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Will of James Butterworth, of Churchill, 1710

In the Name of God Amen

the second day of March in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand Seven hundred and Seven I James Butterworth  
of Churchill in the County of Oxon Clerk being indisposed in  
body but of perfect memory Doe make this my last Will and  
Testament in manner following First I commit my Soul to  
God my Creator and my body to the Earth to be buried  
by my Executor herein after named And as for my worldly  
Estate I dispose thereof as followeth Imprimis whereas I  
am entitled to an Annuity or yearly payment of Forty  
Shillings per Ann[um] issuing out of certaine Lands and Tenements  
in Lumber in the parish of Rochdale and County of Lancaster  
now or late in the possession of one William Buckley during  
the life of my brother John Butterworth of Ashbrook Ley  
in the said parish of Rochdale and County of Lancaster  
Now I doe give and devise the same Annuity or yearly  
payment to my Nephew James Butterworth Son of my  
said Brother John Butterworth and to the Executors  
Administrators and Assignes of my said Nephew To hold  
perceive take and enjoy the same Annuity during the life  
of my said Brother Item I give devise an bequeath the  
said Lands and Tenements in Lumbar aforesaid in the  
possession of the said William Buckley out of which the  
said Annuity is soe issuing And the Reverse and Reversions  
Remainder and Remainders thereof and alsoe all other  
my Lands Tenements and hereditaments in Lumber aforesaid

or elsewhere in the said County of Lancaster unto my said Nephew James Butterworth his heirs and Assignes forever Item I give devise and bequeath to my Servant Thomas Watts the younger and to his heirs and Assignes forever All that my Messuage or Tenement in Churchill aforesaid wherein I now inhabite with the backside and Orchard thereunto adjoining and belonging and also my One halfe yard Land and one halfe part of halfe a quarter of a yard Land in Churchill aforesaid which Messuage and Lands I purchased <sup>of</sup> Richard Prew and Francis Corbett and alsoe all other my Lands Tenements and hereditaments in Churchill aforesaid To hold to the said Thomas Watts his heirs and Assignes for ever Item my Will is that five and Twenty pounds shall be exposed at my Funerall Item I give and bequeath All the rest of my Goods Chattells and personall Estate after my debts and Funerall expenses shall be discharged to said Thomas Watts whom I make sole Executor of this my Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale the day and year first above written James Butterworth Signed Sealed and published by the Testator for and as his last Will and Testament on the day of the date in the presence of us who subscribed our Names in the presence of the Testator Peter Harvy John Harvy W[illia]m Eaton

*Probate granted in London by Henry Penrice surrogate Richard Raines on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1710 to Thomas Watts - Executor*

**Transcribed by The Churchill and Sarsden Probate Group 2014**