

## Last Will and Testament of George Cross Sr.

This is the last Will and Testament of me George Cross the elder of Winslow in the County of Bucks late Blacksmith and now Maltster First I give and devise unto my son or reputed son George Cross the younger of Winslow aforesaid Draper All that and those my freehold messuage or tenement Blacksmiths shop and premises situate standing and being in Steeple Claydon in the said County of Bucks and also the plot or allotment of land set out by the commissioners for inclosing lands in the parish of Great Horwood in the said County of Bucks in lieu of my copyhold common rights in the said parish containing two roods and twenty seven perches or thereabouts with the respective rights members and appurtenances to the said respective hereditaments and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining To hold the same and every part thereof unto and to the use of the said George Cross the younger his heirs and assigns for ever also I give and devise unto the said George Cross the younger and my friends David Thomas Willis of Winslow aforesaid Gentleman and Thomas Burgess of the parish of Winslow aforesaid Farmer All and every my freehold copyhold and other messuages cottages closes lands hereditaments real estate and premises whatsoever situate standing lying and being in the several parishes of Winslow aforesaid North Marston and Great Horwood in the said County of Bucks not herein before otherwise disposed of with the rights members . . . To hold the same . . . unto and to the use of the said George Cross the younger David Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess their heirs and assigns upon trust nevertheless as hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) upon trust during the minority of John Cross son of the said George

[p.2] Cross the younger to permit and suffer the said George Cross the younger or his assigns to occupy or receive the rents and profits of the copyhold messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell with the malting outbuildings yard and garden thereto belonging and also the cottage in two tenements situate and being near thereto and in the respective occupations of Sarah King spinster and Penelope Dudley widow and also my freehold messuage tenement or public house situate . . . in North Marston aforesaid called or known by the name or sign of the Bell and the cottage or tenement and yard or piece of ground thereunto adjoining and belonging in the occupation of William Allen and his assigns and also the barn passage and piece of ground situate . . . in North Marston aforesaid which I purchased of Mary Fowler widow with the right members . . . he the said George Cross the younger and his assigns keeping the same in good and tenantable repair and insured from loss or damage by fire And when and so soon as the said John Cross shall arrive to the age of twenty one years I give and devise unto the said John Cross All and every the said copyhold freehold messuages cottages tenements malting hereditaments and premises situate . . . in the several parishes of Winslow and North Marston aforesaid hereinbefore particularly described with the rights members . . . To hold the same and every part thereof unto and to the use of . . . John Cross his heirs and assigns for ever And upon further trust during the minority of William Henry Cross son of . . . George Cross the younger to permit and suffer . . . George Cross the younger or his assigns to receive the rents and profits of all that my copyhold . . . in Great Horwood . . . in the occupation of Henry Dancer and called or known by the name or sign of the Crown with the cottage or tenement thereto adjoining in the occupation of [blank space] Munday And all that freehold allotment or piece of ground containing three perches or thereabouts lying in front of the said messuage or tenement with the rights members . . . the said George Cross the younger and his and his assigns keeping the same in good and tenantable repair . . . And when and so soon as the said William Henry Cross shall arrive to the age of twenty one years I give and devise unto . . . William Henry Cross . . . All and every my said copyhold . . . in Great Horwood aforesaid with the rights members . . . To hold the same . . . to the use of \the said/ William Henry Cross his heirs and assigns for ever And upon further trust during the minority of Ann Cross the daughter of the said George Cross the younger to permit and suffer the said George Cross the younger . . . to occupy and enjoy or receive the rents and profits of All that my copyhold close piece or parcel of land or ground situate . . . in the parish of Winslow aforesaid in my own occupation and which I sometime since purchased of William Bowles [?=Bowler] with the rights members . . . he the said George Cross the younger keeping the same in good heart plight and condition and the Cowhouse gates mounds fences thereto belonging in good and tenantable repair And when and so soon as the said Ann Cross shall arrive to the age of twenty one years I give and devise unto the said Ann Cross the said close

