

Edward Quilter, will – 1789

In the name of God Amen I Edward Quilter of Kirby Le Soken in the County of Essex being very weak in body, but of sound mind and Memory doth ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner following (that is say) first I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty and hope for pardon for my sins, and my body to the Earth to be decently buried; as touching my worldly affairs;

I bequeath to my mother Sarah Quilter five Pounds per annum of Good and Lawfull Money to be paid her by my Executors herein after named for and during the Term of her Natural Life.

Also I give and Bequeath unto my three Children, Elizabeth, Edward, and Annis Quilter the sum of one hundred Pounds of Lawful Money to be Equally divided between part and Share alike in Case any of them should die before they arrive at the Age of twenty one Years the survivor or Survivors to receive their part.

Likewise that Estate at Great Oakley in the County aforesaid to be sold and equally divided between the above named Children, and to my beloved wife Sarah Quilter I give and bequeath my Cash stock and Business to be by her in enjoy'd she paying thereout the above mentioned sum of one hundred Pounds and five Pounds a year and likewise fifteen Pound to each of my two sons to Bind them to a Business and to provid for such my three Children till they are bound.

And lastly I appoint my beloved wife Sarah Quilter, Richard Stone and Henry Draper to be my Sole Executrix and Executors to see this my Will be truly fulfill'd.

Signed 8th September 1789.

Witnesses: Barbara Gibson, Edmund Blowers, William Simpson.

Executors sworn on 20th November 1789.