

1758 Will of John Linthorne of Poole, Dorset

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In the Name of God Amen I John LINTHORNE in the Town and County of Poole, Mariner (Being of Sound Mind) Memory and Understanding and being now Bound to Parts beyond the Seas and Considering the many Accidents and Dangers of the Seas: Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following (that is to say:) ***First*** I Will that all my Just Debts and Funeral Expences be paid and Discharged, And after such Debts and funeral Expences are paid and Discharged ***I do*** Give and Bequeath as Follows (that is to say.) First I do Give and Bequeath all my money Plate goods Chattles Effects and Personal Estate whatsoever wheresoever and of what kind and Naturesoever (which I shall die possessed of, or which of Right shall Belong or appertain to me at the time of my Decease and Every Part thereof:) unto my Loving and Trusty Friends **Martin KEMP** of the said Town and County of Poole Grocer and **William HARRISON** of the same Place Sailmaker and to the Survivors of them and to the Executors and Administrators of Such Survivor ***In Trust*** to and for the Several Uses Intents and Purposes herein after Particularly mentioned (and to no other Use Intent or Purpose whatsoever.) that is to Say.

First my Will is and I do hereby Give and Bequeath unto my Kinsman **Edward LINTHORNE** of the Town and County of Poole Blacksmith the Sum of Forty Pounds

Also I Give and Bequeath unto **Elizabeth WHITE** Sister of the said **Edward LINTHORNE** ten pounds

Also I Give and Bequeath unto **Mary LINTHORNE** and **Hannah LINTHORNE** (Sisters also of the said **Edward LINTHORNE**) Each of them Ten Pounds

Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Kinsman **Samuel LINTHORNE** of the said Town and County of Poole Mercer Forty Pounds,

Also I Give and Bequeath unto all and every the Children of my Loving Sister **Mary HARRISON** the Sum of Seventy Pounds to be Equally Divided amongst them Part and Share alike to be paid to them as soon as they shall Severally attain to the age of Twenty one Years and not before (Except it be towards the Binding of any of them Apprentice).

Also I do Give and Bequeath unto all and Every the Children of my Loving sister **Margaret GALTON** the Sum of Seventy Pounds to be Equally Divided amongst them Part and Share alike to be paid to then as soon as they shall Severally attain to the Age of Twenty one Years and not before (Except it be toward the Binding of any or either of them Apprentice).

Also, I Give and Bequeath unto **Timothy LINTHORNE** (the Son of my Brother **Timothy LINTHORNE** of the Town and County of Poole, Mariner:) the Sum of Thirty Pounds to be paid to him at the age of Twenty one Years and not before (Except it be to bind him apprentice:),

And my Will is and I do hereby Order and Direct that what Part, Portion and Remainder of Each Respective Child's part of my said Sister, **Mary HARRISON**, **Margaret GALTON** and of my said brother's **Timothy LINTHORNE** that shall be more than sufficient for the Binding of Each any or either of them apprentice as

Aforesaid shall be paid to Each and Every of them as soon as they shall severally and Respectively attain to the age of Twenty one Years and not before on any other consideration whatsoever. **And in Case** any or either of the said Children of my said Sister **Mary HARRISON** should happen to die before they Receive or be paid their Respective parts as aforesaid then my Will is and I do hereby Give and Bequeath the respective part or parts of him her or them so Dying to the Survivor and Survivors of him her or them so Dying to be Equally Divided amongst them Part and Share alike. **And in Case** any or either of the said Children of my said Sister **Margaret GALTON** should happen to die before they Receive or be paid their Respective Parts as aforesaid then my Will is and I do hereby give and Bequeath the Respective part or parts of him her or them so Dying to the Survivor and Survivors of him her or them so dying to be Equally Divided amongst them Part and Share alike. **And in Case Timothy LINTHORNE** (the Son of my said Brother **Timothy LINTHORNE**;) should happen to Die before he Receive or be paid the aforementioned Sum of Thirty Pounds, then my Will is that the same shall be paid to his said Father Immediately at his son's Decease. **And If in Case I** shall Leave, or die Possessed of more or Less than Sufficient to Discharge all and Every the above mentioned Legacies Then my Will is that Every one of the said Legatees shall have or Abate a Proportional Part according to the Legacys Respectively bequeathed to all and Every of them as aforesaid.

Also I do Give and Bequeath all my Wearing Apparell both Linnen Woolen Silk and also all my Plate to be Equally Divided between the said **Edward LINTHORNE, Elizabeth WHITE, Mary LINTHORNE, Hannah LINTHORNE, Samuel LINTHORNE,** and the Children of my Said Sisters **Mary HARRISON, Margaret GALTON,** and my Said Nephew **Timothy LINTHORNE** To be Divided between them Part and Share alike.

Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Trustees **Martin KEMP** and **William HARRISON** Each of them the Sum of Thirty Shillings to buy them a Mourning Ring.

And Lastly I do hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint them the Said **Martin KEMP** and **William HARRISON** Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby desiring they will see the same duly and truly Performed, And I hereby Order and Direct that they nor either of them shall be chargeable either in Law or Equity upon any account whatsoever with any accidental Loss or Damage which may be Sustained on the above Bequeathed premises And that all and all manner of charges and Expences whatsoever which my said Trustees shall Lay out Expend or which they shall Judge necessary to be Laid out and Expended in or about the Execution and Performance of this my Last Will and Testament or the Trust hereby in them Reposed shall be first fully Satisfied paid and allowed them out of the Real and personal Estate that I die Possessed of **And I** do hereby revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made Ratifying and Confirming this to Stand and be for and as my Last Will and Testament. **In Witness** whereof I the said **John LINTHORNE** the Testator have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal this Twenty Fourth Day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight.

John LINTHORNE

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said **John LINTHORNE** the Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in the Presence of us (who in his presence and at his request and in the presence of Each other:) have subscribed our Names as Witness hereunto

Wm **REEKS**

Susanna **COLBORNE**

John **COLBORNE** Jun: Not^y: Publick

After this will was made I give to **Mary BIDDEN?** the sum of five pounds. Witness my hand.

John LINTHORNE

Genealogical Notes

1. Others mentioned

- **Martin KEMP**, Grocer - Friend
- **William HARRISON**, Sailmaker - Friend
- **Mary BIDDEN? AIDDES?**

2. Witnesses – **William REEKS, Susanna COLBORNE, John COLBORNE Jun**

[TC Notes – 1758 Will of John Linthorne, Mariner].

The 1758 Will of **John LINTHORNE**, Mariner, of Poole, Dorset was written in the neatest handwriting one could ever hope to see in any era. It is a pleasure to read, the unmistakable handiwork of **John COLBORNE Jr.**, Schoolmaster, who signs the document; his handwriting can also be found in the “Amity Lodge”, Masonic records. His wife **Susannah COLBORNE** (nee **PIKE**) also signs the document.