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The Claytons of Marple, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Cheshire Clockmakers

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Appendix B - Will and Last Testament of George Clayton, 1716

In the name of G-d amen. The seconde day of June, and the seconde year of the reign of our most gracious, sovereign lord, King George, by the grace of G-d, over Great Britain, France and Ireland. King and defender of the faith, and in the year of our Lord G-d, one thousand seven hundred and sixteen. I George Clayton of Marple in the parish of Stockport and county of Chester, yeoman being somewhat indisposed as to my bodily health, but of sound and perfect displaying of memory, praise be given to G-d for the same, and knowing that I must surely dye, but uncertaine as to the time when, that there grow or arise no funds or troubles after my decease for or concerning that estate of perfection G-d hath graciously bestowed upon me, so therefore purposely, deliberately and advisedly make, lett down & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following; I commende my soul into the hands of almighty G-d my creator, hoping and trusting to be saved, & through the death & passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour & redeemer; and my body I commit to the earth from whence it was first taken, those I wholly refer to the discretion of my executors, herein nominated and appointed:-

And as for that worldly estate wherewith G-d has graciously blessed me, I give, devise, and bequeath the same, in the manner following - (Inprimis) It is my will and minde that all such just & honorable debts that I shall owe to any person or persons at the time of my decease, together with my funeral expenses and the charges of the probate of this my will be in the first place payd and discharged by my executors out of my personal estate (excepting that all the tols belonging to my trade and all my husbandry ware, shall be given to my sonne John Clayton) and as for the residue of any personal (the tols & husbandry now excepted as aforesaid) after my debts and funeral expenses are payd; its my minde and will, that they be equally divided amongst my wife and three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary & Phobe; Provided nevertheless, & its my mind and will; if my wife shall happen to marry again after my decease, she shall have no more of the before devised goods or chattels or cattle, expecting for wearing apparel and our bed (as it now stands), any thing therein contained herein to the contrary is my wifes notwithstanding: And as for my real estate, lying and being in Marple aforesaid, I give, devise and bequeath the same in the manner following; It is my minde and will that from and after my decease, until such time as my youngest girl Phobe shall have attained the age of fifteen, or if she should happen to dye before that time, then to until the 29th day of September which shall be in the year of our Lord G-d, one thousand, seven hundred twenty and one, my executors shall employ the yearly dues & profits of my said estate, for the maintenance, education, & bringing up of my wife and children: And from and such time before this; then I give devise and bequeath the sume in the manner following, (viz) One halfe of the said estate I give & bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth for and during all such time of her natural life and she shall happen to live unmarried; but if she marry after my demise, that then its my minde and will that she have no more but four shillings per annum during her natural life. The other halfe / remainder of the said estate, I give devise and bequeath unto my sonne John Clayton & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever: and likewise the other before devised halfe (and in case my wife marry again after my decease, what is over and above 40 shillings ye annum), I give devise and bequeath unto my aforesaid sonne John & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten for ever; from and after her decease: Subject never the less to the change herein hereafter nominated and sett downe; (that is so writte). Its my minde and will and I doe charge my aforesaid sonne with the sum of money hereafter described. The sume of forty pounds of lawful British money payable to my two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, at such time as she the aforesaid Mary shall have attained the age of twenty one years, or if she be dead, at such time as she (if she had been living) would have attained that age, the aforesaid sume to be equally divided betwixt those two; and if either be dead and have lawful living interests, the child or children of the deceased to enjoy the share that the mother should have done, had she been then alive: And likewise the further sume of twenty pounds of like lawful British money to be paid to my youngest girl, Phobe at the time, that she shall attain the age of twenty one years, and from the time that he attain the age of fifteen (the time when she enters upon the one half of the estate), shall pay unto the above said Phobe the yearly sume of twenty shillings as interest. [F]or the said twenty pounds until she come to ye age of twenty-one, every year at or upon the twenty fifth day of December. And if any of my daughters, dye before such time as the money is due and payable, then its my minde and will (if she have no issue) the part to be divided betwixt the other two: John: It's my minde and will, that my wife during the time she shall live unmarried, shall have the dwelling house, the buttree and the chambers over the house for her use with freedom of coming and going through the shoppe at any time; and the like freedom for my daughters as long as they shall think good to dwell with their mother.

