

Will of Henry Gilbert of Chelmsford, gentleman, 1792

- To be buried in Chelmsford churchyard in the same grave as my wife
- To my niece Ann, wife of William Cartnell [Cardinall] Wade of Tendring, wheelwright, for her natural life. After her decease, to be sold by my executors and the proceeds to be divided between Ann's children:
 - freehold farm called Great Martins in Stow Maries, now in occupation of Thomas Jordan
 - copyhold farm called Little Martins in Cold Norton
- To my kinsman Henry Gilbert, son of my kinsman David Gilbert of Wix, yeoman: my inn called The White Hart in Chelmsford, now in the occupation of Robert [surname under corner of page] forever. If Henry dies under 21 without issue, my executors to sell the inn and the proceeds to be divided between the children of David Gilbert. Rents etc of the inn to be used towards Henry's maintenance and education during his minority.
- To Catherine Tanner of Woodham Ferris, widow, my farm in Woodham Ferris now in her occupation, for her natural life. After her death, to her son William Tanner.
- To John Tanner, another son of Catherine Tanner: £50
- All the rest of my tenements, lands etc to be sold by my executors, the proceeds to form my residue.
- My executors to buy £200 in the 3% consolidated annuities, the interest to be paid to the Charity School in Chelmsford.
- To my kinswoman Judith, wife of Cable of Oakley, Essex: £50
- To my kinswoman Elizabeth, wife of Howard of Beaumont, Essex: £50
- To Sarah Lewis, infant daughter of John Lewis of Stow Maries, farmer: £100 to be paid her when 21. Interest on the legacy to pay for her maintenance and education during her minority.
- To my goddaughter Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Palmer of Bradfield, butcher: £20
- To my kinswoman Susan, wife of Robert Snell of Heybridge, Essex: £50
- To my kinswoman Mary Frost of Earls Colne, Essex: £50
- To my kinswoman Rebecca Goodchild of Weeley Cross, Essex: £50
- To each child of Charles Carnell [Cardinall] deceased, who was the grandson of my late aunt, who was the sister of my father Thomas Gilbert: £100
- To each child of Mrs. Leapingwell of Snow Hill, London, widow of James Leapingwell, coachmaster, deceased: £50 when they reach 21.
- To Mary Ann King, widow, my housekeeper: £10 and a picture of my dog Ball
- All my household estate to be sold.
- I forgive James Traylor the interest on £200 I lent him. After the death of Sarah, his wife, the £200 to be divided between her children. If she dies without issue, the £200 to be considered part of my estate.
- Rest and residue to the grandchildren of my kinsman James Gilbert of Wix, son of my late cousin John Gilbert deceased, and to the children of my cousin Lot Gilbert of Beaumont, to be divided between them (except my kinsman Henry Gilbert, already mentioned).
- Executors: John Tabrum of Margareting and Robert Tindal of Chelmsford

Written: 4th November 1790

Witnesses: Geoffry Taylor, Edward Kerrick, James Porter

Codicil:

Whereas I bequeathed £100 each to the children of Charles Carnell [Cardinall] deceased, grandson of my aunt, sister of my father Thomas Gilbert, and whereas Mary Brown, one of Charles' daughters has died, I give her legacy of £100 to Henry Salter of Great Oakley, farmer.

I revoke the £100 bequest to Mary Carnell [Cardinall], another of Charles' daughters. I give her £50 only.

I revoke the £50 legacies to Susan, wife of Robert Snell, and Mary Frost.

I revoke the £10 legacy to Mary Ann King, giving her instead an annuity of £10.

Dated: 26th February 1791

[His signature is very wobbly compared to how it was written a few months earlier]

Codicil:

Use of my silver spoons, plate etc to my niece Ann, wife of William Carnell [Cardinall] Wade of Tendring, wheelwright, for her life. After her death, to be divided between her children.

Dated: 20th May 1791.

Henry Gilbert died on 2nd June 1791

Will proved: 5th March 1792.

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