

The Will of John STRANGE of Bungay 1784 and Codicil 1790

From Marg Keable

In the Name of God Amen. I John Strange of Bungay in the County of Suffolk Linnen Weaver
ng of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be to Almighty God for the
ie Do make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following
at is to say)

First and principally I commend my Soul to the Mercy of Almighty God hoping through the
merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to inherit eternal life And as
touching my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me I give devise
and dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say) I give devise and bequeath unto Robert Darby
and James Chapman my Sons in Law All these my lands and Grounds lying and being in the
Parish of Saint Laurence Ilketshall in the County of Suffolk commonly called Bardolfor Wood
containing by Estimation about forty nine acres be the same or less with the Appurtenances now
or late in the Occupation of Richard Knights or his assigns to hold all such and so much of the
said Premises herein before given devised and bequeathed as to freehold or charterhold with the
appurtenances unto them the said Robert Darby and James Chapman and their heirs to and for the
several estates uses intents and purposes and upon and under the trust herein after mentioned
expressed or declared of and concerning the same (that is to say) to the use of John Strange my
son for and during the term of his natural life without impeachment of or for any manner of waste

And from and after the determination of that estate by forfeiture or otherwise to the use of the
said Robert Darby and James Chapman and their heirs during the life of the said John my son
intrust to preserve the the contingent estates herein after ? from being defeated or destroyed and
for that purpose to make entries or bring actions as occasion shall require But in trust
nevertheless to permit and suffer the said John my son to receive and take the rents and profits of
the said lands grounds and premises for and during the term of his natural life And from and
immediately after the decease of the said John my son to the use of the first son of the body of the
said John my son lawfully begotten or to be begotten and of the heirs of the body of such first son
lawfully issuing And for default of such issue then to the use of the second third fourth fifth and
all and every other son and sons of the body of the said John my son successively and in
remainder one after another as they shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth and of the
several and respective heirs of the body and bodies of all and every such second third fourth fifth
and other son and sons lawfully issuing. The eldest of such sons and the heirs of his body being
always preferred and to take before the younger of such son and sons and the heirs of his body or
bodies. And in default of all such issue then to the use of all and every daughter and daughters of
the body of the said John my son lawfully begotten oor to be begotten and the several and
respective heirs of the body and bodies of all and every such daughter and daughters lawfully
issuing to take as tenants in common and as joint tenants.

And in case any of them shall die without issue of her or their body or bodies then the part or
share of her or them so dying shall go to the survivor or survivors of them and the heirs of the
body or bodies of such survivor or survivors. And in case there shall be but one such daughter
then to the se of that one daughter and the heirs of her body lawfully issuing And for default of
all such issue as aforesaid then to the use of the said Robert Darby and James Chapman and their
heirs upon special trust and confidence that they or the survivors of them or the heirs of such
survivor do with all convenient speed then afterwards make sale and dispose of all and every the
said lands grounds and premises herein before given devised and bequeathed with the

appurtenances either together or in parcels for the best price or prices that may or can be reasonably had or obtained for the same And the monies arising by sale there of and the rents and profits thereof from thenceforth obtained thereof from thenceforth until sale I do will and devise shall be paid to and equally divided between John Mary James Robert and Strange, children of my late deceased daughter, Mary late the wife of the said James Chapman share and share alike. And in case any of them shall be dead leaving issue of his her or their body or bodies lawfully issuing then I will and direct that the part or share of them as shall be dead leaving issue in equal shares and proportions But so as the child or children of such of them as shall be dead shall be equaled only to the part or share which his her or their father or mother would have been intitled to if living

And to hold all such and so much of the said lands grounds and premises herein before given devised and bequeathed with the appurtenances as is are or be leasehold or holden by the virtue of any Demise or lease unto them the said Robert Darby and James Chapman their executors Administrators and assigns for and during all such time and term or times and terms as is or are therein yet to come and unexpired In trust nevertheless to and for the same estates uses and intents and purposes and upon under and subject to the same or like trusts powers intents and purposes as herein before mentioned expressed or declared of and concerning such of the said lands grounds and premises aforesaid as be freehold or charterhold or as near thereto as may be and as the laws will permit and suffer. Also I do give ratify and confirm unto the said John my son All those my lands lying and being in the Parish of Saint Lawrence Ilketshall or towns adjoining formerly Hogans and Sandrofts new or late in the tenure or occupation of James Ladd or his assigns to hold to him the said John my son and his heirs for ever. Also I do give and devise unto the said Robert Darby my Son in Law All that messuage or tenement with the lands and appurtenances there to belonging situate and being in the Parish of Saint Andrew Ilketshall in the County of Suffolk or towns adjoining late in the tenure or occupation of William Garwood his assigns or undertenants to hold to the said Robert Darby and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life. And from and after his decease I do give and devise the same messuage or tenement last mentioned with the lands and appurtenances thereto belonging unto Mary Chapman my Grand Daughter and to her heirs and assigns for ever.