[p.3] piece or parcel of land or ground hereinbefore mentioned . . . in Winslow aforesaid with the rights . . . To hold the same . . . to the use of the said Ann Cross her heirs and assigns for ever And my mind and will is that in case the said George Cross the younger shall depart this life previous to the said John Cross William Henry Cross and Ann Cross or any or either of them attaining the age of twenty one years I hereby authorise and empower the said David Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess and the survivor of them and his heirs to receive the rents and profits of the said hereditaments and premises hereinbefore given and devised to the said John Cross William Henry Cross and Ann Cross respectively and by and out

of the same to pay all charges and expences of keeping the same in good and tenantable repair and the buildings insured from loss or damage by fire and all expences of letting the said hereditaments and premises and receiving the rents and profits thereof and to apply and dispose of the surplus of such rents issues and profits respectively after answering the purposes aforesaid in for and towards the maintenance education and support of the said minor devisee or devisees respectively or otherwise for their respective benefit as the said David Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess or the survivor of them or his heirs shall think fit and in case the said John Cross William Henry Cross and Ann Cross or any or either of them shall depart this life under the age of twenty one years and without issue then and in such case I give and devise the several hereditaments and real estate and premises herein before given and devised to them him or her so dying with the respective rights . . . unto the survivors or survivor of them the said John Cross William Henry Cross and Ann Cross To hold the same unto the survivors or survivor of them . . . and their respective heirs and assigns as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and in case the said John Cross William Henry Cross and Ann Cross shall all depart this life under the age of twenty one years and without issue then and in such case I give and devise the several hereditaments . . . hereinbefore given and devised to them respectively with the respective rights members . . . unto the said George Cross the younger his heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath unto the said John Cross William Henry Cross and Ann Cross All my household goods and furniture plate linen beds bedding brewing and dairy utensils chattels and effects which shall at my decease be in and about my dwelling house in Winslow aforesaid equally to be divided between them share and share alike when and as they shall severally attain the age of twenty one years with benefit of survivorship among them as to the share or shares of either or any of them dying under that age also I give devise and bequeath unto the said George Cross the younger all the rest and residue of the real estates if any and also of my goods chattels furniture ready money and utensils stock in trade book debts rights and credits Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature and kind soever the same may be which I may die possessed of interested in or entitled unto and not hereinbefore by me otherwise disposed of To hold the same . . . and all my estate and interest therein and thereto unto the said George Cross the younger his heirs executors administrators and assigns absolutely according to the several natures and tenures thereof subject nevertheless to the payment of all such debts as I may justly owe at the time of my

[p.4] decease my funeral and testamentary expences And I \do/ hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said George Cross the younger David Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess joint executors of this my last will and testament and hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made And my mind and will further is and I hereby declare and direct that it shall be lawful for my said executors and trustees by and out of the monies which shall or may come to their hands by virtue of this my will to deduct retain to and reimburse themselves and himself and each other respectively all such losses costs charges and expences as they or any or either of them may bear pay sustain expend or be put unto in or about or by reason or means or on account of the performance and execution of all or any of the trusts hereby in them reposed in any respect whatsoever and that notwithstanding his appointment as a trustee and executor under this my will the said David Thomas Willis shall be entitled to his proper fees and charges for any professional business he may transact in the execution of the trusts aforesaid and also that they my said executors and trustees and any or either of them shall not be charged or chargeable with or answerable or accountable for any more of the trust estates and property than what shall come to their hands or custody respectively by virtue of this my will nor with or for any loss damage or diminution that may happen to the same or any part thereof so as it happen not through any or either of their wilful default or neglect nor shall the one of them be answerable or accountable for the other or others but each of them for himself and his own acts defaults and neglects only In witness whereof I the said George Cross the elder and testator have to every sheet of this my last will and testament contained in five sheets of paper set my hand this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two – George Cross Sen [signature] this Sheet and the four sheets of paper hereto annexed were severally signed by the said George Cross the elder and testator in the joint presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have here unto subscribed our names as witnesses thereof – Char Willis [signature] Wm Lee Grace [signature] his clerk

Proved at London 5th January 1846 before the Worshipful Joseph Phillimore Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oaths of George Cross (formerly the younger) and David Thomas Will two of the Executors to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn duly to administer Power reserved of making the like Grant to Thomas Burgess the other Executor when he shall apply for the same.

