

# Probate for the will of William Monk of Burford, signed 1823, proved 1825

## **Transcription**

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## **Source**

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## **Summary**

William Monk , Wheelwright of Burford, Oxfordshire

Son James Monk to receive £10 for mourning

His wife Mary Monk is to get

All the household goods and furniture

Half the timber and stock of his Wheelwright trade (the other half belonging to James)

All the iron and stock of his Blacksmiths trade

Property in the High Street in Burford, Oxfordshire (in William's occupation and bought from Burns & Beasley)

Three cottages in Guildenford Lane (occupied respectively by Thomas Taylor, Ryland, and nobody)

A piece of Garden ground in Guildenford Lane purchased (from Oriel College, Oxford and occupied by William)

Four cottages in Guildenford Lane (bought from Burns & Smith, two empty, the other occupied by William Pastor and the Widow Goodrichard respectively)

After his Wife Mary's death this property is to be placed in the trust of John Willis of Westhall Hill in the

Parish of Fulbrook in the County of Oxford Nurseryman. To be sold and divided amongst a list of William's Children, or should they be dead, then their children (John Kempster Monk, Mary Jordon Hewer the Wife of Jasper Hewer, William Monk, Elizabeth Baker the wife of John Baker, and George Monk)

Witnessed by Margaret Arkill, Robert Durham & Thomas Lee

Sole executrix is his wife Mary Monk

Signed – 14 June 1823

Proved – 17 Aug 1825

## **Text**

This is the last Will and Testament  
of me William Monk of Burford in the county of Oxford Wheelwright first

I will and direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses shall be fully paid and satisfied by my Executrix hereinafter named I give and bequeath to my son James Monk the sum of ten pounds for Mourning I give and bequeath unto my Wife Mary Monk all my household goods and furniture and working ~ Tools And also my moiety and half part of the timber and other Stock used in the trade of a Wheelwright now carried on by me /the other moiety thereof being the property of my Son James Monk / and the whole of the Iron and other Stock used in the trade of a Blacksmith also now carried on by me and \*\* all other my Personal Estate and Effects Whatsoever and Wheresoever which I may die ~ ~ possessed of To hold the same unto my said Wife Mary Monk her Executors ~ administrators and assigns to and for her and their own proper use and benefit Also I give and devise unto my said wife Mary Monk all that Messuage or Tenement ~ Land Garden and Premises situate and being in the high street in Burford aforesaid now in my own occupation and which was purchased of Messieurs Burns and Beasley and also all those three Cottages in Guildenford Lane in Burford aforesaid and in the occupation of Thomas Taylor another in the occupation of [space for forename] Ryland and the other void Also all that piece of Garden Ground in Guildenford Lane aforesaid  
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now in my own occupation which I purchased of oriel College Oxford and also all those four Cottages or Tenements in Guildenford Lane in Burford aforesaid which I purchased of Messieurs Burns and Smith and which of is now in the occupation of William Pastor another in the occupation of the Widow Goodrichard the other two ~ void and all other my Real Estate Whatsoever and wheresoever to hold the said ~~~ Messuages Cottages Tenements Garden Ground hereditaments ~~~ Real Estate and Premises hereinbefore mentioned unto my said wife Mary Monk and her assigns For and during the term of her natural life And from and immediately after her decease I give and devise the same Messuages Cottages Tenements Garden Ground Hereditaments Real Estate and Premises unto John Willis of Westhall Hill in the Parish of Fulbrook in the County of Oxford Nurseryman his heirs and assigns Upon and for the several trusts and interests and purposes herinafter mentioned expressed ~ and declared /that is to say/ In trust that he the said John Willis his heirs or ~ assigns do and shal as soon after the decease of my said Wife as conveniently may be Sell and dispose of my said Messuages Cottages Tenements Garden Ground and all other my Real Estate hereditaments and Premises either by public auction or private contract and together or in parcels as he shall think most proper for the most money and best price or prices as can or may be ~ reasonably had or obtained for the same and after payment of the Costs ~ charges and expenses attending such sale or sales do and shall pay and apply ~~ the clear residue of the money arising by such sale or sales unto and amongst such of my Sons and Daughters John Kempster Monk Mary Jordon Hewer /the Wife of Jasper Hewer/ William Monk Elizabeth Baker /the wife of John Baker/ and George Monk who shall be living at the decease of my said Wife Share and Share alike but in case any or either of my said last named Children shall happen to die in the lifetime of my said Wife leaving lawful Issue of his her or their body or bodies then I will and direct the said John Willis and his heirs to pay and divide the share or respective shares of such of my Children so dying leaving lawful issue as ~ ~ aforesaid unto and amongst such of the Issue of my said child or children so

dying who shall be living at the decease of my said Wife Share and Share alike And I do hereby declare and direct that the receipt or receipts of the said ~ John Willis his heirs and assigns under his or their hand or hands shall from time to time be a sufficient discharge and discharges to the purchaser or ~ purchasers of my said Messuages Cottages Tenements Garden Ground hereditaments Real Estate and Premises his her or their Executors ~ Administrators or Assigns for so much of the said purchase money for which such receipt or receipts shall be so given And that from and after such receipt or receipts such purchaser or ~ purchasers shall be absolutely discharged of and from the same and not be ~ accountable or answerable for any loss misapplication or nonapplication of the said purchase money or any part thereof And my Will is and I do hereby declare that the said John Willis and his heirs or assigns shall not be charged or chargeable with or accountable for any more of the said trust money and promise than ~ shall actually come to his or their hands nor for any loss which shall or may happen to the same or any part thereof so as such loss happen without his or their wilful neglect or default And also that it shall or may be lawful to and for the said John Willis and his heirs in the first place by and out of the monies which shall come to his or their hands by virtue of this my Will to deduct retain to and reimburse himself and themselves all such Costs Charges Damages and Expenses as he or they shall pay bear sustain expend or be put unto for or by reason or means of the trusts hereby in him or them supposed [sic] or the management or execution thereof or any art matter or thing whatsoever in anywise relating thereto And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said ~ Wife Mary Monk sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby ~ revoking and making void all former ~~~~ ~~~~ Will and Wills by me at ant time or times heretofore

made In Witness Whereof I the said William Monk the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained on three sheets of paper to each sheet thereof  
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set my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three *W<sup>m</sup> Monk LS Signed Sealed Published and Declared* by the said ~~will~~ Testator William Monk as and for his last Will and ~ Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have herunto subscribed our names as Witnesses *Margaret Arkill /-/  
Robert Durham /-/  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Lee*

Proved at London 17<sup>th</sup> August 1825 before the judge by the Oath of Mary ~ Monk Widow the Relict the sole Executrix to whom admin was granted being first sworn (by Common) only to administer

**Notes:**

1. The 1791 edition of the Universal British Directory lists the principal inhabitants of Burford. These include:
  - James Monk, Wheelwright
  - James Willis, Nursery & Seedman
2. The IGI records that one John WILLIS married My OSMAN in Burford in 1815

