

# Will of Thomas Rose of Mickleton 1677 PCC Canterbury Prob 11/353

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*Thomas Rose of Mickleton was baptised on the 28th December 1619 and married Francesse Fisher on the 23rd January 1639 at Mickleton in Gloucestershire. They had seven sons and two daughters, one child died in infancy and all the rest outlived their father. Eldest son William became a London Apothecary, and the youngest son Jonathan, who died aged 22 in 1681, was a minor studying at Oxford when his father died. Fulke became a doctor and he and his brother Thomas were already in Jamaica in 1677 beginning a family connection with the Island that lasted through the eighteenth century. Francis later joined them and John was a merchant based in London and trading with Jamaica. As there was little left to Fulke Rose in his father's Will (except as a residuary legatee in the case of William's death without issue) it may be that his share had been given to him already to purchase land in Jamaica, of which he owned 380 acres in 1670.*

*Note that the Will begins by referring to the date as the twenty eight year of the reign of Charles the Second although it is written only ten years after the Restoration – the reign being calculated from the death of Charles the First on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1649.*

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In The name of God Amen

I **Thomas Rose of Mickleton** in the County of Gloucester yeoman being sicke and weake in body But by the blessing of God of sound and good mind and memory Do this Six and Twentieth day of September in the Eight and Twentieth year of the Regne of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith And in the year of our Lord God 1676 make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all and every Will and Wills whatsoever by me formerly made either by word or writing And appointing this

alone to stand and be taken for my last Will and Testament. Principally I Commit and Comend my soule to Almighty God who gave it And my Body I [illegible] to the Earth from where it was taken To be buried in Christian and decent manner. And as for the Lands Tenements worldly goods and personal Estate which the Lord in mercy hath lent me I give and to dispose the use of in manner and forme following Imprimis I give and bequeath unto **my son Thomas Rose** the sum of Thirty pounds of lawful English money Item I give and bequeath unto **my sonne John Rose** the sum of Forty pounds of lawful English money Item I give and bequeath unto **my sonne Francis Rose** the sum of Forty pounds of lawful English money Item I give an bequeath unto **my sonne Jonathan Rose** the sum of Threescore pounds of lawful English money Item I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Anne Rose** the sume of one hundred pounds of lawful money of England with my best Bedd and all things thereto belonging Item I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Elizabeth Rose** Fourscore and Ten pounds of lawful English money and my Second best Bed and all things thereto belonging Item I given bequeath unto **Foulke Rose my sonn** Tenn pounds of lawful English money Item my will is That my said two daughters Anne and Elizabeth shall have hold and enjoy my Messuage or Tenement in Mickleton aforesaid wherein I now dwell with all the outhouses and the horse stall thereunto belonging for and during the Space and Term of Two years [illegible] after my decease Item My Will Further Is That in case I dye or depart this life before the First day of May next ensueing the date hereof These my said Sonne Jonathan and my said Two daughters shall hold all my lands and Tenements within the Lordshipp of Mickleton aforesaid until the said First day of May [illegible] ensueing the date hereof Item my will is that my said Sonne Fulkes legacie be paid by my Executors herein after named out of my Personall Estate within Two years next after my deceased And further my will is that my Executors herein after named shall receive [illegible] and take the Rents issues and profitts of my said Messuage or Tenement and of all my Lands within the Lordshipp of Mickleton aforesaid for the Raising of the rest of the Legacies or portions before mentioned untill the same shall be fully raised And after my will is that the aforesaid Legacies shall be paid unto the said Legatees in manner and form following (that is to say) so much as shall be thought necessary by my

Executors for the placing and setting forth of my said sonne Jonathan to be First paid and laid out for that purpose in part of his Legacie given him as aforesaid And after so much shall be raised as shall be necessary for the placing and setting forth of my said sonne Jonathan my will is That that the Legacie given to my said daughter Anne be paid in the next place as the same shall arise and be made out of the Rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands within the Lordshipp of Mickleton aforesaid And after my said daughter Anns Legacie shall be raised out of the rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands My will is That my said daughter Elizabeths legacie shall be paid out of the Rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands and the same shall [illegible] and be made of the same Messuage and Lands Item my will further is that after the aforesaid Legacies given to my said Two daughters shall be raised out of the Rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands Then the legacie given to my said sonne Thomas to be next raised and paid out of the Rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands Then my said sonne Johns Legacie shall be raised and paid And after my sonne Johns Legacie shall be raised and paid out of the Rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and land Then the legacie given to my said sonne Francis to be mayd raised and paid And after my said sonne Francis his Legacie shall be so raised out of the Rents and proffitts of the said Messuage and Lands then the residue of my said sonne Jonathan's legacie to be next raised and paid out of the Rents and proffitts of my said lands and Messuage And in Case any or either of the aforementioned Legatees shall happen to dye before his her or their Legacie or Legacies shall be raised out of the Rents and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands My will is that his her or their Legacie or Legacies or such part or parts thereof as shall not be raised as aforesaid out of the Rents issues and proffitts of my said Messuage and Lands att the time or times of the death or decease of him her or their them for dyeing shall be equally divided amongst the survivors of them Item I give and devise my said Messuage and all my lands Tenements within the said Lordshipp of Mickleton to **William Rose my Eldest Sonne** To have and to hold the Same from and immediately after such time as all the aforesaid legacies shall be fully raised as aforesaid unto him the said William Rose and the heires Male of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten for ever And for want of such Issue I

devise the same unto my said sonne Foulk Rose And the hieres Male of his body Lawfully begotten or to be begotten for ever And for want of such Issue Then to my said sonne Thomas and the heirs male of his body Lawfully begotten or to be begotten for ever And for want of such issue then to my said sonne John Rose and to the heirs male of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever And for want of such issue Then to my said sonne Francis Rose and to the heires Male of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever And for want of such issue then to my said sonne Jonathan and to the heires male of his body lawfully to be begotten And for want of such issue Then to the Right heires of me the said Thomas Rose for ever Item my will further is that my said Executors shall not att any time or times hereafter destroy or cut downe my Timber nor the Bodyes of any Trees growing or being in or upon the aforesaid lands or any part thereof Item I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth Rose daughter of my said sonne William Rose** the sume of Five pounds of Lawful English money To be paid by my Executors out of my Personall Estate unto her Father for her use within Three years next after my decease Item my will is That all my [illegible] my [illegible] on my Malt Mill and the Dresser in my kitchen shall continue and remain as Standards in my said Messuage or Tenement Item I given bequeath unto Francis and Jonathan my said sonnes and my said two daughters Anne and Elizabeth All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my goods Chattells and personal Estate not before herein bequeathed and disposed of (My debts and funeral and other necessary Expenses out of the same First discharged) To be divided amongst them in manner and forme following (That is to say) My Cattle to be divided into Fower Equall parts And each of them to have a Fourth part And the Rest of my goods To be divided into Three equall parts And my said Two sonnes Francis and Jonathan to have one Third part Equally divided between them And each of my said daughters To have a full Third part And I do hereby Constitute ordaine and appoint my Two sonnes John and Francis And my daughter Anne Joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and the year First above written./Thomas Rose./Subscribed sealed delivered and published by the above named Thomas Rose the Testator as his Last Will and

Testament in the presence of signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us William Bonner/  
John Widdowes/John Taylor Foulk Bristo.

*Probate was granted in London in February 1677 to John, Francis and Anne Rose executors.*