

Thomas Newcomb, will – 1759

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Newcomb of Tendring in the County of Essex Blacksmith being of sound disposing Mind and Memory and Understanding DO make my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I resign my Soul to its Almighty Creator in hopes through the merits and Intercession of his Son Jesus Christ to obtain remission of my Sins, and the Interment of my Body I commit to the discretion of my Executors, and my Worldly Estate and Effects I dispose of as follows

First my intention is, and I do hereby Give and Bequeath to my two *Grand Daughters Sarah Allen* and *Rebekah Allen*, Daughters of my *Daughter Sarah Gill*, the sum of Fifty pounds apiece of Lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to each of them by my Executors as they shall severally and respectively attain their full age of Twenty one years. And in case either of my Grand-Daughters above named shall die before She attains her full age of Twenty one years, that then the Share of her so Dying shall be paid to the surviving sister. Also in Case both them should die before they attain their full age that then the said One Hundred pounds above bequeathed shall be Divided equally among all those of my Daughter Gills children as shall at that time be living.

Item: I give and bequeath to my *Grandson Thomas Newcomb* the sum of Ten pounds of Lawful money of Great Britain to be paid him by my Executors within one year next after my decease towards putting him Apprentice. But if not put Apprentice then to be paid him when he shall attain his full age of Twenty one years. And in case he shall die before that time, then the said Ten pounds shall be equally divided among all those of my *Son Thomas Newcomb's* Children as shall at that time be living.

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my *Daughter Sarah Gill* and my *Daughter in Law Sarah Thompson* each, the sum of one Shilling of Lawful money to be paid them by my Executors when demanded.

Also all my wearing apparel I Give and Bequeath to my *son William* for his particular use.

Item: I Order and Direct that all my Goods and Chattels shall be all sold immediately after my decease and the Monies from thence arising and all other my monies and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever (after my Just Debts and Legacies above mentioned are all fully paid and discharged) shall be divided equally among or between my *sons Samuel Newcomb and William Newcomb* share and share alike.

Item: I Give and Bequeath to my *Son William Newcomb* all the rents Issues profits and Income of all that my Messuage or Tenement Shop with their and every of their Appurtenances now in my own Occupation in Tendring aforesaid and during all the term of his Natural Life. But my Mind and Will is, and I do hereby empower my Executors to Lett the same Tenement and Receive the Rents of the said premises in Behalf and favour of my said son William and pay the same Rent to him at such times and in such manner as they shall Judge most convenient for him for his Real Good.

And further my will is that after the death of my said *son William Newcomb* I Order and Direct that all the abovesaid Tenement Shop and their appurtenances to the same belonging shall be Sold by my Executors for the best price they can get, and the monies from thence arising I Give and dispose as follows (that is) I give to my *Son Samuel Newcomb* Twenty Pounds, to my *Grand Daughter Mary Littlewood* Twenty Pounds, and to my *Grandson Thomas Newcomb* Twenty Pounds, all the

Remainder of the said sale of the House shall be divided equally between **Sarah Newcomb Joseph Newcomb and Rebekah Newcomb** (*Children of my Son Thomas Deceased*) share and share alike to be paid to them within one month next after my Executors receive the same.

And lastly I constitute nominate and appoint my **Friend Francis Wilson** of Tendring aforesaid and my **Friend Thomas Simpson** of Beaumont in the County abovesaid to be joint Executors of this my last will and testament hereby disannulling all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made And I publish and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

Signed: 18th Oct 1759

Witnesses: Daniel Chiles, Isabella Chiles, Joseph Newcomb.

Will proved on 11th December 1762.

Beneficiaries:

Daughter: Sarah Gill

Sons: Thomas, William, Samuel

Granddaughters: Sarah and Rebekah Allen (daughters of Sarah Gill)

Daughter-in-law: Sarah Thompson (widow of Thomas deceased? Remarried?)

Grandchildren: Sarah, Joseph, Rebekah, Mary (Littlewood), Thomas (children of Thomas, deceased)