

**Will of Catherine Higgs 1781** (TNA, PROB 11/1079/142)

## Summary

Testator: Catherine Higgs, City of Bath, Somerset, Widow  
 Executors: son Thomas Higgs, son-in-law Andrew Planche Floor  
 Date: 27 March 1781, proved 15 June 1781  
 Will:
 

- £600 to sons John & William Higgs owed on Bond
- £5 for mourning and Ring to sons John, William and Thomas
- £105 to daughter Catherine owed on Bond
- £5 for mourning and ring to 'my daughter Neville'
- money owed by George Slater Shopkeeper and Weaver of Saint Leonards Shoreditch to Andrew Planche Floor
- mourning ring to much valued friend Lady Lyde
- £100 owed by M A? Morrit of Chandos Street London to executors for paying debts and fulfilling bequests, the rest to be divided equally between children John, William, Thomas and Catherine
- £10 to son Thomas for executing will
- residue of possessions to daughter Catherine

## Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. I Catherine Higgs of the City of Bath in the County of Somerset widow being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say
2. Imprimis I desire that my body may be buried in the parish where I die and that my funeral be conducted according to the discretion and direction of my son Thomas Higgs and Andrew Planche Floor husband to my daughter Catherine late Catherine Stone the said funeral not to exceed twenty pounds
3. I give and bequeath unto my sons John and William Higgs the sum of six hundred pounds which they now owe me on the joint bonds to be equally divided between them and do hereby direct and enjoin my executors hereinafter named to give up the same Bond to them the said John and William Higgs their executors administrators or assigns they paying the interest for the same up to the day of my decease
4. I also give and bequeath unto my sons John and Wm Higgs the sum of five guineas each for mourning and each of them a ring value one guinea each
5. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Higgs the sum of five guineas and a ring one guinea value the said Thomas Higgs paying my interest money according to his note to the day of my decease
6. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Planche Floor late Catherine Stone the sum of one hundred pounds which she now owes me on her bond and direct and enjoin my executors to give up the said bond to her her heirs executors and administrators likewise a promissary note from her husband Andrew Planche Floor he paying or accounting for the said annuity to the day of my death
7. I likewise direct and enjoin my said executors to deliver to my said daughter any other bond or bill that may appear against her

8. I further give unto my said daughter Catherine Planche Floor the sum of five guineas
9. I give unto my daughter Neville wife of Bartholomew Neville the sum of five guineas for mourning and a ring value one guinea
10. I likewise direct and enjoin my executors to deliver up to her husband any bond or note that may appear against him
11. I give and bequeath unto Andrew Planche Floor all and every sum or sums of money due to me upon bond from George Slater shopkeeper and weaver of Saint Leonards Shoreditch or which may be due unto me at the time of my decease
12. likewise I give unto the said Andrew Planche Floor a ring value one Guinea
13. I give to my much valued friend Lady Lyde in token of the great respect I bear her a mourning ring of the value of one guinea
14. To enable my executors to fulfil this my last Will and Testament I do consign to them one hundred pounds due to me from M A? Morrit of Chandos Street London and all interest due to me to the day of my decease that they my said executors may be enabled to discharge my lawful debts and other requests according to the intention of this my last Will and Testament the remainder of the said sum after such demands being fully satisfied I request may be equally divided between my sons John Thomas and William Higgs and my daughter Catherine Planche Floor and in default of any of the said parties to be equally divided among the survivors
15. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Planche Floor all and every residue of effects plate clothes etc. deemed mine without reserve the hundred pounds and interest money abovementioned excepted?
16. and I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas Higgs and Andrew Planche Floor my joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament
17. I do further give my son Thomas Higgs for the trouble he may have in assisting to execute this my last Will and Testament ten pounds
18. and I doe hereby revoke all former Wills by me heretofore made and I declare this only to be my last Will and Testament
19. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one

Cath Higgs

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testatrix Catherine Higgs as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have attested the same in her presence and in the presence of each other

Dorothy Dorman Hannah Wichel Francis Bissell

This Will was proved at London the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master

Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Thomas Higgs the son of the deceased and Andrew Planche Floor the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased was granted he having been first sworn Duty to Administer.