

Appendix I. Will of Amos Jacob, Physician, 1688

In the name of God Amen the nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty & eight And in the fourth yeare of the Reigne of ou Sovereign Lord James the Second by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the faith, I Amos Jacob the elder of Barrow Hill in the parish of Ashford in the County of Kent being sick in body but of sound & perfect memory God be praised therefore doe make and ordaine my last will & testament in manner & forme following (that is to say)—

Imprimis I commend my soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping through the meritorious death & passion of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ to receive remission & pardon of all my sinns and my body I leave to the earth from whence it came to be buried in the Churchyard of Ashford aforesaid and neare where my old Cousen Ralph Scott was buried as conveniently may be at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as touching that worldly estate which God of his mercy hath lent me and not by my deed or deeds settled before I give & dispose as followeth Item I will appoint and desire that eight of my old servants shall carry me to the ground to be buried & for their paines I give them halfe a crowne a peece to be paid unto them the same day by my said Executrix.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter ffrances Austen and to my daughter Susannah Page four shillings apeece to be paid unto them severally within one month next after my decease by my Executrix Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Deborah Browning twenty shillings to be paid unto her likewise within one month after my decease by my Executrix Item I give & bequeath into my prentice girle Susan Handwill six pounds of lawful English money to be paid & disposed of by my Executrix within three months next after my decease for & towards placing of her onto againe for her best advantage & preferment hereafter Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Amos Jacob sonn of my sonn Richard Jacob late deceased tenn shillings to be paid unto him within one month after my decease by my Executrix, Item I give & bequeath all that spott of land containing by estimation halfe an acre more or lesse whereon I am now a building a house & all the other buildings that shll be thereon built at the time of my decease unto my loving wife Mary Jacob whom I make and ordaine full & sole Executrix of this my last will and testam't if they be not fully made an end of completed & finish fitting for any person or persons to live in to be sold and the moneys that shall arise by the sale thereof I give unto my said loving wife to dispose of among my two children Edward Jacob & Amos Jacob at her owne discretion and appointment as she shall think fitt and convenient But my will & meaning further is

that if my aforesaid house & other the buildings be fully made an end of & finished fitting for any person or persons to live in before my decease then I give & bequeath the same unto my said loving wife during the time of her widdowhood & afterwards I give the aforesaid house & spott of land & other the buildings unto my son Amos Jacob & his heirs for ever. But for want of such heires I give & bequeath the said house & spott of land & other the buildings unto my three daughters ffrances Austen, Susan Austen and Deborah Austen & to their heires for ever.

Item all the rest of my goods, chattells & other my personal estate whatsoever not herein before given & bequeathed I give unto my said loving wife towards the maintenance of herself & bringing up of her two children she discharging my debts legacies funeral expenses & probate of this my last will & testament In witness thereof to this my last will & testament containing two sheetes of paper to the first I have set only my hand but to the last my hand and scale dated the day & yeare befroe written.

Signed sealed published & delivered in the presence of

Sarah Hills

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William Hills
Thomas Young

Amos Jacob