

# The Will of Francis STRANGE - 1774 (died 1774)

From Marg Keable

I Francis Strange of the Parish of All Saints South Elmham in the County of Suffolk Yeoman being sick and weak in Body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding praised be to Almighty God for the same but considering the shortness and Uncertainty of this mortal life do declare and make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and my body I committ to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as to my Worldly Estate I divide the rest as follows.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Ann my loving wife all and every my goods chatells cattle household stuff plate linen ready money moneys due and owing to me upon mortgages bonds notes simple contract or otherwise howsoever and also all other my personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what kind or nature soever the same shall be or consist of which I shall be possessed of interested in or intitles unto at the time of my decease. To hold same to her the said Ann my wife for and during the Term of her natural life and from and after her decease I give and bequeath unto Francis Strange my son the sum of fifty pounds unto John Strange my son the sum of fifty pounds. Unto Elizabeth the wife of William King the sum of fifty pounds unto Ann the wife of Berney Beane the sum of seventy pounds unto Hannah the wife of William Sporle the sum of one hundred pounds and unto Martha Strange of the City of London spinster (my four daughters) the sum of ninety pounds to be paid to them severally within six months next after the decease of the said Ann my wife and all the rest residue and remainder of my said personal estate my mind and will is shall be divided amongst Francis John and Isaac my sons Elizabeth King Ann Beane Hannah Sporle Rebecca Bridgeman my five daughters or such of them as shall be living at the death of my said wife and if but one of them shall be then living then all to that one.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Oliver Bridgeman of Saint Peters Southelmham in the County of Suffolk farmer executor of this my last will and testament to whom I do give five guineas for his care and trouble to be paid hereby revoking all fromer wills and testaments by me at any time heretofore make published and declared.

In witness thereof I the said Francis Strange the testator have this my last will and testament in writing set my hand and seal the twenty eight day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

The mark of Francis Strange

Signed sealed proclaimed and declared by the said Francis Strange the testator as the last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence...have inscribed our names.

Jonathon Holmes and ?

All Saints South Elmham June? 1774

the executor within named was sworn in the form of law before me.....Pradon?

Examined by us John Tubby Samuel Cole