And for want of lawful issue of my said sonne John, then I give, devise and bequeath all my real estate to my aforesaid three daughters and their houses forever-----

Appendix B - Will and last testament of George Clayton, 1716 (continued)

But if my wife should marry again, that then my daughters (as long as they continue unmarried) shall have the Joyners Shoppe and the chamber over it, and my sonne shall board the floor and put them up a fire place, & stairs within the shoppe, for the convenience of living in it, and in either room one light to the south. Likewise it is my minds will, if my wife and my sonne cannot agree about this outhousing, it shall be ordered by my Executors. What part either or both of them shall have. Likewise my daughters (whilst living in the shoppe above) shall have the garden on the north side of the house and freedom of the well & pa...ago thither: John: I do revoke and make voyd all other wills by me at any times heretofore had made and published; And I doe constitute, nominate and appoint my two loving Neighbors, Robert Swindells and John Taylor both of Marple, yeoman and Elizabeth my wife, Executors of this, my last will and Testament. To see that all be done and performed according to my minde; & my loving friend Robert Berks, Clerk, OverSeer of the same. In witness whereof I have hereto sett my hands and Seale, the day & year first above written

George Clayton

Sealed and published to be
The last will and testament of the
Will in written testament in the presence
Of us whos names are hereunder
subscribed and in the presence of the
testator. ([T]ogether with the interliniation
of a piece of a line at line 48:49 and
an addition of about 2 lines at line 21.[])

James Needham
John
Peter Needham

26 Oct 1716
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Thomas Wainwright

Appendix C - Inventory of George Clayton, 1716

A True and perfect Inventory of the Goods, Chattells and Cattle of George Clayton late of Marple in ye county of Chester, deceased yeoman

In the house	£	s.	d.
Imprimis in purse and apparel	02	-	00
One clock and case	05	16	00
Two cupboards	00	18	00
A couch chair and cushions	00	02	00
A salt pye, 1 chair and stols 4	00	05	00
Two iron things to hang up, chafering dish, frying-pan smoothing iron, bellows and brass things	00	08	00
A fir iron, tongs and fire shovel, fine pottes and cushions	00	17	06
Pewter (1 pound 3s) and two guns (6s 8d)	01	09	00
A looking glass, white metal and other potts of earth, and glass	00	05	00
Two iron spits		00	01
			06

Appendix C - Inventory of George Clayton, 1716 (continued)

	£	s.	d.
In the butteree			
Wooden looms, piggins, a chain, 3 brass potts, 3 skillets, 2 iron potts, 2 leads and 2 kettles and shelves,	02	05	00
In the chamber over the shoppe			
Three beds & furniture	00	05	00
One chest (13s 8d) and coffer (5s 4d) & a chair (3s)	01	02	00
Other wooden ware, a kinnell, Dashon and	00	02	00
In ye chamber over ye house			
One quarter clock and case	05	00	00
One bedd, hangings and other furniture	06	01	00
One chest (18s), one table (1 pound 4s)	02	02	00
One chest of drawers (10s), 2 coffers, a little cupboard & 5 little boxes (14s)	01	04	00
Two clock cases (1 pound), 7 covered chairs (12s)	01	12	00
A Twig chair (3s), other chairs, a buffet & a little oval Table (4s)	00	07	00
Three cushions, a looking glass and a frame	00	05	00
Four paires of sheets, 3 pillow, a table cloth and napkins	02	07	00
New table cloth	01	10	00
In ye Garretts			
A new 30 hours clock	01	10	00
A long table (4s), a cradle, a chest, & chest	00	14	00
A barrell, a charne, 2 looms, 2 kimolly, a bason, a hoop, a half hoope, a peck, 4 sieves, a basket	00	19	00
Two wheels & a reel (6s), 2 sacks & a bagg (4s)	00	07	00
Six trenchers	00	00	08
	00	10	00
In ye Shoppe			
In clock works and lead	08	00	00
In the Barne			
A cheese press and etc	00	12	00
In ye House			
A new clock and money owing	07	02	00
In books	01	00	08
	60	03	00
Out of Doors			
In cattle, 2 milch beasts & a calfe	column missing		
A mare	column missing		
In timber of all sorts	column missing		
	15	11	?
Tols of all sorts in the shoppe	25	15	11
Tols in the joiners shoppe of all sorts	02	03	06
Husbandry ware of all kinds	02	13	00
	30	12	05
Sume Total	106	06	5

Appraised by us July 28, 1716, John Bancroft and Ralph Quilt

[Duty stamp with crown above and written for Eight Pence a Quire]

[The error in this inventory is a maximum of 3 shillings and 6 pence. At base of inventory, the total clearly reads 106 pounds, and an amount under 10 shillings. This has arisen due to poor storage of the document over the last three hundred years and damage has resulted].

