Premises containing by estimation six acres or
10 thereabouts and also all that Close Piece Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the
11 Lordship or Liberties of Caldecott aforesaid in a certain place called Snelston containing
12 by estimation two acres or thereabouts all which said premises are now in the
13 tenure or occupation of the said Robert Morris to hold the same Messuage Lands
14 Hereditaments and Premises with the appurtenances unto the said Robert Morris his
15 heirs and assigns for ever also I give and devise unto my said Nephew Robert Morris
16 all that Close Piece or Parcel of new inclosed Land situate lying and being in the
17 Lordship or Liberties of Great Easton in the County of Leicester adjoining the Road
18 running from Caldecott aforesaid to Great Easton containing by estimation six acres
19 or thereabouts and now in the occupation of the said Robert Morris to hold the said
20 last mentioned Close Piece or Parcel of Land unto him the said Robert Morris his
21 heirs and assigns for ever subject to and charged and chargeable with the payment of
22 the several legacies hereinafter mentioned that is to say I give and bequeath unto
23 my Sister Hannah Ougden Widow the sum of twenty Pounds also I give and
24 bequeath unto my Nephew James Ougden the sum of twenty pounds also I give
25 and bequeath unto my Niece Mary the Wife of Samuel Osborn of Corby in the
26 County of Northampton Farmer the sum of forty Pounds also I give and bequeath
27 unto my Niece Sarah the Wife of John Goodwin of Ayston in the said County
28 of Rutland Grazier the sum of twenty Pounds also I give and bequeath unto my
29 Niece Jane the Wife of Thomas Johnson of Glaston in the County of Rutland
30 Grazier the sum of twenty Pounds also I give and bequeath unto my Niece Ann the

31 Widow of William Shelton late of Seaton in the County of Rutland Farmer
32 deceased the sum of twenty Pounds all which said several legacies I will and
33 direct shall be paid by my said Nephew Robert Morris within twelve Months
34 next after my decease I do hereby give and devise unto my Wife Mary Morris all
35 that Messuage and Tenement with the Yard Garden ~~Household~~ Homestead and
36 premises there unto belonging situate at Caldecott aforesaid wherein I now dwell
37 to hold the same unto the said Mary Morris and her assigns for and during
38 the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I give
39 and devise the same Messuage or Tenement and Premises with the appurtenances
40 unto my said nephew Robert Morris his heirs and assigns for ever subject
41 nevertheless and chargeable with the payment of the legacy or sum of fifty pounds
42 of lawful money of Great Britain which I do hereby give and bequeath unto
43 my Nephew John Ogden the same to be paid to him at the end of six months
44 next after the decease of my said Wife and in case the said John Ougden shall
45 happen to die in the lifetime of my said Wife then it is my Will and I do hereby
46 direct the same legacy or sum of fifty pounds to be paid unto my Nephew James
47 Ougden at the end of six months next after the decease of my said Wife I give and
48 devise unto my said Nephew Robert Morris all that Close or Piece or Parcel
49 of newly enclosed Land situate lying and being in the Lordship or Liberties of
50 Great Easton aforesaid adjoining the Road leaving from Caldecott to Rockingham
51 containing ~~bes~~ by estimation five acres or thereabouts to hold the same unto the
52 said Robert Morris his heirs and assigns for ever subject nevertheless to the
53 payment of one annuity or yearly sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of
54 Great Britain which I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said Wife Mary
55 Morris for and during the term of her natural life by equal half yearly payments
56 mean of all deductions whatsoever and also subject to the payment of the legacy
57 or sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain which I do
58 hereby give and bequeath unto my great Niece Ann Linnell the daughter of my
59 late Niece Ann the Wife of Edward Linnell the same to be paid and payable by
60 the said Robert Morris within twelve months next after my decease I give and
61 bequeath unto my Wife Mary Morris the legacy or sum of forty pounds the same
62 to be paid to her within six months next after ~~his~~ \my/ decease I give and bequeath unto
63 my Brother Thomas Morris the legacy or sum of sixty pounds also I give and
64 bequeath unto my Niece Ann the Wife of Samuel Allin of Preston in the County
65 of Rutland Farmer the sum of fifty pounds also I give and bequeath unto my

