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# In the Name of God Amen

William Swift  


I William Swift Merchant belonging to his Majesty's Ship  
for one of Royal Captain O'Brien Comd of sound and  
disposing mind and Memory do hereby make this my last  
Will and Testament full and firmly that I commend my soul  
into the hands of Almighty God hoping for Remission of  
all my sins through the Merits of Jesus Christ my blessed  
Saviour and Redeemer and my body to the Earth or Sea  
as it shall please God And as for my worldly Estate and  
Effects which I shall be possessed of or intitled unto at  
the time of my decease I give and bequeath the same  
as followeth that is to say unto my dearly beloved friend  
Walter Abbott of Saint Pauls Shadwell London all and singular  
such Salary Wages Sum and Sums of Money Lands Tenements  
Goods Chattels and Estate whatsoever as shall be due owing  
or belonging unto me at the time of my decease And I  
do hereby nominate constitute and appoint him the said  
Walter Abbott Executor of this my last Will and Testament  
And I do give and bequeath unto my said Executor all  
the rest and residue of my Estate whatsoever both Real  
and Personal hereby revoking and making void all other  
and former Wills by me heretofore made and do declare  
this to be my last Will and Testament At Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifth day of  
November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven  
hundred and forty three and in the seventeenth year of  
the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by  
the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith William Swift signed sealed  
published and declared by the said William Swift as and for  
his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have  
hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence  
of the said Testator Christopher O'Brien - Clerk

## This Will

was proved at London before the  
Worshipfull Robert Chasman Doctor of Laws Surrogate of  
the right Worshipfull John Botherworth also Doctor of Laws  
Master of Requests or Commissary of the Prerogative Court  
of Canterbury lawfully constituted on the sixth day of  
September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and forty five by the Oath of Walter Abbott the sole Executor  
in the said Will named to whom Administration was granted  
of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said  
deceased being first sworn duly to Administer &c

# In the Name of God Amen

Patrick Smith  


I Patrick Smith of Great Paxton in the County of Huntingdon  
Clerk do this twenty second day of January in the year of our

Read one hundred seven hundred and forty four in the year  
 consideration of my mortality and great age make and  
 certain this my last Will and Testament in manner following  
 first of all commending my soul into the hands of Almighty  
 God through the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour and  
 my body to the earth to be buried in a private decent  
 manner & thus dispose of my worldly goods and estate  
 Inasmuch I give to the Poor of Great Maxton aforesaid  
 forty shillings and to the Poor of Little Maxton twenty  
 shillings and to the Poor of Totland twenty shillings to be  
 distributed among them at the discretion of my Executor  
 within a week after my funeral Item I give to my son  
 James Smith the sum of two hundred pounds Item I give  
 to my daughter Mary Betty one hundred pound and my  
 sister Elizabeth and my son James one hundred and fifty  
 pound to be deducted out of the money he owed me upon  
 his bond and debt to me in consideration of money lent  
 by him by William Smith my deceased son's becoming and  
 dying bankrupt And further I forgive the said James  
 Betty the two and twenty pound ten shillings which he owes  
 me for five years rent of my Tythes of Christ Farm due  
 at Michaelmas last and I give him my mortgage upon  
 John Emery's Cotton Close for nine and twenty pound and  
 interest and I give him my eight day clock and I desire  
 my Executor to be further kind to him if the Abbot hold  
 well out of them I give to my daughter Ann wedding my  
 mortgage for eight and fifty pound and interest upon the  
 estate of Sir Robert Smith of Gifford in the Parish of Sandy  
 being and being in Little Maxton aforesaid And I give her my  
 Bedcase Chair and Cushion Item I give to Dorothy Smith  
 my daughter in Law twenty pound and all my wearing  
 Apparel to help her to bring up and put out to trades her  
 children by the aforesaid William Smith her late husband  
 Item I give to every lawful grandchild and great grandchild  
 that shall have at the time of my death ten shillings to  
 buy them a good Bible and Common Prayer Book Item I  
 give to my aforesaid son James Smith all my personal estate  
 with all my goods and Chattels and Credit whatsoever after  
 all my just debts and funeral Charges and Legacies aforesaid  
 are paid whom I also hereby make constitute and appoint  
 to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoke  
 all former Wills by me made All which whosoever I have  
 hereto set my hand and seal and published and declared  
 this to be my last Will and Testament the day and day first  
 above written being all written with my own hand I  
 signed sealed and published to be the last Will and Testament  
 of Patrick Smith in the presence of us Wynne Elizabeth  
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Patrick Smith do appoint as a Codicill to

my last Will and Testament I am & further give and bequeath  
bequeath over and above what I have bequeathed in my  
last Will to the abovenamed Justice forty pound  
and to the abovenamed James Smith and Justice forty all  
my books and household goods not disposed of before me  
equally between them I am I give to William Smith my  
grandson now or of late in Virginia ten pound  
my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January one thousand  
seven hundred and forty four W. Smith signed and sealed  
in the presence of us Wm. S. Elizabeth Sney

**This Will** was proved at London (with a Codicil  
annexed) before the Worshipfull Robert Chapman Doctor of  
Law and surrogate the seventh day of September in the  
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty five  
by the oath of James Smith the Executor in the said Will  
demanded to whom Administration was granted of all and  
singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased  
being first sworn duly to administer. Ex.

of the right Worshipfull John  
Bethworth also Doctor of  
Law Master of Requests or  
Commissary of the Prerogative  
Court at Lambeth by his  
testamentary

**In the Name of God Amen**  
I William Starkey of the parish of Saint Katharine in  
the County of Middlesex Merchant on board his Majesty's  
Ship the Bird of sound and disposing mind and memory  
considering the perils and danger of the seas and other  
uncertainties of this transitory life do for avoiding contro-  
versies after my decease I make publish and declare this  
my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is  
to say) first I bequeath my soul to God that gave it  
and my Body I commit to the Earth or Sea as it shall  
please God to order and as for and concerning all my  
worldly Estate I give bequeath and dispose thereof as  
followeth that is to say Lastly whatsoever I shall dispose  
or become due to the Heales sum and sums of Money  
I shall be any ways due owing or belonging unto me at the  
time of my decease I do give devise and bequeath the  
same unto my true and lawfull Wife Christian Starkey of  
the County aforesaid her Executors Administrators or Assignes  
and I do hereby nominate and appoint the aforesaid  
Christian Starkey my Executor of this my last Will and  
Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills  
Testaments and Goods of gift by me at any time heretofore  
made and I do ordain and ratify these presents to stand  
and be for and as my only last Will and Testament  
whereof to this my said Will I have set my hand and seal  
the ninth day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven  
hundred and forty one and in the fourth year of the  
reign of his Majesty King George over Great Britain

William Starkey  
[Signature]