

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/613/240.

*Will of Timothy Cooke, Gentleman of Colchester in the County of Essex, written 3 Sep 1726, proved 1 Feb 1727.*

In the Name of God Amen I Timothy Cooke of Colchester in the County of Essex Gentleman being sick and weak of Body but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory Thanks be given to Almighty God do and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following Imprimus I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God etc.... and as touching that temporal Estate which God hath blessed me with I dispose of the same as followeth...

Item: I give to **my loving Wife Sarah Cooke** my Debts being first payd those three Houses situate and being in St. Runwalds? Parish in Colchester aforesaid in the Occupations of George Poyner Lyddall Wheely? and James Burgis during her natural Life and immediately after her decease to **my Grand Son Timothy Morfee** and his lawful Heirs for ever

Item: I give to **my loving Wife Sarah Cooke** all my Household Goods Plate Linnen and other Things thereto belonging for her use during her Life and after her decease to **my Grand Son Timothy Morffee**

Item: I give to Mr. Robert Middleton one Guinea and to Mr. Hugh Owen one Guinea and to Blake one Guinea and to Mr. Hutson one Guinea and to him that shall administer the last Sacrament to me one Guinea

Item: I give to **my Sister Hannah Caugh** the Sum of Twenty pounds of lawful Brittish Money

Item: I give to my **Grand Son Timothy Morffee** twenty Shillings to be given to the poor as he shall think fitt And my Will further is that if **my Grand Son Timothy Morffee** should dye without lawfull Issue or without making a Will that then after my Wife's decease I give the Houses to be sold and the Money arising and all the Money that I have out at Interest ---?--- in the Governments Hands and all other my Estate to Mr. Thomas Phithyan of Great Clarkton in the said County of Essex In Trust to be divided among the Children of **my Sister Hannah Caugh** the children of **my Neice Ellen Crosswell** deceased the Children of **my God Son Timothy Caugh** Share and Share alike My Will is that all parts of Shipping and the Water Works be sold as soon as may be by my Executor and Executrix hereafter named And Further my Will is that all the Interest arising from Mortgages Bills Bonds Book Debts and all other Securityes both in the Government and otherwise may be paid to **my Wife Sarah Cooke** and to **my Grand Son Timothy Morffee** for their Maintenance while they live together but if he should marry or they part I give to my Wife as much Money out of the Interest as will make the Houses above mentioned Fifty Pounds a year clear Money and the Rest of the Interest I give to **my Grand Son Timothy Morffee** And my Will being that the Principall of all the Money out at Interest shall be preserved for **my Grand Son Timothy Morffee** but if my Executor and Executrix think fitt to remove any of the Security for better Security then I empower them to do so as they think fitt I desire that I may be buried in a plain strong Coffin and carried

by those that have been my Servants or others and that the whole Charge exceed not above Seven Pounds And Lastly I constitute my loving Wife Sarah Cooke and Mr. Thomas Phithyar aforesaid to whom I give five Guineas my Executrix and Executor revoking all Wills whatsoever by me heretofore made

Item: I do constitute Mr. Robert Middleton, Clerk, and Mr. Hugh Owen to be Trustees to see this my Will performed In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament sett my Hand and Seal this third day of September Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty six and in the thirteenth year of the Reign of King George of Great Brittain. Tim: Cooke.

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the Testator in the presence of us and attested by us in his Presence the Words (revoking all Wills whatsoever by me heretofore made) being first interlined before Sealing Barnabas Gilson, [2nd witness's name], Tho: Garland.