

Lyddington Manor History Society

William MURDOCK, Farmer of Lyddington

Will proved 1811

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1 This is the last Will and Testament of me William Murdock
2 of Liddington in the County of Rutland Farmer First I will and direct that all my
3 just Debts funeral expences and the charges of proving this my Will shall be fully paid
4 and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be after my decease **I do hereby give devise**
5 and bequeath unto my Son William Murdock **All that** Freehold Orchard or piece or
6 parcel of land or Ground situate lying and being at Liddington aforesaid now in
7 my own Occupation (subject to a road or right of way and passage for Horses
8 Carts and Carriages at all times when necessary from the Public road or Town
9 Street in Liddington aforesaid through the said Orchard or piece of
10 Freehold land to a Copyhold Close or piece or parcel of land belonging to me
11 adjoining the West side of the Orchard or piece of Ground) **And also a**
12 small piece of Copyhold Ground at the North end of the Messuage or Tenement
13 wherein I now dwell containing about a yard in length **and also the**
14 timber and stone and other materials lying near to the said Premises with
15 which a House is intended to be built **To hold** to him my said Son William
16 Murdock his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever **I give** and
17 **devise** unto my Wife Mary Murdock and my two friends Thomas Pritty of
18 Liddington aforesaid Farmer and Joseph Pritty of Great Easton in the County
19 of Leicester Farmer and their Heirs **All that** Messuage or Tenement with
20 the Yard Garden Outbuildings and Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate
21 standing and being at Liddington aforesaid wherein I now live (except as
22 before mentioned) **And also all that** Close piece or parcel of land situate
23 lying and being in the Lordship or Liberties of Liddington aforesaid being Copyhold
24 of the Manor of Liddington aforesaid with Caldecott which I have surrendered to
25 the use of this my Will Together with a road or right of way and passage for
26 Horses Carts Carriages and Cattle at all times when necessary to the said Close
27 from the Public road or Town Street in Liddington aforesaid through the Orchard
28 or piece or parcel of land or Ground hereinbefore devised to my said Son
29 William Murdock **And also all that** Close pieces or parcel of land or
30 Ground situate and being in the Lordship or Liberties of Uppingham

31 in the said County of Rutland now also in my own Occupation being
32 Copyhold of the Manor of Preston with Uppingham aforesaid and which
33 I have also Surrendered to the Use of this my Will **To hold** the same and
34 every part and parcel thereof unto the said Mary Murdock Thomas Pritty
35 and Joseph Pritty their Heirs and assigns **Upon Trust** to permit and
36 suffer my said Wife Mary Murdock and her assigns to have hold Occupy
37 possess and enjoy the said Messuage or Tenement two several Closes pieces or
38 parcels of land or Ground and Premises (subject as hereinbefore mentioned) or
39 to receive and take the rents Issues and profits thereof from time to time as they
40 shall become due and payable for and during the Term of her natural life
41 and from and after her decease **I Give** and devise the same Estates unto my
42 four Children Edward Murdock William Murdock Joseph Murdock and Mary
43 Murdock their Heirs and assigns for ever to be equally divided amongst them
44 share and share alike as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants but
45 in case ^{any} one or more of my said Children shall happen to die before he she or they
46 shall attain the age of twenty one years then my Will is that the part or share of
47 him her or them so dying shall go to the Survivors or Survivor of them their his
48 or her Heirs or assigns in equal shares and proportions and not to the respective
49 Heir of each of them so dying **Provided always** and I do hereby will and
50 direct my said Trustees Mary Murdock Thomas Pritty and Joseph Pritty and
51 the Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of such Survivor
52 to raise by Sale or Mortgage of all or any part of my said Copyhold Estates any
53 Sum or Sums of Money they may think proper for the Advancement of any of my
54 said Children either as Apprentice fees Marriage portions or otherwise so that each
55 Child does not receive in the whole more than one fourth part of the value of my
56 said real Estates **And** I do hereby order and direct that whatsoever sum or
57 sums of Money shall be advanced by my said Trustees or the Survivor of them his
58 or her Executors or Administrators to any one or more of my said Children
59 shall (after my said Wife's decease) be deducted from the part or share he she or
60 they would have been entitled unto from the value or produce of the whole of
61 my said Copyhold Estates if such Advancement had not been made to him
62 or them so that upon the final division of my said Copyhold Estates each of
63 my said Children shall receive one fourth part or share thereof **And** for the
64 better facilitating the Sale or Mortgage of all or any part of my said Copyhold
65 Estates and for the more effectual Security of the Purchaser or purchasers or

