

of age. It My son Isaac is to give ten pounds to my sister Mary when he enters on his freehold estate. It Five years after to give five pounds unto his brother Jeremy and five pounds to his brother George. All ye rest and residue of my personal estate goods chattells whatsoever I doe give & bequeath unto my loveing wife full and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testam^t sett my hand and seal ye twentieth day of December in the year of Our Lord God 1697
. John Asbridge
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In the presence of

(signed by four witnesses)

I have not followed the English records far enough to connect the American and English families, but have examined copies of a number of wills, and the one given below is inserted here merely as a rather curious example of such documents of the time.

- (4) In the name of God Amen I Margrett Asbridge of Low house in the parish of Wigton and County of Cumberland Widdow am weak and sick in body but of good and perfect memory praise be to God do now make my last Will and Testament first of all I comitt my soul to God and my body to be buried in the church or churchyard att Wigton according to the dyrection of my Executor and as for my worldly affairs goods or personell estate I leave and dispose as followeth.

Imp^rmss—I leave and bequeath to my sonn George Asbridge the sum of twelve pound 6 shelling to be paid att twelve month end after my desease and one cupboard standing y^e Man^sion House att Lowhouse and one cheist

Item— I leave to my sonn Thomas one shilling sixpence.

Item— I leave to my daughter Mary Miller for lambs three of them to be gimmers and one a wether lambe

Item— I leave to my sonn John Asbridge of Brocklebank one Desk And whereas there is seaventeene sheep between me and my sonn George itt is my Will if my said sonn George shall have the full halfe of my part of y^e said sheep in lew for them lambs I have left to my daughter Mary

Item— I leave and bequeth to my sonn John Asbridge of Moorwhait on shilling And to my sonn Josep Asbridge one shilling.