

## WILL OF THOMAS GODDARD, OF WINCHESTER

Dated 8 Aug 1794; Proved 20 May 1796

In The Name of God Amen

I **Thomas Goddard** late of Inner Scotland Yard St Martins in the Fields London but now of Saint Michaels near Winchester Hants being of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills and Testaments

1<sup>st</sup> I recommend my Soul to the Eternal God who gave it and I desire my Body may be decently Buried at Bishopstone on the north side of my father and mother and I desire my Executor to put over me such a Tomb of Swindon stone as **Mr Spicers** is near by

I give and bequeath to my Dear Brother **Stephen** the sum of twenty pounds for mourning

3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my Dear Brother **Stephen** the further sum of one hundred pounds 3 per cent \_\_\_\_d\_\_\_\_ced annuities standing in my name at the Bank of England

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Dear Brother **Henry Rosser** the Sum of Ten pounds for mourning

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Death Sister **Sarah Rosser** the Sum of four hundred and fifty per cent Consolidated Stock standing in my name at the Bank of England

6<sup>th</sup> Also I do hereby order and direct my Executors within six calendar months next after my deceased to raise the sum of six hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain out of my personal Estate and to lay out and Invest the same in the purchase of Stock in the 3 per cent Consolidated Annuities at the Bank of England in the name of the then Vicar of Bishopstone near Highworth Wilts and the then Rector of the adjoining parish of Hinton in the said County and in case the then Vicar of Bishopstone shall happen to die in the life time of the Rector of Hinton I do hereby order and direct that the Rector of Hinton shall as soon as conveniently may be afterwards Transfer the said Stock to himself and the then next succeeding Vicar of Bishopstone and in Case the Rector of Hinton shall happen to die in the life time of the Vicar of Bishopstone I do hereby order and Direct that the Vicar of Bishopstone shall as soon as conveniently may be afterwards Transfer the said Stock to himself and the next succeeding Rector of Hinton and the Stock so to be purchased shall from time to time and for ever hereafter be so transferred as to stand in the Name of the Vicar of Bishopstone aforesaid and the Rector of Hinton aforesaid for the time being upon the Trusts hereinafter mentioned that is to say upon the Trusts that they my said Trustees shall from time to time and for ever hereafter receive the Dividends of the said Stock to be purchased as the same shall become due and pay the same from time to time as the same shall be received that is four pounds ten shillings a year to buy Spelling Books and other Books to give to the poor children and the rest of the Dividend to be paid to a School Master to be appointed in the manor hereinafter mentioned for the purpose of teaching and Instructing all the poor Children \_\_\_\_al and formal of Bishopstone aforesaid as well parishioners as \_\_\_\_tified persons to read and write and Knitting Stockings and addition and multiplication and the f\_\_\_\_ales(?) to \_\_\_\_ with their schools and to teach all the Children of little f\_\_\_\_tis(?) and or twenty pounds a year and to teach all the Children of any relations of mine in any of the adjoining parishes the same as the Children of Bishopstone if they chuses (sic) to send them and if the School Master has no wife to teach Knitting and Sewing he is to find a proper person to teach both and I do hereby give and grant unto the Vicar and Churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Bishopstone aforesaid for the time being or the major part of them full power and authority by any writing under their hands to nominate and appoint a School Master for

