

The will of Charles Machin 1790

This is the last Will and Testament of me Charles Machin the elder of Yaxham in the County of Norfolk farmer as follows. First I give and devise all and every my Freehold and Charterfield Messuages, Lands, Hereditaments whatsoever of me the said Charles Machin situate, lying and being in Yaxham aforesaid or elsewhere in the said County unto my son Charles Machin my son of Yaxham aforesaid Farmer and Christopher Cordy of Westfield in the said County, Farmer and their heirs and assigns in trust nevertheless that they the said Charles Machin my son and Christopher Cordy and their heirs shall and do when and so soon after my decease as they or their heirs in their discretion think proper sell and dispose of the same and every part thereof for the best price or prices that can be gotten or obtained for the same. And the money thereby arising I give and dispose of as is hereafter mentioned and as to all and singular my Copyhold, Customary hold Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate lying and being in Shipdham in the said county or town or towns thereto adjoining or elsewhere in the said County I do hereby direct authorise and empower the said Charles Machin and Christopher Cordy their executors and administrators when and as soon after my decease as they or their executors or administrators shall in their discretion think proper to sell dispose of the same and every part thereto to any person or persons his heir their heirs forever. And the money thereby arising I give and dispose of as Hereinafter is mentioned that is to say in the first place I hereby direct that the money arising from such sale or sales of my said Freehold and Charterfield Copyhold and Customaryhold Estates shall in the first place be applied in the discharge of all my just debts funeral expenses and probate of this my will and for paying satisfying and discharging of my said trustees all costs charges and expenses as they shall be put to in the execution of the trust hereby in them reposed and after the

same shall be fully paid and satisfied I do hereby will order and direct that all the rest residue and remainder of the moneys arising by such sale or sales as aforesaid shall by my said trustees their executors or administrators be placed out at interest upon government or some other good security or securities and the interest and produce thereof I do hereby will order and direct shall by half yearly payments in equal proportions to be paid to Frances my dearly beloved wife for and during the term of her natural life in full satisfaction and bar of her dower and thirds whatsoever which said interest money of the said principal is to be placed out at interest as aforesaid I give to her accordingly and from and immediately after her decease I bequeath such moneys so to be placed out at interest as aforesaid together with such interest as shall be then due thereon to the said Charles Machin my son, Robert Machin my son, Elizabeth my daughter the wife of William Edwards, Margaret my daughter the wife of Christopher Cordy, Ann my daughter the wife of Peter Seaman and Edward Frost my son in law to be equally divided between them share and share alike and in the case of the death of any of them before my said wife then the share or shares of them so dying shall be paid to the child or children lawfully begotten of him her or them share and share alike. And I do hereby direct that the clear rents and profits of my said Freehold and Copyhold estates until sold which I hereby empower my said trustees to receive shall be paid to my said wife during her life by half yearly payments as the same shall become due provided nevertheless and I hereby direct my said trustees shall not be answerable for any more money than shall come to their hands respectively nor shall one of them be answerable for the acts and deeds of the other of them but each for his own acts and deeds only nor shall my said trustees be answerable or accountable for any loss or losses which shall or may happen in the placing out such moneys at interest unless such losses shall happen by or through his or their wilful neglect or default.

Also I give and bequeath to the said Charles Machin my son the remainder of the lease, which I shall have in my farm at the time of my decease.

Also I Give and bequeath to the said Frances my wife all and every my goods, chattels, cattle, corn, husbandry utensils, money and securities for money and all other my effects whatsoever and wheresoever except the remainder of the said lease to hold to the said Frances my wife her executors and administrators in confidence that she will make the best use thereof for the benefit of all my said children and son in law and I recommend to my said wife to dispose of the same equally after my decease equally amongst my said children and son in law.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Charles Machin my son and Christopher Cordy executors of this my will and revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made I do make publish and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament in writing contained in two sheets of paper to the first sheet set my hand and to the second and last sheet hereof set and put my hand and seal this Sixth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety.

Charles Machin the elder his marks

Signed Sealed and Delivered published and declared by the said Charles Machin the testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses The interlineation in the thirty fourth line in the first sheet being first made
William Edwards William Sussens John Crisp jnr

Proved by executor 23 July 1790 before the Reverend George Thomas clerk surrogate to the worshipful Thomas Jay clerk Master of Arts commissary.

