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one of the Executors named in the said will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased he having been first sworn duly to administer. Power reserved of making the like Grant to William Russ the Son of the said deceased and Mary Ann Russ Spuisher the daughter of the said deceased and the other Executors named in the said will when they or either of them shall apply for the same.

John  
Russell

**The Last Will and Testament**  
of John Russell of Wrotham, Sheriff in the parish of St. Mary le Bow in the County of Middlesex portrait painter, On the draw of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Ghost Amen, I John Russell considering the word that is gone forth out of the Lord's mouth that shortly I must return unto the dust from whence I came and being unacquainted with the time the Lord has fixed for my dissolution to prevent confusion at my decease do make my will first of all to resign to the God that made me my soul and body that this I was once a subject of Satan born in Sin and an heir of wrath yet being redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and converted to God by the power of the Holy Ghost I am now translated the tyranny of Satan and brought under the mild yoke and delightful service of the dear loving Saviour of Sinners and live in the enjoyment of Gods Spirit saying Abba Father surely it is my will and fervent desire that all my lawful debts be discharged as soon after my decease as convenient shalbe that all my worldly Estate Goods and Chattels that shall remain after the discharge of my debts be given the property of my dear and loving wife Hannah Russell which I wholly leave to her own will and disposal only desiring her to present a token of my great love to my dear Brothers and Sisters each of them a Ring this I declare to be my last will and Testament witness my hand John

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Russell Signed Surv. Acc. 6. 1740.  
Revised August 24<sup>th</sup> 1801 John Russell.

It is my will should it please God to travel into  
Yorkshire on Tuesday next I have been looking  
for my will written many years ago before I had  
any children I did not find the paper alluded  
to and as it is proper for me to make some  
addition to what has written I take a fresh  
paper to instruct my dear relations should it  
please my God to take me to himself in absence  
from my dear beloved wife and family in  
absent will I leave all that I have of this  
worlds good to the disposal of my dear wife  
during her life for the use of herself and children  
so long as it may please God to spare her  
life meaning that the whole without any  
restriction may be put into her prudent hands  
to do the best with it for the good of herself  
and family what shall remain or may be  
left me I mean should be considered the same  
when it may please our gracious God to take  
her hence my will is that what remains of  
my property that I have to her to divide  
among my children equally who are my dear  
to me and who equally share in my goods  
wishes as well as prayers I mean married as  
will as single I mean now at <sup>am now at</sup> ~~am now at~~ <sup>Spanham</sup> ~~Spanham~~ <sup>or</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>Spanham</sup> ~~Spanham~~  
Samuel Russell gone to India and Russell  
Maria Russell William Russell and Thomas  
Russell now at Leeds if God shall spare  
my life I intend to write this more shortly in  
case it shall please to call to the spiritual  
house before my beloved wife I pray this  
business may be executed in dividing my effects  
or by Mr. Samuel Russell my mother  
at Childford Mr. William Gordon Mrs. Russell  
mother now at Charnig Cross Mr. Robert Gurnock  
of Spanham Surrey who is married to my  
daughter I mean and to my son William  
Russell who I now constitute by this writing  
my Executors and assigns or I am now in  
sound health of body and mind and mean to  
give my servants to sign this paper as my  
true act and deed without the knowledge of  
my family that I mean not give any painful  
suggestions to my beloved and faithful wife  
witness my hand John Russell Newmarket Street  
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Transcription of John Russell's Last Will & Testament

*John  
Russell*

The Last Will and Testament

of John Russell of Mortimer Street in the  
parish of St. Mary le bonen in the County of  
Middlesex portrait painter, In the Name of  
The Father of the Son and of the Holy  
Ghost Amen, I, John Russell cosidering the  
Word that is gone forth out of the Lord's mouth  
that shortly I must return unto the dust from  
whence I came and being unacquainted  
With the time the Son has fixed for my  
Dissolution to prevent confusion at my decease  
I do make my will first of all I assign to the  
God that made me my Soul and Body  
That this I was once a Subject of Satin born  
in Sin and an **S???** Of wrath up  $\zeta$  being  
Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ and  
Converted to God by the power of the Holy  
Ghost I am now Translated the Tirany of  
Satan and brought under the **mild** Reign and  
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of Sinners and live in the Enjoyment of Gods  
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debts be discharged as soon after my decease  
as convenient thirdly that all my worldly  
Estate Goods and Chattels that shall remain  
after the discharge of my debts become  
the property of my dear and loving Wife  
Hannah russell which I wholly leave  
to her own will and disposal only desiring  
her to present a token of my great love to  
my dear Brothers and Sisters each of them  
a **King** this I declare to be my last Will  
and Testament Witness my hand John  
Russell



Russell Signed Decbr. The 6 – 1770.  
Reviewed August 24<sup>th</sup> 1801 John Russell.

