

THOMAS SEVERN WILL—1765

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Severn of the Parish of Shrawley and the County of Worcester Gent. Do make my Will in manner following;

Whereas I am seized of a Messuage and farm called Cock Bayliss and a barn and Land called Ushwalls and a Close of Land called Nut Croft, all now in my own possession which are Copyhold of Inheritance lying in the same Manor of Shrawley aforesaid which I have surrendered to the use of my Will –And am also seized and possessed of a Freehold Estate called Showls in the said Parish of Shrawley – Now I do hereby give and devise all the said Freehold and Copyhold Estates before mentioned to my wife Jane during her Life, and in case I have no issue by her, then after her Decease I give and Devise the same to my nephew James Squire during his Life, And it is my Will that he shall have power to settle the aforesaid Estate called Showls to any Woman or Women he shall marry for her Life in jointure-And subject thereto, I give and Devise the same, As also the aforesaid Copyhold premises immediately after his and my Wife's decease, To the first, second third, all and every other son and son of the Body of the said James Squire, successively one after another in Tail General, And in default of such Issue by her and every the Daughter and Daughters of my said Nephew James Squire in Tail, And in default of such issue I give and Devise The same to my nephew Edward Squire (for his Life ) And after his Decease, to the first, second, third and all and every other Son and Sons of the said Edward Squire, successively one after another in Tail general, And in default of such Issue, I give and Devise the said Freehold and Copyhold Estates, to all and every Daughter and Daughters of the said Edward Squire in Tail, And in Default of such Issue I give and Devise the said Freehold and Copyhold Estates , to my niece Jane Squire and her Heirs forever.

And whereas I have another Copyhold Estate in the said Manor of Shrawley called the Carthouse , Now I do hereby give and Devise the same immediately after my Decease to my said Niece Jane Squire and her Heirs , But in case she happens to die before she attains the age of Twenty one years , Then I give and Devise the same to her two sisters, Mary and Ann Squire and their Heirs to be equally between them . Also I give and Devise to my said Niece Mary Squire, when she attains the age of twenty one years All that my Freehold (Thomas Severn ) Estate in the Parish of Holt now in the holding of Edward Jones And the rents and profits thereof in the meantime to my Executors to be applied in the discharge of the Debts I have contracted on account of my Brother in law James Squire, And in case my said Niece Mary happens to die before she attains the age of Twenty one years –Then I give the same to her two sisters Jane and Ann and their Heirs equally between them at their ages of 21 years –Also I give to my said Niece Ann Squire and her Heirs, my share in a Copyhold Messuage and Farm called The Green in the said Parish of Shrawley which was her late Mothers –Also I give to my said Nephew Edward Squire when he attains the age of Twenty one years –All that my Copyhold Estate in the Parish of Hartlebury called Cherrick , which I hold for Lives under the Bishop of Worcester , And all that my Estate in the Manor of Claines in the County of Worcester for all such Estate Term and Interest as I shall have in the said Estate at my death, And

during the infancy of my said Nephew Edward Squire I give the rent and prophets of said Estates in Hartlebury and Claines aforesaid to my Executors, to be apply'd by them in Discharge of the Debts I have contracted on account of my said Brother in Law James Squire , to whom I give ten pounds-And whereas I am seized of and intitled to an Estate in the said parish of Shrawley part Freehold called Wastehous and part copyhold called Long Croft Dowl Croft and Nutty Grounds in the possession of Edward Gummery and his son –Now I do hereby give and Devise the same to Mr John Nott of Warsley and Mr Robert Ballard of Hanley Castle , and their Heirs upon trust by sale or Mortgage thereof or any part thereof to raise and pay to my said Niece Jane Squire six hundred pounds , To my said Niece Mary Squire two hundred pounds at their respective ages of Twenty one years And to my sister Margaret Wood two hundred pounds to be paid one year after my Decease And after raising and paying the same And subject thereto , I give and Devise the said Estate to my said nephew James Squire and his heirs –Also I give to the said John Nott and Robert Ballard Ten pounds each for their trouble in the Trust hereby reposed in them Also I give to my said Wife Jane so much of my linen as she shall chuse and all my china ware and the rest of my Personal Estate (after paying my Debts and Funeral charges ) I give and Bequeath to my said Wife Jane and (Thomas Severn) Nephew James Squire equally between them And I appoint and nominate them Executors of this my Will –And the said John Nott and Robert Ballard , guardians to my said Nephews James and Edward Squire , and to my said Niece Jane Squire during their minorities as to what I have hereby given to them respectively, In Witness whereof I Have to this my Will (contained in three sheets of paper) set my hand and seal this Nineteenth day of July Anno Domini one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty five

Thomas Severn