Appendix D - Marriage Bond for John Clayton from 1759

The marriage allegation records the following details for the marriage of John Clayton

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Know all men by these present, that we John Clayton of Marple in the parish of Stockport in the county diocese of Chester, Clock-maker and Robert Kitchin of the parish and township of Stockport aforesaid bond Holder

Are holden and firmly bound unto the right reverend father in G-d Edmund, by divine permission, Lord Bishop of Chester in the sum of two hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain; to be paid unto the said right reverend father, his lawful attorney, executors, administrators or assignes, to which payment well and truly made, we bind our selves and each of us severally for and in the whole, our heirs, executors and administrators, and the heirs, executors and administrators of each of us firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the seventh day of September in the thirty-third year of the reign of our sovereign lord George 2nd, king of Great Britain, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in the year of our lord G-d, one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the abov-bounden John Clayton and Sarah Swindells now licensed to be married together be neither of Consanguinity or Affinity the one to the other, within the degrees prohibited for marriage: if also there be no let or impediment, by reason of any precontract entered into, before the twenty fifth [d]ay of March, one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, or any other legal cause whatsoever, but that they may be lawfully married together; both by the laws of G-d and this land: moreover, if the persons whose consent is required by law in this behalf, be thereunto agreeing: and lastly if the said marriage be done and solemnized in such manner, as in the licence to them granted is limited: then this obligation be void, or else to remain in full force and vertue.

John Clayton
Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John Chorley Knowles
Robert Kitchen

Appendix E- Marriage Agreement for John Clayton from 1759

The seventh day of September in [t]he year of our lord, one thousand, seven hundred and fifty nine.

On which day appeared personally John Clayton of Marple, in the parish of Stockport in ye county and Diocese of Chester, Clockmaker, and being sworn on the holy evangelists, alleged and made oath as follows, that he is of the age of twenty seven years and upwards, and a bachelor and intends to marry

Sarah Swindells of the same place
Aged seventeen years and upwards, and a spinster

Not knowing or believing any lawful let, or impediment, by reason of any precontract, entered into before the twenty-fifth of March, one thousand seven hundred, and fifty four, consanguinity, affinity, or any other cause whatsoever, to hinder the said intended marriage: and be prayed a licence to solemnize the said marriage in the parish church of Stockport aforesaid. In which said parish the said John Clayton further made oath, that the said Sarah Swindells hath had her usual abode for the space of four weeks last past.

On the same day the said
John Clayton
Was sworn before me
Rev. John Chorley Knowles

Separately, a hand written note attached to the above document:

The seventh day of September in the year 1759, Mary Daniel Intrise a curatise of Sarah Swindells a minor appeared and tok oath if she is consenting to the aforesaid intended marriage

On same day
Mary Daniel was
Sworn before me
John Chorley Knowles

Mary Daniel

No 61: Bann of Marriage between John Clayton of the parish of Stockport in the county and diocese of Chester, clockmaker and Sarah Swindells of the said parish, county and diocese were married in this church

Appendix E- Marriage Agreement for John Clayton from 1759 (continued)

by licence, by the Revd. J. Chorley Knowles this fifteenth day of September in the year, one thousand, seven hundred and fifty nine

The marriage was solemnized between us, John Clayton and Sarah Swindells
In the presence of Ralph Clayton and Henry Beely

Appendix F - Marriage Bond for Ralph Clayton from 1762

The marriage allegation records the following details for the marriage of Ralph Clayton

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Know all men by these present, that we Ralph Clayton of Marple in the parish of Stockport in the county diocese of Chester, Clock-maker and Joseph Clayton of the same place, Clock-maker

[A]re holden and firmly bound unto the right reverend father in G-d Edmund, by divine permission, Lord Bishop of Chester in the sum of two hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain; to be paid unto the said right reverend father, his lawful attorney, executors, administrators or assignes, to which payment well and truly made, we bind our selves and each of us severally for and in the whole, our heirs, executors and administrators, and the heirs, executors and administrators of each of us firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the fifth day of June in the second year of the reign of our sovereign lord George 3rd, king of Great Britain, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and in the year of our lord G-d, one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above-bounden Ralph Clayton and Mary Linney now licensed to be married together be neither of Consanguinity or Affinity the one to the other, within the degrees prohibited for marriage: if also there be no let or impediment, by reason of any precontract entered into, before the twenty fifth [d]ay of March, one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, or any other legal cause whatsoever, but that they may be lawfully married together; both by the laws of G-d and this land: moreover, if the persons whose consent is required by law in ths behalf, be thereunto agreeing: and lastly if the said marriage be done and solemnized in such manner, as in the licence to them granted is limited: then this obligation be void, or else to remain in full force and vertue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
John Chorley Knowles
Robert Kitchen

