

The Will of Francis STRANGE - 1716 (died 1726)

From [Marg Keable](#)

In the name of God Amen I Francis Strange in the County of Suffolk yeoman being of good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed Be God for the same do ordain and make this my last will and testament in manner and forms following

I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping assuredly in the presious ? of my blessed Saviour Christ Jesus to ? of all my sins and eternall happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven and my body I committ to the Earth to be decently buried at the direction of my executors hereafter named and as for such worldly estate as it pleases God to bless me with all I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath unto Francis Strange my son and his heirs all my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate lyeing and being in the parishes of All Saints and St Michaels in South Elmham in the said County of Suffolk or either of them yeilding and paying out of the same unto Ann my beloved wife the sume of five poounds of lawfull money of Great Brittain yearly and every yeare for and during the terme of her naturall life at the two most usuall feasts or days of payment in the years by even and equall portions (that is to say) the feast of St Michael the Arch Angell and the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary without any ? or deductions for taxes or any other charge whatsoever The first payment thereof to begin and commence upon such of the said days of payment as shall first happen next after my decease with said sume of five pounds per annum shall be in lieu of all such dower or ? as the said Anne my wife shall or can in anywise clayme out of my siad lands and tenements and also yeilding and paying out of the said messuages and lands the following legaties (that is to say) to Hannah Spall my eldest daughter the sume of Ten pounds of Lawfull money of Great Britaine within twelve months after my desease and also to Anne Strange Mary Strange and Elizabeth Strange my three daughters by Anne my beloved wife the sume of ten pounds a peice of like lawfull money of Great Britaine when they shall sevelly attaine to their full and compleat ages of one and twenty years and likewise when within twelve months after the decease of my said wife unto the abovesaid Anne Strange Mary Strange and Elizabeth Strange my daughters the further sume of twenty pounds a peice of lawfull money of Great Britaine but in case the aforesaid annuity of five pounds per annum or any part thereof be not paid at any of the feast days or days of payment herein mentioned and according to this my will or within forty days ater either of the said feast days or days of payment then my mind and will is the said Anne my wife shall and may enter upon possession and enjoy all the said messuages lands and tenements herein before bequeathed to Francis my son and his heirs during such time as her annuity of five poounds or any part thereof shall be in arrears and unpaid together with all charges accasioned by such ? and if after that the said Francis my son or his heirs neglect or make default of paying to Hannah Spall Ann Strange Mary Strange or Elizabeth Strange my daughters any or any part of their several legaties herein before bequeathed to them as aforesaid all such times as is above ? wherein they ought to be paid or within forty days after then my mind and will also is that also the said Hannah Spall Ann Strange Mary Strange Elizabeth Strange or any of them or any of their executors administrators or assignees shall and may likewise enter upon possession and enjoy all the said messuages lands and tenaments herein before bequeathed to my son as aforesaid during such time as any of the aforesaid legatyes or any part of them shall be in arrears or unpaid together with all charges

occasioned by such entry or entres But my mind and will is that if the said Anne my wife shall or do clayme any dower or ? out of my said messuages or lands herein before devised to my said son Francis that then the said annuity of five pounds herein or hereby in named as aforesaid devised unto her my said wife shall ? not be paid anything herein before ? to the contrary not withstanding.

Item I give and bequeath unto Roger Strange my son the sune of forty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britaine to be paid to him by my executors hereafter named within twelve months after my decease.

Item I give unto Robert Strange and Martha Strange my son and daughter the sum of fifty pounds a peice of like money to be paid them by my executors within twelve months after my decease all the rest and residue of my goods cattle and chattles and moneys owing me by bond or otherwise after my debts funerall expenses and the probate of this my will are satisfied and paid (if any there be) I give and bequeath unto Roger Strange Robert Strange and Martha Strange to be equally divided amongst them share and share a like but if it shall happen that any of my children shall departe this life not leaveing issue lawfully begotten of their bodys then in such case I will and mind is that the legacy or legacyes of him or them so departing this life as aforesaid shall be paid to and equally divided amongst the survivours of them at the time when their said severall legacyes are made payable unto them.

By this my last will and now upon the Great Trust and Confidence which I have and do respect in John Strange of Melles Hamblett in Wenhaston in the County aforesaid yeoman and in Francis Strange my son I do constitute ordain and make them the said John Strange and Francis Strange executor of this my last will and testament desiring them to be carefull to p for me the same in all things according to my true intent and meaning herein declared and I do give unto the said John Strange for his pains and trouble in the performance of his said office the sum of five pounds of lawful money of Great Britaine and revoking and annulling all and every other testament and testaments will and wills hereto fore by me made and declared either by word or writing I do declare this to be my testament and last will going to be issued in three sheets of paper to each sheet whereof I have sett my hand and to the last my hand and seale this fourteenth day of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Seaven Hundred and Sixteen.

Signed Francis Strange

Witnesses: Robt Buxton, Eliz Meadowe and Mathew Britton