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named in trust for such person or persons and to and for such intents and purposes and for such estate or estates as shall name and declare in writing certain sealed instructions which will be found at the time of my decease in the lower tray of my jewel box and which said sealed instructions may be considered to form part of this my will and may be opened and read by my executor and executrices or one of them on the day after my decease they further made oath that shortly after the death of the deceased they made diligent search in the aforesaid jewel box which was usually kept in the deceased's bedroom and the key whereof was found in the possession of the deceased at the time of her death and also in all the depositories of the said deceased for any sealed instructions as aforesaid but that they were unable to discover any such instructions nor did they find in the said jewel box nor elsewhere any paper or document purporting to be instructions or application to the deceased usual legal advice but cannot ascertain that any testamentary papers were prepared for the said deceased save the last will and testament now produced and bearing date as aforesaid. *W. Short* on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1845 the said William John Short was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me. *W. Robinson* Jux. - *Pres't* *Westborough Bedford* noty pub<sup>e</sup> - *Catherine Nelson* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1846 the said Catherine Nelson was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me. *Robert J. Phillimore* Jux. - *Pres't* *Westborough Bedford* noty pub<sup>e</sup>.

**Proved** at London 5<sup>th</sup> January 1846 before the lawful William Robinson Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oath of William John Short the brother and one of the executors to whom a commission was granted showing that first sworn duly to administer power reserved of making the life grant to the said Catherine Nelson widow and Sarah Sandys wife of George Sandys the said sister and other executors which they shall apply for the same.

# This is the last Will and Testament

of me George Cross the elder of Winslow in the County of Bucks late in the County of Bucks and now of the County of Bucks first give and devise unto my son or reputed son George Cross the younger of Winslow aforesaid paper and parchment and those my freehold messuages or tenements in the County of Bucks and premises situate standing and being in the County of Bucks in the said County of Bucks and also the plot or allotment of land set out by the Commissioners for improving lands in the parish of Great Wood in the said County of Bucks in lieu of my copyhold tenements in the said parish and containing two roods and twenty seven perches or thereabouts with the respective rights members and appurtenances to the said respective tenements and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said George Cross the younger and to the use of the said George Cross the younger and every part thereof unto and to the use of the said George Cross the younger and my friends David Thomas Willis of Winslow aforesaid Gentleman and Thomas Burgess of the parish of Winslow aforesaid farmer all and every my freehold copyhold and other messuages cottages houses and lands tenements hereditaments real estate and premises whatsoever situate standing lying and being in the several parishes of Winslow aforesaid in the County of Bucks and Great Wood in the said County of Bucks not aliened before otherwise disposed of with the rights members and appurtenances thereto respectively belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said George Cross the younger David Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess their heirs and assigns upon trust nevertheless as herein after mentioned that is to say upon trust during the minority of John Cross son of the said George