the purpose aforesaid and such School Master from time to time to remove and displace at their pleasure and upon the Death or removal of such Schoolmaster to nominate and appoint another proper person to succeed him as Schoolmaster for the purpose aforesaid and so on from time to time as often as such Death or removal shall happen and whereas there is at present a small Donation to a Schoolmaster I shall leave it to the Discretion of my Trustees to unite the two Donations together or keep them apart as they think proper also it is my will that the Children do to get taught and instructed by the said Schoolmaster shall not be so taught and instructed until(?) they have attained the age of five years except the Trustees shall approve of their going sooner and that they shall continue so to be taught as long as my said Trustees shall think proper also it is my will and desire that the said Schoolmaster shall teach and Instruct any part of the said Children on Evenings or Sundays that may be prevented by their Labor from going in the day time as \_\_\_\_ my said Trustees shall think proper to \_\_\_\_ and direct and I desire the Schoolmaster to lead prayers the Catechism and a Sermon to the Children at the school every Sunday afternoon when there is no Service at Church also I give to my said Trustees In Trust for the use of the School \_\_\_\_ my Eight day Clock now in the care of Mr. **Abraham Edmonds** also I do hereby order and direct my Executors within six Calendar months next after my decease to raise the further Sum of three hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain out of my personal Estate and to lay out and invest the same in the purchase of Stock in the 3 per cent Consolidated Annuities in the name of the then Vicar of Bishopstone aforesaid and the then rector of Hinton aforesaid for the time being the same as the money is put there for the School upon the Trusts herein after mentioned that they my said Trustees shall from time to time and for ever hereafter receive the Dividends of the said Stock and pay the same to the two Churchwardens of Bishopstone aforesaid for the time being In Trust and that they the said Churchwardens do pay the said Dividends from time to time and for ever as the same shall be received as is hereby Directed that is to say to pay to eight Ringers if they Ring a good peal on all Eight Bells on every Sunday afternoon when there is no Service three shillings for ringing the said peal and for ringing a peal on the afternoon of St. Thomas's Day 10 6 and at Xmas and the King's Birth Day what the Churchwardens may think proper and to keep the Bells and Tower in good repair and if there is at any time any savings of the said Dividend in hand to keep my Tomb clean and in good repair and to Beautifie or Now \_\_\_\_ or now pave the Church \_\_\_\_\_ as the Vicar and Churchwardens shall think proper to order and direct but never to give the Ringsters anything if they don't ring all Eight Bells and I desire the Churchwardens to make up their accounts every Easter to the Vestry of all Money received and how expended \_\_\_\_ I give and bequeath to Mr **Edward Butler otherwise Hawsksworth** the Sum of ten pounds for his care and trouble and a part of my Books the other part I give to the School at Bishopstone to the poor of Bishopstone forty shillings worth of Bread to Mr **Abraham Edmonds** my Silver watch I give to Mr **Christopher Povey** of Ashbury the Sum of five pounds to buy a ring to **Sarah Brooks** Six Silver Tea Spoons Strainer and Sugar Tongs to **Sarah Vernon** my watch in a S\_\_\_\_er Case to my brother **Stephen** all my medera wine I give to my Executors all my wearing apparel (sic) Shirts Sheets and all my Linen a large new? Deal Box and two old Trunks a chest of Carpenters Tools my silver Buckles and all spirituuous Liquors \_\_\_\_\_ and wine that is left after my funeral is over to be equally divided between them for their care and trouble and all the rest residue and remainder of all my Goods Chattels ready money Bonds personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever after all just Debts and Legacies and funeral Expenses and the expence (sic) of providing this my will are paid I give leave and bequeath to my Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Trust that they do lay out one part of the said money in Building a Schoohouse at Lockerbinch? as the Churchwardens of

Bishopstone and my Executors shall order and direct provided the farmers(?) gives the Carriage of the Stone from Bow\_ton Quarried gratis and the Carriage of the Slates to Cover the house from the Quarrie and all other materials Carriage free otherwise the residue and remainder to go to my dear Brother **Stephen** and I desire the house may be Built and finished in two years after my decease but I desire \_\_\_\_ some paving and other stone may be fetched from Swindon but some good white stone will do for the inside of the walls and I desire the Carters of every Teem every day may have some strong Beer if they deserve it and all that part of the money that is left when the house is finished I desire my Executors to place in the Stocks in the 3 per cent Consolidated Annuities in the Name of the Vicar of Bishopstone aforesaid for the time being the same as the Money is there for the School upon the Trusts hereinafter mentioned that they my said Trustees shall from time to time and for ever hereafter receive the dividend of the said Stock as the same shall become due and pay the same to the two Churchwardens of Bishopstone aforesaid for the time being in Trust and that they the said Churchwardens do pay the said Dividend from time to time and for ever as the same shall be received that is to keep the house in good repair and to buy yarn to give to the poor Boys to knit their own hose and to pitch the foot paths round the School but the Stones to be fetched gratis and if at any time there is any savings of the Dividend in hand to spare to pay it to help new pave or new pitch the Church \_\_\_\_ and I desire the Churchwardens to make up their accounts every Easter to the Vicar and vestry of Money received and how expended and I do hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint Mr. **Christopher Povey** of Ashbury yeoman and Mr. **Edward Butler otherwise Hawksworth** as Joint Executors in Trust of this my last will and Testament In witness hereof I the said Thomas Goddard have hereto set my hand and seal the Eighth day of August one thousand seventeen hundred and ninety four **Thomas Goddard**  
Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said **Thomas Goddard** as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us **William Lampard William Lucas James Young**

This Will was proved at London the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six before the Right honorable **Sir William Wynne Knight** Doctor of Laws Mater Keeper or Commissary of the prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of **Christopher Povey** and **Edward Butler otherwise Hawksworth** the Executors named in the said will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular Goods Chattles and Credits of the Deceased having been first Sworn to it the said **Edward Butler otherwise Hawksworth** before the worshipful **Samuel Pearce Parson** Doctor of Laws and Surrogate and the said **Christopher Povey** by Commission Duly to administer.

*Transcribed by Susan Nahas, November, 2005*