

# Will of Alice Skinner 1766

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*This is the Will of Alice Skinner formerly Alice Haycock formerly Alice Wharam, baptised 10 March 1720 at Wentworth, Yorkshire who married Benjamin Haycock in York 23 February 1741. He ran a business from Bread Street in the City of London and died some time before 1750 when she married again, this time to Thomas Skinner on 01 December 1750 at All Hallows Bread Street. It seems clear from her Will, written before the death of her second husband, that Benjamin Haycock's final illness caused him to neglect his business and that she wished to settle with his creditors.*

*In 1749 Alice Haycock supplied a parcel of ribbons to young Robert Cooper Lee for him to sell in Jamaica. So successful was he that in February 1749/50 she supplied him with a further consignment.*

In the name of God Amen I **Alice Skinner wife of Thomas Skinner of Allhallows Bread Street** London being of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, do make my last Will and Testament in manner following Whereas by articles of agreement entered into on my Marriage with my present Dear and well beloved Husband I am empowered to dispose of the sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds after the death of my said husband in such manner as I shall think proper And whereas upon the death of my late Dear and much Esteemed Sister **Sarah Wharam** I became possessed of a Real Estate in Yorkshire as Heiress at Law to my said Sister since whose death my husband and self have levied a fine, the Indenture or Article to lead the use of said fine after declaring the use to be for the life of my dear and worthy Husband in case of his surviving me, then I declare it to be to such use Intents and Purposes as I shall direct by my last will Now I do hereby give devise and bequeath the same as follows. I give to my **cousin Alice Taylor** of Whalebone Court in Lothbury London fifty pounds or in the case of her death, to her Husband **Mr Jonathan Taylor** and in case of both their deaths, to their son **William**. To my **cousin Grace Jackson** of Wath

Widow fifty pounds, or in case of her death to be divided amongst her children. To my **cousin Ann Empson** of Epworth fifty pounds, or in the case of her death, to be divided amongst her children. To my **cousin Alice Wharam** and to my **cousin Sarah Wharam** daughters of my **uncle John Wharam** late of Swinton deceased twenty five pounds each on their respectively attaining the age of twenty-one years. To my **cousin Thomasin Dolby** for which her receipt to be a discharge Twenty pounds. To my **cousin William Pullen of Swinton** Farmer twenty pounds To **Benjamin Barker** of Brinsworth Farmer, for the very great regard he has always expressed, for my late Honoured Father and for Assisting us several times in our Affairs Twenty pounds and in case of his death Benjamin Parker Junior his son to have the Benefit of it To **Ann Pullen daughter of John Pullen** late of Tooley Street Grocer and who has been brought up by me ever since her Mother's death fifty pounds on her attaining the age of Twenty one years. The nine foregoing Legacies I desire each of them to accept as from my late dear sister their truly worthy Relation, it being by her desire and it is in compliance with that desire I now leave them. I give to **Ann Maxfield** my Servant for her diligent attendance on my late dear sister Ten pounds I give to Elizabeth Minskip daughter of my formerly very faithful servant and Grand daughter to Benjamin Parker before mentioned to be paid into the hands of her nearest relation by the Mother's side for her use and benefit five pounds. I give to the poor of Allhallows Bridge Street where I have been an Inhabitant several years five pounds. I give to my **brother Nathaniel Haycock** of the City of Coventry Thirty pounds I give to **Dorothy Able and Mary Able** Daughters of **Jonathan Able** of the same place now lately deceased and whose Mother was sister to my late husband fifteen pounds each, on their respectively attaining the age of twenty one years or days of Marriage which shall first happen. I will direct and appoint that the share of one thousand eight hundred fifty one pounds one shilling and three pence shall be distributed amongst the creditors of **my late husband Benjamin Haycock** and his creditors in partnership with **Richard Francis** whose names with the sums respectively due to them will be found with this my Will in the list signed by me and wrote both within and without with my own hand, a list of the creditors of my late husband Benjamin Haycock referred to by my last will together with the sum each creditor is to receive, whereby it will appear