*George Cross*  
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Cross the younger to permit and suffer the said George Cross the younger or  
 his assigns to occupy or receive the rents and profits of the copyhold tenement  
 messuage or tenement whereunto now dwell with the making out buildings  
 yard and garden thereto belonging and also the cottage in two tenements  
 situate and being near the said and in the respective occupations of Sarah  
 and Penelope Sudley widow and also my freehold messuage kitchen  
 or public house situate standing and being in or out of the said aforesaid a  
 called or known by the name or sign of the shell and the cottage or in the  
 tenement and yard or piece of ground therewith adjoining and belonging  
 in the occupation of William Effley and his assigns and also the barn or  
 passage and piece of ground situate and being in or out of the said aforesaid  
 said Walter & purchased of Mary Fowler widow with the rights members  
 and appurtenances therewith respectively belonging or in anywise  
 appertaining to the said George Cross the younger and his assigns keeping  
 the same in good and tenurable repair and insured from loss or damage  
 by fire and when and so soon as the said John Cross shall arrive to the  
 age of twenty one years I give and devise unto the said John Cross  
 all and every the said copyhold and freehold messuages cottages tenements  
 making hereditaments and premises situate standing and being  
 in the several parishes of Winstow and North Marston aforesaid in  
 the several parts particularly described with the rights members and appur-  
 tenances therewith respectively belonging or in anywise appertaining to  
 the said John Cross and every part thereof unto and to the use of the said  
 John Cross his heirs and assigns for ever and upon further trust during  
 the minority of William Henry Cross son of the said George Cross the  
 younger to permit and suffer the said George Cross the younger or his  
 assigns to receive the rents and profits of all that my copyhold messuage  
 tenement or public house situate standing and being in Great Rowood  
 aforesaid in the occupation of Henry Damer and called or known by the  
 name or sign of the Croon with the cottage or tenement thereto  
 adjoining in the occupation of Monday and all that freehold  
 allotment or piece of ground containing three perches or thereabouts  
 lying in front of the said messuage or tenement with the rights  
 members and appurtenances therewith respectively belonging or in any  
 appertaining to the said George Cross the younger and his  
 assigns keeping the same in good and tenurable repair and insured  
 from loss or damage by fire and when and so soon as the said William  
 Henry Cross shall arrive to the age of twenty one years I give and  
 devise unto the said William Henry Cross all and every my said copy-  
 hold and freehold messuage tenement or public house cottage or kitchen  
 piece of ground hereditaments and premises lastly herebefore  
 mentioned situate standing and being in Great Rowood aforesaid  
 with the rights members and appurtenances therewith respectively  
 belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said John Cross and his  
 assigns for ever and upon further trust during the minority of Anne  
 Cross daughter of the said George Cross the younger to permit and  
 suffer the said George Cross the younger or his assigns to occupy and  
 enjoy or receive the rents and profits of all that my copyhold house  
 or parcel of land or ground situate lying and being in the parish of Winstow  
 aforesaid in my own occupation and which I sometime purchased of  
 William Howles with the rights members and appurtenances therewith  
 belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said George Cross the younger  
 keeping the same in good heart plight and condition and the cowhouse  
 gable windows and fences thereto belonging in good and tenurable repair  
 and when and so soon as the said Anne Cross shall arrive to the age of  
 twenty one years I give and devise unto the said Anne Cross the said house

piece or parcel of land or ground herebefore mentioned situate and  
 being in view aforesaid with the rights members and appurtenances  
 thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining to hold the same and all  
 every part thereof unto and to the use of the said John Cross his heirs and  
 assigns forever and my will is that in case the said George the  
 Cross the younger shall depart this life previous to the said John Cross or  
 William Henry Cross and John Cross or any or either of them attaining at  
 the said age of twenty one years I hereby authorize and empower the  
 said David Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess and the survivor of them or  
 any of them to receive the rents and profits of the said hereditaments in  
 and premises herebefore given and devised to them the said John  
 Cross William Henry Cross and John Cross respectively and by and out of  
 the same to pay all charges and expenses of keeping the same in good  
 and tenurable repair and the buildings insured from loss or damage  
 by fire and all expenses of letting the said hereditaments and premises  
 and receiving the rents and profits thereof and to apply and dispose of the  
 surplus of said rents issues and profits respectively remaining after the  
 answering the purposes aforesaid in for and towards the maintenance  
 education and support of the said minor devisee or devisees respectively or  
 otherwise for their respective benefit as the said David Thomas Willis and  
 Thomas Burgess or the survivor of them or any of them shall think fit and  
 in case the said John Cross William Henry Cross and John Cross or any or  
 either of them shall depart this life under the age of twenty one years and  
 without issue then and in such case I give and devise the several heredita-  
 ments real estate and premises herebefore given and devised to them  
 their heirs or assigns with the respective rights members and appurtenan-  
 ces thereto belonging or appertaining unto the survivors or survivor  
 of them the said John Cross William Henry Cross and John Cross to hold the  
 same unto the survivors or survivor of them the said John Cross William  
 Henry Cross and John Cross and their respective heirs and assigns as ten-  
 tenants in common and not as joint tenants and in case the said John  
 Cross William Henry Cross and John Cross shall all depart this life under  
 the age of twenty one years and without issue then and in such case I  
 give and devise the several hereditaments real estate and premises herebefore  
 given and devised to them respectively with the respective rights mem-  
 bers and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining unto  
 the said George Cross the younger to hold the same and every part  
 thereof unto and to the use of the said George Cross the younger his heirs  
 and assigns forever also I give and bequeath unto the said John Cross  
 William Henry Cross and John Cross all my household goods and furniture  
 plate linen beds bedding brewing and dairy utensils trawlers and effects  
 which shall at my decease be in and about my dwelling house in the  
 window aforesaid equally to be divided between them share and share  
 alike when and as they shall severally attain the age of twenty one  
 years with benefit of survivorship among them as to the share or a  
 shares of either or any of them dying under that age and I give devise  
 and bequeath unto the said George Cross the younger all the rest and  
 residue of my real estates if any and also of my goods trawlers and  
 furniture ready money utensils and stock in trade book debts rights in  
 debts Personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of  
 what nature or kind soever the same may be which I may die or  
 possessors of interested in or entitled unto and not herebefore by me or  
 otherwise disposed of to hold the same and every part thereof and all the  
 my estate and interest therein and thereto unto the said George Cross the  
 younger his heirs executors administrators and assigns absolutely in  
 according to the several natures and tenures thereof subject nevertheless to  
 the payment of all such debts as I may justly owe at the time of my death

