

THE WILL OF WILLIAM SMALE - 1834

The following will is dated Nov.15,1834 and was proved Jan.19,1839. William Smale died Dec.11,1838. This will is a perfect example of a document from a collateral line that provides a huge amount of information. William Smale's niece Mary Smale married Richard Whitlock of Langtree May 10,1770. It appears William Smale was related to most of the major North Devon families!!! Certainly to the main Langtree ones.

This is the last Will and Testament of me William Smale of Frithelstock in the County of Devon, Yeoman.

I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of Frithelstock aforesaid the Sum of Five pounds to be dispensed? within three months after my decease in such manner as my Executor and Executrix hereinafter named shall think proper.

I give and bequeath to the several persons hereinafter mentioned the following legacies that is to say to my Brother John Smale the sum of nineteen pounds. To my Nephew John Smale the younger son of my said Brother John Smale the sum of One hundred pounds. To my niece Rebecca Fursman Wife of John Fursman of Buckland Brewer in the said County Butcher the Sum of Sixty pounds. To each of the children of my said niece Rebecca Fursman (that is to say) John, Joseph, Susanna, Catharine, Rebecca, Harriet and Emily Fursman the sum of Five pounds. To my Niece Sarah Copp wife of Thomas Copp of Horwood in the said County Yeoman the Sum of Fifty pounds. To George Hackwill, son of my late niece Catherine Hackwill Wife of George Hackwill of Langtree in the Said County Yeoman the Sum of Five pounds. To Susanna Copp Daughter of the said Thomas Copp the Sum of Nineteen pounds. To Richard Smale otherwise Nankievil the Sum of Nineteen pounds. To my Nephew Richard Whitlock son of Richard Whitlock late of Langtree aforesaid Yeoman deceased and Mary his Wife the Sum of Five pounds and I hereby forgive him the Debt he now owes me. To my Nephew John Whitlock another son of said Richard Whitlock and Mary his wife the sum of Fifty pounds. To Mary Daughter of the said John Whitlock the Sum of ten pounds. To my Nephew Philip Whitlock another son of the said Richard Whitlock and his Wife Mary Sum of Five pounds and I hereby forgive him the Debt he now owes me. To my Nephew Henry Whitlock another son of the said Richard Whitlock and Mary his wife the Sum of Nineteen pounds to be paid at the expiration of Six calendar months next after my decease. I - William Smale - To my niece Mary Riddecleave Wife of William Riddecleave of Langtree aforesaid Husbandman the Sum of Three pounds. To John Whitlock son of my nephew Richard Whitlock the younger herein named the Sum of Nineteen pounds. To my niece Mary ... Wife of John ... of Petrockstow in the said County Yeoman the Sum of Ten? pounds. To my niece Rebecca Smale Wife of my nephew John Smale the Sum of Nineteen pounds. To my niece Susannah Copp Wife of Henry Copp of Langtree in the said County Yeoman the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my nephew John Beare the son of George Beare of Frithelstock aforesaid yeoman and Rebecca his wife the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my Nephew William Beare another son of the said George Beare and Rebecca his wife the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my Niece Catherine Galsworthy Wife of Ambrose Galsworthy of Alwington in the said County Yeoman the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my niece Johanna Ball Wife of John Ball of Newton Saint Petrock in the said County ... the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my Niece Rebecca Beare Daughter of the said George Beare and Rebecca his Wife the Sum of Nineteen pounds. To John Freeman Son of my late Niece Maria Freeman Wife of John Freeman of Frithelstock aforesaid five pounds. To my Niece Sarah Wife of Thomas Norman and another Daughter of the said George Beare and Rebecca his Wife the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my Nephew William Palmer the Sum of ten pounds and I forgive him the Debt

he now owes me. To my Nephew John Palmer the Sum of Forty pounds. To my Nephew Richard Palmer the Sum of nineteen pounds. To my Nephew Edmund Palmer the sum of thirty pounds. To my Nephew George Palmer the Sum of Nineteen pounds. To my niece Catherine Whitlock Wife of John Whitlock of Langtree aforesaid Yeoman the Sum of Ten pounds. To my Niece Jane Wills Wife of Stephen Wills of Shebbear in the said County Mason the sum of five pounds. To my Niece Grace Palmer the Sum of One pound. To John Smale son of my said Nephew John Smale the younger the Sum of Fifty pounds. To William Smale another Son of my said Nephew John Smale the younger the Sum of Two hundred Pounds. To Thomas Smale another Son of my said Nephew John Smale the Younger the Sum of one hundred Pounds. To Susanna Smale, Rebecca Smale, Catherine Smale, Sarah Smale and Harriet Smale Daughter of my said Nephew John Smale the younger the Sum of five pounds each. To Frederick Smale, Caleb Smale and William Smale Sons of my nephew William Smale the Sum of Nineteen Pounds each. To Rebecca Smale Daughter of my said Nephew William Smale the Sum of Ten Pounds each. To each of my appraisers William Fursman and William Adams the Sum of one pound to be paid at the expiration of Six Months after my decease provided he shall be still living with me. I direct all the above legacies, unless otherwise mentioned, to be paid to the several legatees who have attained the age of twenty one years at the expiration of ...

Signed sealed Published and delivered by the above named William Smale the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses - William (WS) Smale

Wm Evan Price Sol'r Torrington
Lewis Tupley)
William D. Clinton) Clerks to Mess'rs Price & Sloley

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