Also I do give devise and bequeath unto the said James Chapman my Son in Law All that the Parsonage Rectory Improprate or Impropriation of the Parish of Saint Lawrence Ilketshall in the said County of Suffolk and all Glebes Glebe lands tythes tenths Oblations Obventions Modus's ? Compositions Perquisites and Profits whatsoever to the said Parsonage Rectory improprate or Impropriation belonging or appertaining in any wise howsoever to have and to hold the said Parsonage Rectory improprate or Impropriation and all and every the Premises last mentioned with their appurtenances (subject unto and charged and chargeable with the same Annuity) unto John Mary Robert and Strange the children of the said James Chapman my son in law by Mary his wife my late daughter deceased to hold unto and to the use of them the said children John Mary James Robert and Strange and their heirs for ever equally to be divided between them as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

And I do hereby give devise and bequeath unto the said John my son and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life one Annuity clear yearly Rent or Sum of Thirty Pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain free of taxes and all other deductions Parliamentary or otherwise to be issuing and payable out of the said Parsonage Rectory improprate or Impropriation and all and every the Premises last mentioned with their appurtenances and to be paid and payable by equal half yearly payments at the two most usual feasts or Days of Payment in the year (that is to say) the feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the Arch Angell the first payment thereof to be made on such of the said feasts as shall first and next

happen after my decease And I do hereby charge and subject the same Parsonage Rectory impropriate or Impropriation and all and every other the premises last mentioned with their appurtenances with and unto the Payment of the said Annuity yearly Rent or Sum of Thirty Pounds accordingly And my will and meaning is that if the same Annuity yearly Rent or Sum or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of twenty night (Days next after either of the aforesaid feasts whereon the same is herein before directed to be paid as a foresaid then and so often it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said John my Son and his assigns to enter upon the said Parsonage Rectory impropriate or impropriation and all and every other the premises last mentioned with appurtenances so charged with the said Annuity as aforesaid or any part thereof and distrain for the same or so much thereof as shall be so in Arrear and all Costs and Charges occasioned by non Payment thereof and to proceed therein according to the laws of this Realm for Recovery thereof And moreover in case of such non Payment as aforesaid as often as the said Annuity or any part thereof shall happen to be in Arrear and unpaid to enter upon hold and enjoy the said premises and receive and take the tents issues and profits there of untill the same Annuity and all Arrears thereof and all costs and charges to be occasioned by no payment thereof shall be fully paid contented and satisfied.

And Whereas by the Will of William Bitton deceased or by deed or settlement under the Hand and Seal of the said William Bitton the several sums of fifty pounds a piece were or are mentioned and intended to be secured to be paid to John Samuel and Mary my children or such of them as should attain their respective ages of twenty one years out of or chargeable upon the said premises called Bardolse/Bardolfe Wood. And whereas the said Samuel long since departed this life without having attained to the said age and the other several sums of fifty pounds a piece to the said John and Mary my said children I have long since paid off and satisfied to them respectively I do therefore hereby will and declare that the aforesaid Lands and Grounds called Bardolfe Wood with the appurtenances herein before devised to the use of the said John my son for his life with such remainders over as herein before expressed shall be hold and enjoyed according to the devises and bequests thereof in this my will contained freed and discharged of and from the payment of the several sums aforesaid. Also I do give and bequeath out of my personal Estate unto the said John Mary James Robert and Strange the children of the said James Chapman the sum of one hundred pounds a piece of lawfull money of Great Britain t be paid to them severally and respectively at their respective ages of twenty one years And I do will and direct that the said several sums shall in the mean time during the repective minorities of the said children be placed at interest by my executors upon good security and that the interest arising thereof from during such their respective minorities shall be applied by my executor for or towards their maintenance and education. Also I do give out of my said Personal Estate to the said John my son the sum of two hundred pounds and all my Lennen and Wearing Apparell and Household Furniture for his own use and benefit. Also I do nominate and appoint the said Robert Darby and James Chapman my sons in law executors of this my last will and testament And do give to the said Robert Darby for his care and trouble in the execution thereof the sum of ten pounds Also I give to Elizabeth Berry my House keeper if she shall be living with me at the time of my decease the sum of five pounds and five shillings And all the rest residue and remainder of my goods chattells and personal estate whatsoever after payment of all my just debts legacies funeral expenses and other incident charges I do give and bequeath unto the said James Chapman my said son in law for his own use and benefit. In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament contained in three sheets of paper to the two first sheets thereof set my hand and to this lasst my hand and seal the twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty four.

Signed John Strange

Witnesses: Eliz Langley

John Van Kamp

John Warmoll

CODICIL:

This is a Codicil made the sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety is annexed to and is to be considered as a part of the past will and testament of John Strange the Elder of Bungay in the County of Suffolk

Whereas by my last will and testament bearing date the twenty third day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four among other things therein contained I have given unto Robert Darby my son in law all that messuage or tenements with the lands and appurtenances situate and being in the parish of St Andrew Ilketshall in the County of Suffolk or towns adjoining late in the tenure or occupation of William Garwood his assigns or under tenants to hold to the said Robert Darby and his assigns during his natural life and from and after his decease to Mary Chapman my Granddaughter and her heirs and assigns for ever. Now my mind and will is and I do hereby revoke and make void the said bequeathed premises and every part thereof before given unto the said Robert Darby and do now give and bequeath the same unto the said Mary Chapman and her heirs for ever to have and hold the same from and at the time of my decease she paying unto the said Robert Darby as soon as she shall be in possession of the same premises the sum of sixty pounds of good and lawfull money of Great Britain. Also I give unto John Strange my son the further sum of clear annuity of ten pounds per annum payable out of the impropriate Rectory or Parsonage of St Laurence in such form time and manner as the thirty pounds annuity mentioned in my last will and testament is directed to be paid that is during the natural lifke of the said John my son.

Also I give unto Elizabeth the wife of John Strange my son for her own use and benefit the sum of five pounds per annum to be paid her during the life of the said John Strange her husband the first payment to be made within twelve months next after my decease and my mind and will is that if the said Elizabeth my daughter in law shall survive her said husband that then my executor or executors shall pay my said daughter in law the sum of ten pounds per annum during her natural life which said legacy I do hereby further charge upon the said impropriate Rectory or Parsonage of St Laurence in the County of Suffolk. In confirmation of all the above legacies and bequests I have to this codicil set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed John Strange

Witnesses: ? Smith

J Ebb

D Minns

Wm Pawsey