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tuesday next I have been looking for my Will written many  
years ago before I had  
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addition to what had written I take a fresh  
paper to insert my dear Relations should it  
please my God to take me to himself in absence  
from my dear beloved wife and family in  
addition [to the former] Will I leave all that I have of this worlds good  
to the disposal of my dear wife  
during her life for the use of herself and Children  
so long as it may please God to spare her  
life meaning that the whole without any  
restriction may be put into her prudent hands  
to do the best with it for the good of herself  
and family what shall remain or may be  
left me I mean should be considered the same  
when it may please our gracious God to take  
her ¿? my will is that what remains of  
my property thus bequeathed to her be divided

[deducting them from what has been or may **expend** in settling any of them] Orig.

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among my children equally who are very dear  
to me and who equally share in my good  
wishes as well as prayers I mean married as  
well as single Henrietta [Ann] Surlock I am = [I am now at Farnham Ie Courry] Russell  
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Maria Russell William Russell and Thomas  
Russell now at **Leeds** if God shall spare  
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at Guildford Mr. William Faden Mrs. Russell's  
brother now at Charing Cross Mr. Robert Shurlock  
of Farnham Surry who is married to my  
daughter Henrietta and to my son William  
Russell who I now Constitute by this writing  
My Executors and Assigns cor I am now in  
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Desire my Servants to sign this paper as my  
True act and deed without the knowledge of  
My family that I may not give any painful  
sensations to my beloved and faithful wife  
witness my hand John Russell **Neeman Sheet**  
August

August 22, 1801 – I have no time to correct.//  
The Will of John Russell signed in the presence of *John Davise*  
*Sarah Willis* ----- 22 May 1806  
*Elizabeth Perkins the Mh*

August 22d 1801

Appeared Personally William Faden  
of Charing Cross in the County of Middlesex  
**Geographer** and John Sawyer of Great James  
**Sheet** Bedford Row in the same County **Geuthman**  
and made oath that they knew and were well  
acquainted with John Russell late of Newman  
Sheet in the parish of Saint Mary le bow in  
the County of Middlesex Esquire deceased for  
several years before and to the time of his death  
and have several times seen him **write** and  
write and subscribe his name whereby they have  
acquired a knowledge of his manner and character  
of handwriting and Subscription and having now  
viewed the paper writings hereunto annexed  
purporting to be the last Will and Testament  
with a codicil thereto annexed of the said deceased  
the said Will beginning thus “The last Will and  
Testament of John Russell of Mortimer Street”  
Ending thus Witness my hand Signed **Dcbr** the  
6. 1770 and thus Subscribed “John russell” and  
having also the following memorandum written  
under the said Will “Revised August 24. 1801  
John Russell and these deponents having also  
Viewed and **pensed** the following Interlineations  
In the said Codicil to the said deceased’s Will  
To with the words”deducting therefrom what has  
been or may expended in the settling any of  
them” between the Eighth and ninth lines of  
the second page of the said Codicil the words  
Ann I am now at Farnham. Ie Courry” between  
The Twelfth and Thirteenth line of the said  
Second page of the said Codicil and the  
Words to the eternal between the Eighteenth and  
Nineteenth lines of the said page these deponents  
Say that they verily and in their consciences  
Believe the whole **ories** and Contents of the said  
Will and the name John Russell severally  
Subscribed thereto as also the several Interlineations  
before specified in the said Codicil to have  
been written and Subscribed by and with the  
proper hand of the said John Russell deceased  
Wm. Faden // John Sawyer // same day the said  
William Faden and John Sawyer vow July

sworn



sworn to the Truth of this Affidavit before me  
M. Burnaby Surrogate present Josa. Sladen Not. pub.

This Will was proved at London  
with a Codicil the Twenty fourth day of May in  
the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred  
and Six before the worshipful Samuel Pearce  
parson doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right  
Honorable Sir William Wique Knight also  
Doctor of Laws master Keeper or Commissary of  
the prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully  
constituted by the oath of Hannah Russell  
widow the Relict of the said deceased and the  
Executrix according to the Tenor to whom  
Administration was granted of all and Singular  
The Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased  
She having been first sworn duly to Administer.

*On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Janry  
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chedc Esqu. Dec left mad.  
¿ Hannah Russell Widow,  
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Executrix according to the  
Tenor of the said Will and  
the Universal legates for life.  
named in the said Codicil  
was granted to the Rev. William  
Russell Clerk one of the natural  
And lawful Children and as  
such one of the Residuary  
Legatees substituted in the scnd  
Codicil having been first ¿?own  
July to adcnd. The said Executrix  
Beying Intestate.*