

The will of Christopher Williams of Cowbridge dated 28th., April 1677.

To be buried in Cowbridge Church.

To Llandaff Cathedral 12d.

To Cowbridge Church 10s.

To the poor of Cowbridge 10s.

To the poor of Llanblethian 5s.

His customaryhold land in Llanblethian to his sister Alice Williams, thence to his sister Catherine Williams, thence to Elinor David daughter of William David of Cowbridge and Christopher Williams and his heirs.

Anne the wife of William David to enjoy the profits of the smithy lately in the possession of William Jenkin, blacksmith, deceased, and after her death it should pass to his customary heirs. Francis Williams and William Miles and their heirs should continue to stand seized on the smithy.

His sister Alice Williams to be executrix.

Witnessed by George Thomas, Anne Jenkins, Francis Williams, George Thomas Junior, William Miles.

Codicil. Should his niece Elinor David follow the advice of his executrix Alice Williams then Alice would be permitted to to dispose of the property within the lifetime of Elinor.

Proved 3rd., November 1677.

In the name of God Amen I Christopher Williams  
of Cambridge within the Diocese of Landaffe in the County  
of Glamorgan do make this my last will and testament, revoking  
and annulling all other and former wills by me hitherto made:  
first I commend my soule to the hands of my blessed Saviour  
Jesus Christ, and my body to be decently interr'd after a Christian  
manner in the church of Cambridge aforesaid and in my  
fathers grave; I give to the Cathedral church of Landaffe  
the sum twelve pence, Item I give to the church of Con-  
-bridge aforesaid the sum of two shillings; Item I give and  
bequeath to the poor of Cambridge aforesaid the sum of  
two shillings; Item I give and bequeath to the poor of the  
parish of Lanblithian in the said county of sum five  
shillings, all which sums I will to be paid in a convenient  
time after my decease by my executor hereafter named:  
Item I give devise and bequeath all that my customary-  
-hold lands with all & singular the appurtenances situate  
lying and being in the parish and within the manor of  
Lanblithian aforesaid unto and to the use and behoofe of  
my dear loving sister Alice Williams to HAVE and to hold  
the same with y<sup>e</sup> appurtenances immediately from and after  
my decease to my said sister Alice for and during the term  
of her naturall life, and from and after the decease of my  
said sister Alice I give devise and bequeath the said custom-  
-ary-hold lands with the appurtenances unto and to the use  
and behoofe of my loving sister Catharine Williams to have  
and to hold the same with the appurtenances from and immediately  
after the decease of the said Alice to the said Catharine  
for and during the term of her naturall life; and from &  
after the decease of the said Catharine and the decease of  
the longest liver of the said Alice and Catharine I give  
I give and bequeath the said customary-hold lands with the  
appurtenances unto and to the use and behoofe of Elmor David  
the daughter of William David of Cambridge aforesaid

To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances immediately  
from and after the decease of the survivor or longest liver  
of the said Alice and Catharine unto the said Elmer David  
for and during the term of her naturall life; and from and  
after her decease and the decease of the said Alice and  
Catharine I give devise and bequeath the said customary  
hold lands to the use and behoofe of my right heirs of me  
the said Christopher Williams and their customary heirs  
according to the customs of the said manors for ever.  
Excepting and my will is that Anne the wife of the said Williams  
David immediately from and after my decease shall have hold  
occupy possess and enjoy and take and receive the profits  
(freely and discharged from any payments of any rents) of all  
that Smiths forge with the appurtenances in as large and ample  
manner as the same lately were in the possession of one  
Williams Juniors blacksmith deceased for and during <sup>the term of</sup>  
the said Anne her life; and from and after her decease  
I give devise and bequeath the same with the appurtenances  
to the use and behoofe of my right customary heirs for  
ever; and my will and desire is that Francis Williams  
and William Miles my executors in trust and their custom-  
ary heirs shall hold stand be and continue seized of the  
said premises with the appurtenances to the uses aforesaid;  
and to no other use intent or purpose whatsoever; and I  
do hereby nominate and appoint my said dear and loving  
sister Alice Williams to be my sole executrix of this my  
last will and testament; In witness whereof I have hereunto  
putt my hand and Seale the right and twentieth  
day of April in the ninth and twentieth year of the reign  
of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the second: and so  
1647

Sealed published and  
declared in presence of us  
Geo. Thomas.  
Anne Juniors.  
Francis Williams.  
Geo. Thomas Jun.  
John Miles.

Signu  
Notatoris

Signu



Diebus octavo die Aprilis 1677.

Be it remembered, that whereas I have by my said will given the remainder of all my customary hold lands with the appurtenances from and after the death of the longest liver of my sisters Alice and Katherine Williams to my niece Elmor David for and during the term of her natural life; now my will and meaning further is that she the said Elmor shall have hold and enjoy the same according to the contents of my said will, in case she the said Elmor shall follow the advice will and counsell of her aunt Alice my said executrix in the said will named, and be obedient unto her, otherwise I do hereby give full power and authority to my said executrix to dispose of and convey the said customary hold lands with the appurtenances to any one whom my said executrix shall please and best like and affect during the term of the natural life of the said Elmor David; In witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seal y<sup>e</sup> day and year above written,

Sealed published and  
declared in presence of us  
Geo: Thomas.  
Hme Jenkins.  
Geo: Thomas Junr.  
William Miles  
Francis Williams

Signu  
Exlatoris

Concordat hae copia cum  
originali.

Jba Byto

Acto die 9bris 1677.

Be it knowne that I Alice Williams  
of Cambridge in the Diocess of Landaff  
do acknowledge the receipt of the Ori-  
ginal left will and testam<sup>t</sup> of my brother  
Christopher Williams (wh<sup>o</sup> of this is a copy)  
out of the Court of the said shopp<sup>e</sup> Consistoriall  
Court of Landaff the day and year above written.

Thomas  
Jba Byto  
puber

Signu

Alice Williams

Actio die 9bris 1644.

The original will of Pyscoplus Williams descrypt  
was delivered unto Alice Williams executrix therein  
nam. d.

In the presence of

Signa

LB

Morgan Baptist.

William Miles

Wm. Thomas  
Pub. Noty.

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