that I have so far preferred the Creditors of my said late Husband as to give them as much more in proportion to their respective debts as I have given to his creditors in partnership with the said Richard Francis and it is my Intention so to do But notwithstanding the leaving such a sum for that purpose, if I shall hereafter see reason to Cross any in the said list and write with my own hand on such list that I have Excluded them all benefit of this my Will they shall stand Excluded and the sum that would have gone to them had they not been Excluded shall go to the same Use Intents and Purposes as I have devised the Remainder of what I am Intitled to dispose of (after payment of the Legacies) I give to each of my Executors hereafter named Eighty pounds for their Trouble, and I will that all the said Legacies shall be paid within six months after the before mentioned sum of Two thousand five hundred pounds and Real Estate shall come into the hands of my Executors to enable them so to do and it is my will to charge both the said Sum and Real Estate with the payment of the said Legacies and here I think it may not be Improper to declare that the Legacy to my late Husband's Brother and to his two Nieces and the large sum to be distributed amongst his creditors (as large it is according to what I have to dispose of) are left by me out of Regard to his Memory and from no other Motive whatsoever And as to the residue and remainder of the said sum I give and devise it, as also I given devise my said Estate or Estates with the Manor House and every the Hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging or any ways appertaining being and lying situate and arising at Broom in the parish of Whiston and West Riding of the County of York to my Executors upon the several Trusts and provisoes hereafter mentioned that is to say In Trust for such children as I may leave behind me at the time of my decease Share and Share alike as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants if there be but one living at that time, then in Trust for such only child and upon this further Trust and Confidence that my said Executors or the Survivor or Survivors of them shall and do Settle and Convey all my Estate or Estates as Council shall advise unto or upon or to the use and benefit of my said Child or Children as soon as they shall attain their respective ages of Twenty-one years and if any die before that age then upon the survivor or survivors of them and in case the said Estate shall come to the hands of my executors before my children or child if any there be arrive

at the age of Twenty one years It is my Will that the Rents Issues and Profits arising or accruing from it shall from year to year as the same comes due and is received be placed out in some of the public funds for their his or her use and benefit and paid to them at their respective ages of Twenty one years and in case I should have no Child living at my decease or such Child shall not attain the age of Twenty one years nor leave Issue I then give and devise the Remainder of the said sum and my said Estate if my well beloved Husband should survive me and have issue, to his Eldest Son and if no Son to his Eldest Daughter and do direct my Executors to Convey and Assure It to him or her by good and sufficient conveyances such as Council learned in the Laws shall advise as fully and in every respect the same as though I had myself left Issue But if my dear Husband should leave no child I then given devise the Remainder of said Sum and my said Estate to my cousins Alice Taylor and Grace Jackson and their Heirs for ever Equally to be divided betwixt them In Trust nevertheless that they shall and do pay out of the same within three Months after the same shall come into their Possession to their three sisters viz. **Mary Baxter, Hannah Woodhall, Ann Empson** One hundred pounds each to Alice and Sarah Wharam daughters of Mr John Wharam late of Swinton and mentioned before in this my Will One hundred pounds each. To the poor of the parish of Whiston in which parish the said Estate lyes One hundred pounds five pounds of which to be paid to them on the fourth day of May the first that happens after their coming into Possession five pounds more on the thirtieth of November in the same year till the Hundred pound is paid which will be in ten years and as to the objects to distributed to I will the distribution on fourth of May to be to unmarried poor and that on the 30th of November to married poor. Lastly I do appoint **Mr Jonathan Taylor of Whalebone Court Lothbury London** and **Mrs Grace Jackson of Wath in the West Riding of the County of York Widow Executors** of this my Will. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal revoking all Others this **seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one seven hundred and fifty four**. Alice Skynner. Signed sealed published and delivered by the said Alice Skinner as and for her last Will and Testament in presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as

Witnesses thereto the date being first altered – W.Skelton n.p. Sarah Skelton, daughter to Mr Skelton. Edward Abraham Clerk to D.

A list of the Creditors of my late husband Benjamin Haycock referred to by my last Will.

	This Column belongs to the Creditors of Benj Haycock alone	This Column belongs to the Creditors of Haycock and Francis
Smith and Home, Coal Merchants this was contracted on one Bond and two Notes. The bond for £400, the notes for £100 each all payable to Richard Francis – and was given to him at the dissolution of the partnership and by him assigned over to said Smith and Home	£600	
Robert Rogers, Merchant – I think Francis had notes or memorandums for this in his name and gave his own note to Mr Rogers but as the cash was advanced into the Silk Trade (tho' I can't remember on what securities other ways than above) I allow it half as joint and half as seperate	£100	£100
William Gower, Haberdasher, as I think on the three notes for Cash Borrowed	£160	£250
William Sheldon, Merchant, on four notes for Silk	£319 6s	£315 7s
John Weld, Throwster, on one Note d <sup>o</sup> .		£47 11s
Horne and Morehall, Merchants, on five Notes d <sup>o</sup> .a Book debt and remainder of a Bill on Newman Hooker	£185 1s 9d	£410 19s
Zachery and Stevens, Merchants and Throwsters, as I think on Balance of two notes and a Book debt	£62 15s	££141 3s
William and George Fothergill, Throwsters, on two notes for	£101 5s	