decrease my funeral and testamentary expences and I hereby nominate  
 constitute and appoint the said George Cross the younger David a  
 Thomas Willis and Thomas Burgess joint executors of this my last  
 will and testament and do hereby revoke and make void all former  
 and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and my mind  
 and will further is and I hereby declare and direct that it shall be  
 lawful for my said executors and trustees by and out of the monies  
 which shall or may come to their hands by virtue of this my will  
 to scout return to and reimburse themselves and themselves and each  
 other respectively all such losses costs charges and expences as they or  
 any or either of them shall or may bear pay sustain expence or be a  
 put unto in or about or by reason or means or on account of the  
 performance and execution of all or any of the trusts hereby in a  
 them reported in any report whatsoever and that notwithstanding in  
 this appointment as a trustee and executor under this my will the said  
 David Thomas Willis shall be curies to his proper  
 fees and charges for any professional business he may transact in the  
 execution of the trusts aforesaid and also that they my said executors  
 and trustees or any or either of them shall not be charged or chargeable  
 with or answerable or accountable for any more of the trust estates  
 and property than what shall come to their hands or custody respective  
 ly by virtue of this my will nor with or for any loss damage or  
 diminution that may happen to the same or any part thereof so as  
 it happen not through their or any or either of their wilful default or  
 neglect nor shall the one of them be answerable or accountable for the  
 other or others but each of them for himself and his own acts deeds  
 defaults and neglects only in witness whereof the said George Cross  
 the elder and testator have to every part of this my last will and  
 testament contained on five sheets of paper set my hand this tenth  
 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and forty two - George Cross Senr - This sheet and the four sheets of paper  
 hereto annexed were severally signed by the said George Cross the  
 elder and testator in the joint presence of us who in his presence  
 and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our  
 names as witnesses thereto - Char: Willis - Thos. Grace his Clerk.

**Proved** at London 5<sup>th</sup> January 1846 before the Worshipful Joseph M  
 Baillimore Doctor of Laws and surrogate by the Oaths of George Cross  
 formerly the younger and David Thomas Willis two of the Executors to  
 whom etonion was granted having been first sworn duly to administer  
 power reserved of making the life Grant to Thomas Burgess the other  
 Executor when he shall apply for the same.

Sarah  
 Cornwell  
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**This is the last Will and Testament**  
 of me Sarah Cornwell of Bowton in the County of W  
 Gloucester widow made this sixteenth day of May one thousand eight  
 hundred and forty five I give and bequeath unto my brother David of  
 High Street Chancery Lane London Silver with his executors administra  
 tors and assigns the sum of five hundred pounds now in the hands  
 of John Edmund Bowdewell Esquire of Bull Court in the parish of St  
 Dunstons in the County of Worcester together with the interest that may  
 be due thereon at the time of my decease upon trust to pay the several  
 legacies herein after by me bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my  
 Sister of Gosford Street Coventry one hundred pounds and my gold watch  
 I give and bequeath unto Sarah Snow of Coventry one hundred pounds  
 I give and bequeath unto my grandson William James Cornwell sum