

Lyddington Manor History Society

Benjamin MERES, yeoman of Caldecott

Will proved 1809

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1 This is the last Will
2 and Testament of me Benjamin Meres of Caldecott
3 in the County of Rutland Yeoman first I give and
4 devise unto Joanna Meres my wife all that Cottage
5 called Balls' Cottage situate in Caldecott and also
6 that one orchard called Balls' Orchard abutting upon
7 the said Cottage in Caldecott aforesaid lately purchased
8 of Robert Fairchild and Sarah his wife with the
9 appurtenances thereto belonging to hold to her my said wife
10 Joanna Meres for and during the term of her natural
11 life and from and after her decease then I give and
12 devise the same unto my Sons and Daughters namely
13 John Meres Benjamin Meres Samuel Meres Abraham
14 Meres Mary Johnson of Little Daulby in the County of
15 Leicester widow and Sarah Roe of London Sister to
16 the above to be equally divided and to take as Tenants
17 in Common not as joint Tenants immediately after
18 my said wife Decease to them my said Sons and
19 Daughters John Meres Benjamin Meres Samuel Meres
20 Abraham Meres Mary Johnson and Sarah Rowe to them
21 their heirs and assigns for ever also I give and devise all
22 my household Goods unto my said Wife Joanna Meres
23 during her natural life then immediately after her
24 Decease I give the same unto my Sons and Daughters
25 John Meres Benjamin Meres Samuel Meres
26 Abraham Meres Mary Johnson and
27 Sarah Roe to be equally divided share and share
28 alike between them my sons and daughters to
29 them their heirs and assigns for ever also I give and
30 devise unto my said Wife Joanna Meres the yearly

31 Legacy of Ten pounds which was given to Mr. Benjamin
32 Meres and Joanna Meres my wife by the Right Honorable
33 Lord Carbury of Laxton and now paid yearly on Christmas
34 Day to me Benjamin Meres by Edward Wigley Hartop Esq.
35 Little Daulby Leicestershire which said sum of Ten pounds I
36 give to Joanna Meres my wife on this Condition that is to
37 say it is my Mind and will that my said Son Samuel
38 Meres ehall receive the Yearly sum of Edward Wigley
39 Hartop Esquire and to provide my said wife Cloathing
40 to pay a woman to take care and look after her my said
41 wife during her natural life and for my said Son
42 Samuel Meres to apply the said Sum of Ten pounds
43 yearly to the use of my said wife in the best
44 manner that he shall think and judge also I give
45 and devise unto Joanna Meres my wife and all my
46 Sons and Daughters Being John Meres Benjamin Meres
47 Samuel Meres Abraham Meres Mary Johnson and Sarah
48 Roe all that Legacy that my Cousin John Walter
49 Gentleman gave me by his last will and Testament which
50 Legacy \or sum/ is not properly known to me Benjamin Meres
51 at this present time which said Legacy or Sum of Money
52 I give and devise unto Joanna Meres my said wife and all
53 my Sons and Daughters John Meres Benjamin Meres Samuel
54 Meres Abraham Meres Mary Johnson and Sarah Roe to be
55 equally divided share and share alike between them my
56 said wife Sons and Daughters to them their heirs and
57 assigns for ever and also I do hereby nominate and appoint
58 him my said Son Samuel Meres to be Executor of this
59 My last Will and Testament hereby revoking all
60 former will and Wills by me at any time heretofore
61 made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
62 and Seal this fifth day of January in the Year of our
63 Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven - Benjamin Meres
64 (S&S) Signed sealed published and declared by the above
65 named Benjamin Meres the Testator as and for his

66 last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have
67 subscribed our names as Witnesses to the same in the
68 presence of the said Testator and of each other - James
69 Muggleton - the mark of Richard ?Viccars X
70 William Warwick

Summary of Latin Probate clause

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Prerogative Court of Canterbury

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Appurtenances (orchard), Family, Location (Caldecott, Balls Cottage)