

## Lyddington Manor History Society

John RIDGLEY, weaver of Lyddington

Will proved 1730

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1 In the Name of God Amen I John Ridgley of Liddington in the County of  
2 Rutland Weaver being of perfect memory and Rememberance Praised be God Doe make and  
3 ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form Following  
4 First I Bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping that  
5 through the meritorious Death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and  
6 Redeemer To receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins And as for my Body to be  
7 Buried in Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated:  
8 Item I give To John Ridgley my Eldest Son All that Quartern of Copyhold Land containing  
9 by Estimation Seven Acres and a half be the same more or less lying dispersedly in the Fields  
10 and Meadows of Liddington abovesaid with all and Singular the Appurtenances now in  
11 my Occupation To be to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever provided he shall pay or cause  
12 to be paid To my Three Children (by Name) Katherine Ridgley, James Ridgley & Anthony  
13 Ridgley The several Sums of mony Following (That is to say) To Katherine Ridgley The  
14 sum of Twenty pounds of Lawfull mony of Great Britain when she shall attain the age  
15 of Twenty one years. To James Ridgley my Second Son the sum of Twenty pounds of  
16 Lawfull mony of Great Britain when he shall attain the age of Twenty one years:-  
17 To Anthony Ridgley my youngest Son The sum of Twenty pounds of lawfull mony of  
18 Great Britain when he shall attain the age of Twenty one years And if my Son John Ridgley  
19 shall happen to dye before he attains the Age of Twenty one years Then my Will is that  
20 my before mentioned Quartern Land shall be to my Second Son James Ridgley & his heirs and  
21 Assigns for ever provided he shall pay or cause to be paid the respective Sums before  
mentioned to  
22 my respective Children above named and at such times as is before limited  
23 Item I give To Bridgitt my loveing wife All That Cottage of Copyhold wherein I now dwell  
24 with the Barns Stables Yard Orchard Gardens and close of pasture adjoining thereunto with all  
25 and Singular the Appurtenances to the said Cottage belonging To be to her during the Term of  
26 her Natural life and after her decease Then my will is That the aforesaid Cottage with the  
appurtenances  
27 shall be to my Son John Ridgley and his heirs & Assigns for ever provided he shall pay or  
28 cause to be paid the several sums of mony to These my Children as follows (That is to say)

29 The sum of Twenty pounds of lawfull mony of Great Britain; To my Second Son James  
30 Ridgley & likewise to my youngest son Anthony Ridgley The sum of Twenty pounds of  
31 Lawfull mony of Great Britain And also To \my/ youngest Daughter Katherine Ridgley The  
sum  
32 of Twenty pounds of lawfull mony of Great Britain And that all these last mentioned  
33 payments shall be made within one year after my said wifes decease  
34 Item I give to my Eldest Daughter Anne Ridgley the sum of Forty pounds of lawfull  
35 mony of Great Britain to be paid by my Executours hereafter named when my Son John  
36 Ridgley shall or should attain the age of Twenty one years  
37 Item all the rest of my Goods and Chattles whatsoever I give and bequeath unto Bridgitt my  
38 loveing wife and John my Eldest Son They paying my Debts legacies & funeral Expenses  
39 and doe make and ordain them Joynt Executours of this my last Will and Testament  
40 and have surrendered my Copyhold Estate to the use of my Will according to the Custome  
41 of the Manner of Liddington and Caldecott In Wittness whereof I have \hereunto/ sett to my  
hand  
42 and Seal the Seventeenth day of September Anno quid *Domini* 1727  
43 Signed Sealed and delivered      John Ridgley  
44 In the presence of  
45 Edmund Sismey  
46 Martha Sismey  
47 John Townsend

## Cover

The last will and testament of John Ridgley of Liddington

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Appurtenances (barns, cottage, gardens, orchard, stables) Family, Land (pasture, meadow, yard),  
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