Ralph Clayton
Joseph Clayton

Appendix G - Marriage Agreement for Ralph Clayton from 1762

The fifth day of June in [t]he year of our lord, one thousand, seven hundred and sixty two.

On which day appeared personally Ralph Clayton of Marple, in the parish of Stockport in ye county and Diocese of Chester, Clockmaker, and being sworn on the holy evangelists, alleged and made oath as follows, that he is of the age of twenty seven years and upwards, and a bachelor and intends to marry

Mary Linney of the same place

Aged seventeen years and upwards, and a spinster by and with the consent of her mother as appears by enclosed certificate. Not knowing or believing any lawful let, or impediment, by reason of any precontract, entered into before the twenty-fifth of March, one thousand seven hundred, and fifty four, consanguinity, affinity, or any other cause whatsoever, to hinder the said intended marriage: and be prayed a licence to solemnize the said marriage in the parish church of Stockport aforesaid. In which said parish the said Ralph Clayton further made oath, that the said Mary Linney hath had her usual abode for the space of four weeks last past.

On the same day the said
Ralph Clayton
Was sworn before me
Rev John Chorley Knowles

Ralph Clayton

Appendix G - Marriage Agreement for Ralph Clayton from 1762 (continued)

Separately, a hand written note attached to the above document:

I Sarah Linney of Marple in ye parish of Stockport, do hereby give my free consent to the marriage of my daughter Mary Linney a minor with Ralph Clayton of Marple aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 5 day of June in the year 1762.

Subscribed in the
Presence of
Joseph Clayton
Martha Linney

Sarah Linney

No 31: Bann of Marriage between Ralph Clayton of the parish of Stockport in the county and diocese of Chester, clockmaker and Mary Linney of the said parish, county and diocese were married in this church by licence, by the Revd. J. Chorley Knowles, surrogate, this fifth day of June in the year, one thousand, seven hundred and sixty two

The marriage was solemnized between us, Ralph Clayton and Mary Linney
In the presence of Joseph Clayton and Robert Chetham

Appendix H - Will and last testament of John Clayton (Elder), 1769

This is the last will and testament of John Clayton the Elder of Marple in the county of Chester, Clockmaker.

First, I give and devise all that piece of land or ground with its appurtenances, situated, lying and being in the west corner of my field in Marple aforesaid called the Calf Hey, to be taken lineable from the south in Richard Bancrofts fence to the Hollin tree standing in the said Calf Hey hedge or fence at the same side unto my son, Ralph Clayton, his heirs and assigns forever. Yielding and paying unto my son George Clayton and his heirs, six pence every year as a chief rent forever. Also I give and devise all and singular my mossuage lands and hereditaments lying and being in Marple aforesaid / except such part of the said field called the Calf Hey, as I have herein before devised to my said son Ralph Clayton; unto my said son George Clayton, and the heirs male of his body, lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, under and upon condition, my said son George Clayton, his heirs, executors or administrators do and shall, well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto my executors herein aforesaid the sum of seventy pounds of lawful money of Great Britain in manner following: to witt thirty five pounds part thereof at the end of twelve months next after my decease and thirty five pounds, the residue of the said seventy pounds at the end of twelve months next, after my wife Mary's decease. And also pays to Mary my said wife, the annuity. She is intimate unto by virtue of the marriage settlement made before and concerning our intermarriage. And also permits and suffers her to hold and enjoy peaceably that part of my mossuage aforesaid called the lesser dwelling house and the garden usually occupied therewith together with liberty to fetch water from the well in my meadow during her natural life if she so long remains solo and unmarried; And in default of such issue, lawfully begotten or to be begotten by my said son George Clayton as aforesaid, I give and devise my said mossuage lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances / except as before excepted, charged and chargeable with the sum of seventy pounds, unto my son John Clayton and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten. And in default of such I issue, I give and devise my said mossuage lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances; except as before excepted, charged and chargeable as aforesaid unto my son Ralph Clayton and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten. And in default of such issue, I give and devise my said mossuage lands and hereditaments with their appurtenances, except as before excepted, charged, and chargeable as aforesaid, unto Martha daughter of my said son George Clayton and to her heirs forever.

