

I John Ruscoe of Aldersey in the Parish of Codrington  
and County of Chester Yeoman, being of sound and  
disposing mind, memory and understanding praised be  
God for the same - Do make publish and declare  
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following. - First I commend my soul into the hands  
of Almighty God my Creator hoping for a remission of all  
my sins by the merits and Mediation of my Saviour  
Jesus Christ, my Body I commit to the Earth to be  
decently intored at the discretion of my Executors  
herein after Mentioned, and as to all my worldly  
goods I give and bequeath the same as follows -  
First I do order and direct my Executors herein  
after named to pay and discharge all my just debts  
as shall be owing at my decease, together with my  
funeral Expences. - I give and bequeath to my  
dearly beloved Wife Francis Ruscoe and my Son  
Robert Ruscoe all my Stock of Cows, Horses, together  
with all my Household furniture and also all my  
Implements of husbandry of what Nature or kind  
whatever to be equally divided among their share and  
share like. I also give and bequeath to my Son  
Richard Ruscoe, my Watch my silver buttons and  
all my wearing apparel. I give and bequeath to  
my Daughter Mary Stokes the sum of One hundred  
pounds (besides one hundred pounds she has  
received) making together the sum of two hundred  
pounds.

I also give and bequeath ~~to my~~ daughter Hannah  
w<sup>o</sup> wives's Children whatever sum of Money appears to be  
~~the said sum of Money~~  
proceeds upon my Wife's Decease  
found to be paid her yearly and every year during  
her natural life and upon her decease I order  
and direct the said sum to be equally divided  
amongst her Children as shall then be living.

I further give and bequeath the sum of two  
pounds and ten shillings to be given our poor rela-  
tions - those that my Executors hereafter named may  
think the most in want of it. As to all the rest  
of my worldly goods, I order and direct that my  
Wife Frances at her decease (by Will or otherwise)  
do divide the same amongst our Children as she  
may think proper. I further give and bequeath to  
my Wife Frances all the interest of the different  
sums of Money placed out in diverse hands and  
for and during her Natural life and upon her  
decease she may divide the principal amongst  
our Children as she may deem proper. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my  
beloved Wife Frances, and Samuel Meredith of  
Cockington Mill Gentleman to be joint Executors  
of this my last Will and Testament and I do  
hereby revoke and disannul all former Wills by me  
made and declare this only to be my last Will and  
Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this fifteenth Day of  
August in the thirty fourth Year of the reign of our

France and Ireland King Defender of the faith  
and so forth and in the Year of our Lord God one  
thousand Seven hundred and Ninety four —

signed sealed and declared John Ruscoe  
for his last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us who have  
set our Names in the presence  
of each other by and at the request  
of the Testator

The words Davies's Children  
whatever sum of Money appears  
in her portion - being first  
intended at the request of the  
Testator

George Cogness

John Lewis

John Dodd

Dec<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1799. Frances Ruscoe widow and Samuel  
Meredith the Executors within named were  
sworn in Common form,  
Under 600 £. before me Joseph H. Burton, Secy.  
probatifera  
date 20. Dec<sup>r</sup> 1799. —