Silk		
Loyd Wilson and Co. Merchants, on two notes for Silk	£285 16s	
John Russell and Son, Throwsters on two Notes of Benj Haycock by them proved under Francis Commission as a Joint debts		£228 12s
Crancke and Son, Throwsters, remainder of a note for Silk		£44 18s 6d
Samson and Welch, Haberdashers for Bills they had accepted over and above their running account of Goods	£148 10s	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Jeneway, Merchant, as he gave me in his debt		£94 11s
Edward Freeman, Mercer at Coventry on draught for Cash advanced there	£20	
Francis Hickman a Book debt	£14 3s	
Jonathan Taylor, Wine Merchant, a Book debt	£14 16s	
John Welch, Apothecary, a Book debt, since dead, but has left a daughter	£36 15s	
Obadiah Agace, Spitalfields Weaver, for Loss he sustained by discounting two draughts on Newman Hooker, four draughts on Will <sup>m</sup> Baddily, and three on Will <sup>m</sup> Jephcott, the first of which failed and the two latter became Bankrupts he has a Bond as a Collateral Security for what he might lose by discounting and the before named Notes	£500	
Joseph Scott, Woollen Draper, for loss he sustained by discounting a Bill on W <sup>m</sup> .Jephcott who became a Bankrupt, since left off Trade	£40	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnes, Dyer, a Book debt	£76 7s	
Rich <sup>d</sup> . Savage, Dyer d <sup>o</sup> .	£39 7s	
Nathaniel Haycock, Dyer, Coventry d <sup>o</sup> .	£81 10s	
Part of the last three debts to the Dyers was Contracted in		

the Joint names but as none of them contributed to spend the Effects I intend them to have the Benefit as if they were all seperate.		
Richard Savage (the same as above) for Money he left with Ebenezer Tingey at that time servant to Haycock and Francis which very sum of money said Tingey lent to his said Masters proved it under Francis Commission and is since dead and as by his continuance in my service I am fully convinced his long illness prevented him making satisfaction to said Savage, in consideration that the money was lent and out of Respect to the Memory of the said Tingey who was a very faithful servant I place this as a debt due from Benj Haycock alone	£100	
	£2885 11s 9d	£1633 1s 6d

This is the list referred to by my last Will the Creditors of my late husband Benjamin Haycock alone are to receive ten shills in the pound on each of their debts as mentioned above which said ten shills in the pound amounts to the sum of one thousand four hundred forty two pounds fifteen shills and 10d ½. The Creditors in the names of Haycock and Francis are to receive five shills in the pound on each of their debts as mentioned above which said five shills in the pound amounts to the sum of four hundred and eight pounds five shills and 4d ½ which I have inserted in words at length to prevent any Mistake or Dispute from arising about a figure or figures - This list intirely finished in the Month of May one thousand seven hundred and fifty four as Witness my hand Alice Skinner.

The neat sum each creditor or creditors are to receive on their respective debts.

	This Column For the Debt Contracted in the name of Benj Haycock alone	This Column For the Debt Contracted in the names of Haycock and Francis
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Smith and Horne are to receive	£300	
Robert Rogers d <sup>o</sup> .	£50	£25
William Gower d <sup>o</sup> .	£80	£62 10S
William Sheldon d <sup>o</sup> .	£159 13S	£78 16S 9d
John Weld d <sup>o</sup> .		£11 17s 9d
Horne and Morhall d <sup>o</sup> .	£92 10s 10d 1/2	£102 14s 9d
Zachery and Stevens d <sup>o</sup> .	£31 7s 6d	£35 5s 9d
William and George Fothergill d <sup>o</sup> .	£50 12s 6d	
Loyd Wilson and Co d <sup>o</sup> .	£142 18s	
John Russell and Son d <sup>o</sup> .		£57 3s
Crancke and Son d <sup>o</sup> .		£11 4s 7 ½d
Samson and Welsh d <sup>o</sup> .	£74 5s	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Jeneway d <sup>o</sup> .		£23 12s 9d
Edward Freeman d <sup>o</sup> .	£10	
Francis Hickman d <sup>o</sup> .	£7 1s 6d	
Jonathan Taylor d <sup>o</sup> .	£7 8s	
John Welch d <sup>o</sup> .	£18 7s 6d	
Obadiah Agace d <sup>o</sup> .	£250	
Joseph Scott d <sup>o</sup> .	£20	
Samuel Barnes d <sup>o</sup> .	£38 3s 6d	
Richard Savage d <sup>o</sup> .	£19 13s 6d	
Nathaniel Haycock d <sup>o</sup> .	£40 15s	
Richard Savage	£50	

10 shillings in the pound on £2895 11s 9d is £1442 15s 10 1/2d for the creditors of BH as see particulars above

five shillings in the pound on £1633 1s 6d is £408 5s 4 1/2d for the creditors of H and F as see particulars above

£1851 1s 3d the total sum left by my last Will.

A list of the creditors of my late husband Benjamin Haycock referred to by my last will.

Alice Skinner.

This Will was proved at London (with a List or Testamentary Schedule annexed) the 26th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six before the right worshipful George Hay Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Jonathan Taylor and Grace Jackson Widow the



Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer that is to say the said Jonathan Taylor before the worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws and Surrogate and the said Grace Jackson by Commission. John Blagdon Edward Atkins and John Bridges the Executors of the Will with three Codicils of Thomas Skinner Esquire deceased whilst living the husband of the said deceased first consenting.