Provided and it is my will & mind that my said son George Clayton and such other of my said sons or his or any of their sons who shall dye, seized of my said mossuage lands and hereditaments by virtue of this my last will. That it shall and may lawfully for him or them; to charge & all and singular my mossuage lands and hereditaments aforesaid / except such part thereof as is herein before devised to my said son Ralph Clayton with any sum or sumes of money or not exceeding in the whole the sum of seventy pounds to be paid to such person or persons, at such time or times and in such circumstances and to and for such you or yours, as he or they in and by his their last will and testament in writing to be, by him or their signed, sealed, published and declared in the presence of three creditable witnesses, or by any of his or their deed or deeds in writing to be

by him or them sealed and delivered in the presence of two or more creditable witnesses, shall direct, limit, devise, give, bequeath, or appoint the same.

Also I give and bequeath unto Mary my said wife, one of my cows which she pleases to choose, my clock and case, my fire iron tongs and shovel, my cupboard and bed warming pan, the two table chairs, standing in the house, my bed in the chamber over the shop as it now stands with two pairs of sheets, my two lesser coffers, the close stol, the chest she lays her clothes in, the lesser bed in the other chamber, my corner cupboard, one half part of my corn hay or hay grass, that shall be either growing or in my outbuildings at the time of my decease, the larger chest of drawers, which stand in my shop, my brass mortar and pestle, together with liberty for her to take any such useable materials; also of my household goods as she shall think proper over and besides those before particularly mentioned to be given to her.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said son George Clayton, my gun, the table in the chamber over the house, my lesser chest of drawers in the shop, my meal coffer in the said chamber over the shop, my boiler and bake stone, the shelves in my house place and buttery as they now stand or are fixed, my pocket watch, my two hackney saddles, a piece of woollen cloth which lies in my chest, all my tols belonging to the joiners business, all my husbandry ware and wearing apparel. He paying my funeral expenses and the charge of the probate, of this my will. Also I give and bequeath unto my said son John Clayton, one equal half part of all my tols belonging to my said trade, and also the sum of six shillings in money in full of his part or share of my personal estate, he having already received from me, and with what I have already paid on his account, advance to upwards of thirty pounds. Also I give and bequeath unto my said son Ralph Clayton, the other half part of my tols, which belong to my said trade. And as to and concerning the before mentioned sum of seventy pounds, I dispose there of as follows. That is to say, thirty pounds part thereof I give and bequeath unto to my said son Ralph Clayton, nine pounds more thereof I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Dewhurst; thirty pounds more thereof I give unto my daughter Mary Fields, and to my two sons in law, John Dewhurst and Thomas Fields, I give each two shillings and six pence, more thereof in full of their respective claims or shares to my estate by virtue, hereof or otherwise howsoever. And to my three grandsons, George son of my said son George, Thomas son of my said son John, and William son of my said son Ralph, I give each two shillings and sixpence once more thereof. And the surplus thereof together with all the residue and remainder of my estate and effects, what soever and not herein before given or disposed of after my debts (if any be) are paid and discharged / I give and bequeath the same unto my said son Ralph, and my said daughters, Elizabeth Dewhurst and Mary Field: send equally to be divided amongst them, share and share alike. And in case of any of their deaths, before the payment of the same, herein before bequeathed to them respectively, then the shares of him, her or them dying, shall go and be paid to his, her or their respective child or children and if no child or children, then to go and be equally divided amongst the survivor or survivors. Also it is further my will and I do hereby order and direct that my said son Ralph Clayton, his heirs and assigns for ever shall have and enjoy a free road and passage down the west side of the said Calf Hay for fetching water from the well in my said meadow.

And lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint, Henry Richardson of Norbury, yeoman; and Peter Jannion of Pointon, school master, executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare that this only to be my last will in witness whereof I the said John Clayton the Testator have here unto put my hand and seal, this seventeenth day of May in the year of our lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator, John Clayton and as his last will and testament in the presence of us.

James Andrew, John Taylor, Samuel Bennet

May the twenty eighth, in the year 1769, Henry Richardson & Peter Janion, executors within named were sworn in common form before me.

Probate of such, the 6th June 1769

Jm. C. Knowles