

Transcript of the will of Charles Pratt made 13th January 1724

In the name of God Amen, I Charles Pratt of the parish of Matherne in the county of Monmouth yeoman, being of a sound and disposing memory (thanks be given to Almighty god) hereby revoking all former wills do make ordain and **constitute this** my last will and testament in manner and form following (That is to say) first I commit my soul into the hands of god my Creator hoping to be saved by the of Jesus Christ my Redeemer and my body to be buried at the **discretion** of my Executor hereafter named.

And as to that worldly estate it has pleased god to entrust me withal, I dispose of the same as followeth, first it is my will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid and discharged, Item I give and bequeath unto the four children of Thomas Bennett forty pounds to be equally divided between them, and to be paid **them** within one year..... after my decease, Item I give to my maidservant Jane Baker twenty shillings to be paid Within one year after my decease, Item I give devise and bequeath to my nephew William Cades all my freehold estate with all the houses, barns, stables, and outhouses, thereto belonging during the term of his natural life, and also I give all the said land and houses to my niece Anne Cades the wife of the said William Cades during the term of her natural life, if she survive her said husband William Cades and after their **decease** and of the longest lives of them both, I give and bequeath the aforesaid houses lands and tenements to John Webb of London, the son of William Webb formerly of Wapping shipwright for and during the term of his natural life If he outlives the said William Cades and Anne his wife, and after the **decease** of the said William Cades and his wife and the said John Webb, then my will is that all the said land and tenements as aforesaid shall be and **enure**, and I do here by devise and bequeath the same to a schoolmaster or schoolmistress, to be made **choice of** at a full parish meeting by the majority of the inhabitants of the parish of Matherne, for teaching of poor children of the said parish of Matherne forever, Item I give my wearing clothes to my servant man John Jenkins . And lastly I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my personal estate within and without **as money** household goods implements of husbandry corn and cattle to my said nephew William Cades, whom I nominate and appoint executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have **here unto** set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of January 1724.

Signed, sealed , published and delivered In the presence of

Henry Morgan

John Williams

William (his mark)

This mark of Charles Pratt

Added note on granting of probate written in latin

19 April 1725 (*date of probate*)

NB: All text in Red cant be clearly determined and is assumed.