

# The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Pope the elder of Whelford, in the Parish of Kempford, Gloucs. Proved 2 June 1760



Probate Court of Canterbury.  
Original reference: PROB 11/1161/164.  
Will Dated – 10 July 1759.  
Buried at – Kempford 27 October 1759.

<b>Testator:</b>	Pope	Thomas, the Elder	Yeoman
<b>Sole Executor:</b>			
Pope	Humphry	Son	

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Pope	Thomas	Grand-Child	When reaches 21 years of age
Pope	Robert	Grand-Child	When reaches 21 years of age
Pope	Ann	Grand-Child	When reaches 21 years of age
Fifield	Humphrey	Grand-Child	When reaches 21 years of age
Fifield	Ann	Grand-Child	When reaches 21 years of age
Fifield	Thomas	Grand-Child	When reaches 21 years of age
Pope	Humphrey	Eldest Son	
Pope	Ann	Wife	
Fifield	William	Son in Law	
Pope	Thomas	Son	
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Harbut	Philip		
Edwards	John		
<b>Other Names</b>			
Wilks	Francis, jnr.		
Wilks	Francis, snr.		late
Wilks	Thomas		

**In the name of God Amen** I Thomas Pope the Elder of Whelford in ye Parish of Kempford in ye County of Gloucester yoman do for ye disposal of my temporal Estate which it hath pleased God to blefs me with being at the sometime of sound & disposing Mind & Memory make & declare as my last will & Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) First I give & bequeath unto my Grand Children Thos. Pope Robt. Pope & Ann Pope A sum of ten Pounds a piece each to be paid at their respective Age of One & Twenty Years and my will is that if any of either of them die under that Age that Legacy of such so dieing shall go & be paid to the Survivour or Survivours of them equally if more than one

when such Survivours or Survivor come of Age respectively I like wise give & bequeath to my Grand Children Humphry Fifield Ann Fifield & Thomas Fifield the Sum of twenty five Pounds each to be paid at the respective Ages of One & twenty years & my will also is that if any or either of them shall die under that Age that ye Legacy of such so dieing shall go & be paid to ye Survivours of them equally at their respective Ages of one & Twenty years And I give & devise to my eldest Son Humphry Pope his Executors Administrators & Afsigns All my Mefsuage or Dwelling House with all the Closes Lands Commons thereto belonging now & hereto fore calld. Robbins's & also ye little Close or Ground which I purchased of Fra. Wilk's & late belonging to late Fra. Wilks's Estate & all my Estate Rite Title & Interest of & in ye same respectively charged & chargable neverthelefs with & for ye Payment of one Annuity or yearly Sum of fifteen Pounds which I give to my dear Wife Ann Pope during so many years of my Leasehold Terms & Estates therein & of all other Terms & Estates hereafter to be taken therein by any Son or any claiming under him as my said Wife shall happen to live to be paid hers Tax free by four quarterly Payments (that is to say) at Lady Day, Midsummer Michaelmas & St. Thomas day ye first Payment therof to begin & be made upon ye first of ye sd. days which shall happen next after my decease & my Will further is that it shall & may be lawfull for my said Wife her Executors or Afsigns when & as often as ye sd. Annuity or any part thereof shall be behind & unpd. & by ye speace of Fifteen days next after any or either of ye sd. Quartr. Days on which ye same right to bep. As aforesd. into & upon ye sd. Premifses chargd. Therewith or any part thereof to enter & distrain & ye Discrefses then & there found to sell & thereby to satisfy & pay ye Arrears of ye. sd. Annuity & all costs of Levying ye same And my will is that my Wife shall have a Lodging Room in my dwelling House & such as she shall use to herself during her Life as also ye neccessary use of other parts of my dwelling house yards & Gardens therto belonging in Common with my son Humphry And my will is that if she shall at any time think fit to live no longer in my Dwelling House but shall go reside & dwell elsewhere that then & from ye time she leaves my dwelling House her Annuity shall during such time be raised to Twenty Pounds a year to be paid in ye same manner herein before directed to be pd. With like Power of distrefs in case of non Paymt. & I give my said Wife ye neccessary use of all my Household goods & furniture for & during her Life. All which at her decease I give to my Son Humphry for his own proper use & I give & devise to my Son in Law Wm. Fifield the Sum of Five Pounds to be pd. At ye end of one whole year next ensuing after any decease And I give & devise to my Son Thos. Pope his Executors Administrators and Afsigns All ye Messuage Closes Lands & Tennements which I Purchasd. Being late ye Estate of Thos. Wilks situate in Whelford aforesd. Together with all Commons & Appurtenances thereto belonging & all ye Leases thereof & all my Estate & Interest therein I give my Wife also all my Coales Fuel & Fire Wood which shall be cutt at my decease & be about my House **Item** I give to my Son Humphry All my Waggon & dung carts & all Implements of Husbandry Except Sider Mill Prefs Roller & Dragg to my Son Humphry Pope Also my Will is that both my Sons Humphry an Thos. Pope shall have ye use of my Sider Mill, Prefs, Roller, & Drag **Item** all my ready Money Debts oweing me & all other my real & personal Estates not herein before disposed of I Give & Bequeath to my Son Humphry Pope who I likewise appoint my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and Testament (my will is yt my Executor shall bury me in a decent manner) In Witness whereof I hereunto set my Hand & Seal this tenth day of July in ye year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty nine.

Sign'd Sealed Published & declared by ye said Thos. Pope the testator for his last Will & Testament (hereby revoking all other Wills formerly made by him / in presence of Us who at his Request have & in his Sight have hereunto set our Names as Witnesses.

Mark of Philip Harbut  
Mark of Jno Edwards

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2d Day of June 1760

The within named Humphrey Pope sole Executor was duely sworn before ms.  
Jas. Benson Chamcr.

### **Kempsford Parish Register**

#### **Burials**

8 Nov 1643	Thomas Pope
9 Feb 1721	Thomas Pope, Senr
12 Sept 1749	Thomas Pope
27 Oct 1759	Thomas Pope, Senr.