66 person or persons advancing any Sum or Sums of Money by way of Mortgage
67 thereon **I do** hereby declare that the receipt or receipts of the said Mary
68 Murdock Thomas Pritty and Joseph Pritty or the Survivors or Survivor of
69 them or the Heirs Executors or Administrators of such Suvivor shall be ^a good
70 and sufficient discharge to the purchaser or Purchasers Mortgagee or Mortgagees
71 of my said Copyhold Estates or any part or parcel thereof for so much
72 of his or their respective Purchase Money or Mortgage Money as in such Receipt
73 or receipts shall be expressed to be received And that from and after payment
74 of such Purchase Money or Mortgage Money to the said Mary Murdock Thomas
75 Pritty and Joseph Pritty or the Survivor of them or the Heirs Executors or
76 Administrators of such Survivor such Purchased or Purchasers Mortgagee or
77 Mortgagees shall be answerable or accountable for any loss misapplication
78 or nonapplication of such purchase or Mortgage Money or any part thereof
79 **All** my ready Money Securities for Money Household Goods plate Linen and
80 Woollen stock upon my Farm and lands Implements of Husbandry Debts effects
81 and all and every other my Personal Estate and effects of what nature or
82 kind soever whereof I shall die possessed or be any ways entitled unto at the time
83 of my decease **I do** hereby **Give** and bequeath the same unto my said Wife Mary
84 Murdock Thomas Pritty and Joseph Pritty their Executors and Administrators
85 **Upon trust** that they the said Mary Murdock Thomas Pritty and Joseph
86 Pritty or the survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor
87 do and shall sell and dispose therof and the Money arising therefrom after
88 payment of all expences attending the same I Will and direct that they the
89 said Mary Murdock Thomas Pritty and Joseph Pritty or the Survivior ot them
90 or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do and shall place the same
91 out at Interest upon Government or real Security or Securities in their names
92 and pay and apply or permit and suffer my said Wife Mary Murdock and
93 her assignes to receive the Interest Dividends and produce arising therefrom for
94 and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease I Give
95 and bequeath the whole of my said Personal Estate unto my said four Children
96 Edward Murdock William Murdock Joseph Murdock and Mary Murdock to be
97 equally divided amongst them share and share alike **Provided always**
98 I do hereby further Will and direct my said Trustees Mary Murdock Thomas
99 Pritty and Joseph Pritty and the Survivor of them and the Executors and
100 Administrators of Such Survivor from time to time as they may think proper

101 to advance and pay to or for the use of any of my Children such Sum or
102 Sums of Money as they shall think fit either as Apprentice Fees Marriage Portions
103 or otherwise for their Advancement in life so that each Child does not received in
104 the whole more than one fourth part of the produce of my said Personal Estate
105 **And** I do hereby order and direct that whatever Sum and Sums of Money
106 shall be advanced by said Trustees or the Survivor of them or the Executors
107 or Administrators of such Survivor to any one or more of my said Children
108 shall after my Wife's decease be deducted from the part or share he or
109 she would have been entitled unto from the produce of the whole of my said
110 personal Estate if such Advancement had not been made to him her or them
111 so that upon the final division of the produce of my said Personal Estate each
112 of my said four Children shall receive one fourth part or share thereof **And**
113 my further Will is and I do hereby declare that my said Trustees or the survivor
114 of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall not nor shall
115 any of them be charged or chargeable with or accountable for any more Money
116 than shall actually ^{be received} by him her or them in pursuance of the Trusts in this
117 my Will or with or for any loss or losses which shall or may happen or arise
118 by placing the said Monies in any Banker's hands for safe custody for a
119 short time until the same can be placed out upon some sufficient Security
120 or Securities or by laying out and investing the same or any part thereof at
121 Interest upon Government or other Security as hereinbefore directed so as the
122 same happen without his her or their willful neglect or default or with or
123 for any damage loss or insufficiency that shall arise or ensue for or on
124 account of any part of the said Monies that shall be lent upon Mortgage or
125 otherwise nor shall the said Mary Murdock Thomas Pritty and Joseph Pritty or the
126 Survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor be Answerable or
127 accountable for the Acts Deeds Receipts or disbursements of the other or others of them
128 touching the trusts hereby reposed in them but each of them for his own Acts Deeds
129 Receipts and disbursements only **And** that it shall and may be lawful to and for
130 my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators
131 of such Survivor by and out of the Monies he ^{her} or they shall respectively receive to
132 reimburse himself herself and themselves respectively all such loss Costs Charges
133 damages and expences as he she or they shall or may sustain or be put unto
134 bear or pay for or by reason of the trusts in them reposed or the nonpayment
135 or execution thereof **And Lastly** I do hereby nominate Constitute and

136 appoint the said Mary Murdock sole Executrix of this my last Will and
137 Testament hereby revoking all former Wills **In Witness** whereof I the said
138 William Murdock the Testator to this my last Will and Testament written
139 and contained on four Sheets of paper have to the three first sheets thereof
140 set my hand and to this fourth and last Sheet my hand and Seal this
141 twenty second day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight
142 hundred and ten.

143 **Signed Sealed** Published and declared by the Testator *Wm Murdock*

144 William Murdock as and for his last Will and Testament in the
145 presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the
146 presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses
147 thereto W^m. B. Brown Tho^s Sewell John Clarke
148 Clerk to Mess^{rs}. Warren V Churchill

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