

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Appurtenances (tenement, homestead, outbuildings), Buildings, Crops, Family, Farmstock, Land (garden, yard), Valuables, Livestock, Location (Ayston, Caldecott, Plough Inn, Corby, Glaston, Great Easton, Gretton, Little Oakley, Preston, Seaton, Snelston, Uppingham) Occupant