66 Niece Mary the Wife of William Cave of little Oakley in the County of Northampton
67 Farmer the sum of fifty pounds also I give and bequeath unto my Niece Mary the
68 Wife of William Hill of Caldecott aforesaid Tailor the sum of fifty pounds and I
69 hereby declare that the last mentioned legacy or sum of fifty pounds so given and
70 bequeathed the said Mary Hill shall not be in any manner subject or liable to
71 the debts controul or engagements of her present or any future Husband but that
72 the same shall be for her own separate use and benefit and that the receipt of the
73 said Mary Hill notwithstanding her coverture shall be a good and sufficient discharge
74 to the person or persons paying the same also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew
75 James Morris of Leicester in the County of Leicester Baker the sum of twenty pounds
76 also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Samuel Morris of Gretton aforesaid
77 Farmer the sum of forty pounds ~~and \also/~~ I give and bequeath unto my Niece Mary
78 the Wife of ~~William Hill of Caldecott aforesaid Tailor the sum of fifty pounds and I do~~
79 ~~hereby declare that the last mentioned legacy or sum of fifty pounds so given and bequeathed~~
80 ~~to the said Mary Hill shall not be in any manner subject or liable to the debts controul~~
81 ~~or engagements of her present or any future Husband but that the same shall be for~~
82 ~~her own separate use and benefit and that the Receipt of the said Mary Hill~~
83 ~~notwithstanding her coverture shall be a good and sufficient discharge to the person~~
84 ~~or persons paying the same also I give and bequeath unto my Nephew James Morris~~
85 ~~of Leicester in the County of Leicester Baker the sum of twenty pounds also I give~~
86 ~~and bequeath unto my Nephew Samuel Morris of Gretton aforesaid Farmer the~~
87 ~~sum of forty pounds also I give and bequeath unto my Neice Mary the Wife of~~
88 John Ironman of Uppingham in the County of Rutland Victualler the sum
89 of twenty pounds all which said legacies I will and direct shall be paid by my
90 Executors herein after named out of the Residue of my Personal Estate and effects within
91 twelve Months next after my decease I give and bequeath unto my said Wife the use but
92 not the Property of all and singular my Household Goods and Furniture Plate Linen
93 Woollen and China for and during the term of her natural life and from and after
94 her decease I give and bequeath all the Furniture in the Parlour and Chamber over
95 the same except the buffet in the corner of the parlour which I give to my said
96 Nephew Robert Morris together with one half of the Linen and Plate unto my said
97 Great Niece Ann Linnell and I give and bequeath the remaining part of my
98 Plate Linen and Household Furniture after the decease of my said Wife unto the
99 said Mary the Wife of the said Samuel Osborn I give and bequeath unto my said
100 dear Wife all my live Stock Cattle Crops Cropping and Implements in Husbandry

101 and ready monies in the House to and for her own sole use and benefit all the
102 rest residue and remainder of my monies and Securities for money personal estate
103 and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever not
104 hereinbefore bequeathed I give and bequeath the same unto my said Wife and the
105 said Robert Morris equally to be divided between them share and share alike subject
106 as aforesaid and for the more effectually serving the payment of the said Annuity
107 or yearly sum of twenty pounds in case the same shall happen to be in arrear
108 for the space of twenty one days next after the same should or ought to be paid as
109 aforesaid I do hereby give unto my said Wife all such Powers of entry and distress
110 upon the Lands *Hereditaments* and Premises charged with the Payments thereof as are
111 by Law given to Landlords for recovery of Rents received upon Common Loans
112 and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Wife Mary Morris and
113 my said Nephew Robert Morris joint Executrix and Executors of this my Will In
114 Witness wherof I the said William Morris have hereunto set my hand and Seal
115 this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
116 and twenty five the mark of William Morris ○ Signed Sealed Published and declared
117 by the said William Morris the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the
118 presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other
119 have subscribed our names as Witnesses the words I give and bequeath to my Wife
120 Mary Morris the legacy or sum of forty pounds the same to be paid within six
121 Months next after my decease between the eighteenth and nineteenth lines of the
122 second sheet being first interlined and the words ready monies in the House between
123 the eighth and ninth lines of the third and last sheet being also first interlined in the
124 presence of us / John Taylor / Henry Jeffs Senior / Henry Jeffs Junior
125 Proved at London 3rd May 1825 before the Judge by the oaths of Mary Morris
126 widow the Relict & Robert Morris the Nephew the *Executors* to whom *administration* was
granted
127 having been first sworn by Common duly to *administer*.

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