

Will of John Saunders of Westwick, probate 1782

This is the last will and testament of me **John Saunders** of Westwick in the Parish of St Michael in the County of Hertford Yeoman which I make publish and declare as such in manner following (that is to say) first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and creator hoping a????dly through the merits of Jesus Christ my most blessed Saviour and Redeemer to be made partaker of Everlasting Life and my body I commend to the earth to be decently buried by my Executors hereafter named and as for such worldly estate as it hath pleased Almighty God of his infinite goodness to bless me with I dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say) I give and devise unto my two younger sons **Daniel Saunders** and **Thomas Saunders** and to their heirs and assigns all that my copyhold messuages or tenements wherein **John Saunders** my eldest son did lately inhabit and dwell with all the outhouses buildings barns stables brickkilns yards gardens barksides commons and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate and being on **High Street Green** within the manor and parish of Hemel Hempstead in the said County of Hertford and also all those my several closes pletes and parcels of arable land ley meadow or pasture ground thereunto belonging and therewith now lying and being in the said parish of Hemel Hempstead with their and every of their rights privileges and appurtenances now in the tenure of my said son **John Saunders** (which I have surrendered to the use of this my will) and all other my lands and tenements whatsoever and wherever and of what tenure soever with their and every of their appurtenances to hold the same unto and to the use of them my said two sons **Daniel Saunders** and **Thomas Saunders** and to their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common and not as joint tenants

Item I give and bequeath unto my eldest son **John Saunders** and unto my son-in-law **Thomas Baily** of Petticoat Lane Whitechapel London printer all my monies and securities for monies cattle corn grain hay wood stock and implements in husbandry now being upon my farm at Westwick aforesaid or elsewhere in trust to sell and dispose of the same and out of the monies to arise by sale thereof do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto my daughter **Susannah** wife of the said **Thomas Baily** the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain and unto my daughter **Elizabeth** wife of **John Herridge** of the Yewtree Farm in the parish of Hemel Hempstead aforesaid husbandman the sum of one hundred pounds of like lawful money to be paid to them severally and respectively at the end of twelve calendar months next after my decease and also do and shall thereout well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto my daughter **Esther** the wife of **William Fellows** of Megdell in the said parish of St Michaels farmer the

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sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of like money and to my youngest daughter **Ann Saunders** spinster the sum of two hundred pounds of like lawful money to be paid to them severally and respectively at the end of twelve calendar months next after my decease and from and after payment of all my just debts funeral charges and the several legacies and sums of money hereinbefore mentioned and given out of my said stock and personal estate in trust to pay all the residue and remainder of the monies to arise by sale of my said personal estate equally unto and amongst them the said **John Saunders Daniel Saunders Thomas Saunders Susannah Bailey Elizabeth Herridge Hester Fellows and Ann Saunders** share and share alike provided always and I do hereby declare my mind and will to be that if any one or more of my said sons or daughters shall happen to die before his her or their legacy or legacies shall become due and payable leaving a child or children lawfully begotten then and in such case I give the legacy or sum of money of him her or them so dying unto such child or children equally to be divided among them but if either of them my said sons or daughters shall happen to die before his her or their legacy shall become due and payable leaving no lawful child or children then my will is that the legacy or legacies of him her or them so dying shall go and be paid to the survivors of them my said sons and daughters

Item I give unto my said two youngest sons **Daniel Saunders** and **Thomas Saunders** all my wearing apparel and wearing linen of all sorts and I do hereby make constitute and appoint the said **John Saunders** my said eldest son and the said **Thomas Bailey** my son-in-law joint executors of this my last will and testament and lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills by me at any time theretofore made and declare this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said **John Saunders** the testator have to this my last will and testament contained and written on this one sheet of paper duly set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of July in the twenty first year of the reign of our sovereign lord George the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith and so forth and in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one **John Saunders** signed sealed published and declared by the said **John Saunders** the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto wrote our names as witnesses in the presences of the said testator at his request and in the presence of each other this nineteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty one **Thomas Sibley Thomas Orchard W^m Ginger Jun^r**

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This will was proved at London the fourteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two before the worshipful Andrew Coltee Durande Doctor of Laws and surrogate of the right worshipful Peter

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John Herridge is probably John Headech.

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NB Sent me 22 August 2011 by Tony Harrison who downloaded the will from the National Archives.