

**Last Will and Testament of Grace STRANGE, Widow of Cerne Abbas**  
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THIS IS THE LAST WILL and testament of me  
Grace Strange of Cerne Abbas in the County of Dorset Widow touching  
the settling and disposing of all such worldly Estate wherewith it hath  
pleased God to bless me first I will that all my just Debts funeral Expences  
and the Costs of proving this my will be fully paid and satisfied by my Ex[ecut]or  
herein after named and from and after the satisfaction thereof I give devise  
& bequeath unto my Son Robert Strange his Ex[ecut]ors or Adm[inistrat]ors the Sum of  
fifty  
pounds also I give devise and bequeath unto my friend William Palmer  
of Cerne Abbas aforesaid surgeon the sum of thirty pounds upon trust to place the  
same out at interest on Government or some other good & sufficient security  
and the money arising therefrom to pay and apply in manner following  
that is to say the interest of the Sum of twenty pounds part of the said Sum  
of Thirty to pay and apply for & towards the maintenance & support of  
of Richard Buckland my Grandson son of Richard Buckland late  
of Beaminster in the said County Carrier untill he shall attain the age  
of 21 years & from & after the attainment of such age then in trust to pay  
the said sum of twenty pounds unto him to and for his own sole & proper  
use and benefit but in Case the said Richard Buckland should die before  
he attains the said age of 21 years then in trust to pay five pounds part  
thereof unto my Daughters Martha Hodges & five pounds the other part thereof unto  
Elizabeth Strange to & for her & their own  
sole & proper use and benefit & as to the other ten pounds other part  
thereof in trust to place the same out at interest with the remaining  
Sum of ten pounds of the said thirty pounds and the interest arising thereof  
to pay & apply for & towards the maintenance & bringing up of Elizabeth  
dau[ghte]r of George Hodges of Cerne Abbas aforesaid Shoemaker until she shall  
attain the age of 21 years or Day of marriage & from & immediately after  
her attainment of such age or Day of marriage then in trust to pay the  
same unto the said Elizabeth Hodges her Ex[ecut]ors adm[inistrat]ors or assigns to & for  
her or their own sole & proper use and benefit and also I give devise and  
bequeath unto the said Elizabeth Hodges my Gold ring & as to all the rest &  
residue of my personal Estate whatsoever & wheresoever I give devise and  
bequeath the same equally unto & amongst my three Children share &  
share alike and do direct that the said William Palmer shall not be  
answerable or accountable for any loss that may happen for or on account  
of the said sum of thirty pounds or any part thereof unless the same  
happens by or thro his wilful neglect or default and I do hereby  
nominate constitute & appoint my said Son Robert Ex[ecut]or of this my Will  
hereby revoking all former & other will and wills by me at any time here  
before made declaring this only to be my last will and Testament In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & seal this seventh Day  
of June 1811 – Grace Strange – Signed sealed published & declared

by the said Grace Strange the Testatrix as & for her last Will & Testament in the presence of us who in her presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto the interlineation? between the fifth and sixth lines of the bequest of five pounds to her Dau[ghter]r Martha being first made – Thos. COOMBS – Elizth. COCHRAN

WHEREAS I omitted in the within written will to mention that it was my desire that my said son Robert should take to himself the saddle press in the Shop the bath? stove in the room & other parts of the furniture which I have purchased since the decease of my late husband now I do hereby give & devise the same & every part thereof together with all the household furniture and utensils belonging to me at my decease unto my said Son Robert to and for his own proper use benefit and disposal and declare this to be a part of my within written will dated the said seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred & eleven – Grace Strange – Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix as & for a Codicil to this her will in the presence of us who in her presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses Thos. COOMBS – Eliz. COCKERAN

PROVED at London with a Codicil 15<sup>th</sup> October 1811 before the Judge by the oath of Robert Strange the Son of the said deceased the sole Executor to whom adm[inistrati]on was granted being sworn by Com[m]on to Administer.

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**ABSTRACT**

Testator: Grace STRANGE, Widow of Cerne Abbas, Dorset

Executor: Robert STRANGE, son

Trustee: William PALMER, Surgeon of Cerne Abbas, Dorset

Son: Robert STRANGE

Daughter: Martha, wife of George HODGES

Daughter: Elizabeth STRANGE

Grandson: Richard BUCKLAND (under 21)

Granddaughter: Elizabeth HODGES (under 21)

Son-in-Law: Richard BUCKLAND, Currier of Beaminster, Dorset, deceased (his wife must also be deceased)

Son-in-Law: George HODGES, Shoemaker of Cerne Abbas, Dorset

Estate: 80 pounds specified; Gold Ring; Furniture & Personal Estate; Saddle Press; Bath Stove

Will written: 7 June 1811

Will proved: 15 October 1811