

The will of Thomas James, Yeoman, of Llanblethian, dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 1792.

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas James of the parish of Llanblethian in the County of Glamorgan, Yeoman, being weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, (Praise be to God), do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, (that is to say). First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary James, her heirs and assigns, my leasehold estate, called Stall Court situate in the said parish of Llanblethian in the county of Glamorgan with all its appurtenances in as large and ample manner as the same has been granted and is held by me under Lewis Jenkins Esq. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary James my leasehold estate called Gig Man Mill situate in the parish of St. Mary Church until her nephew Thomas Rowland attain the age of twenty one years, then I give and devise the said Gig Man Mill to him and his heirs and assign, for the term granted to me of Thomas Mansel Talbot Esq. But in case the said Thomas Rowland should die before attaining the age of twenty one, then my said wife, her heirs and assigns shall enjoy the said mill during the remainder and to the full expiration of Term mentioned in the lease. I also will and desire that my wife Mary shall settle the said Thomas Rowland as an apprentice to a Millwright at the age of fourteen and to meet all the expenses attending and to find him in clothes during his apprenticeship.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary William the wife of Evan William of ~~Penvidfar~~ Penvidfar? In the parish of Llantwit Fardre sixty pounds. I also bequeath to my sister Rachel Lewis the wife of William Lewis of Llantrisant the sum of ten pounds for her own benefit and free from his debts, control and enjoyments, and her receipt alone shall be to my executor shall be a sufficient discharge for the same. All these legacies are to be paid within twelve months of my decease. And lastly as to the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give to my wife Mary James whom I appoint as my executrix.

4<sup>th</sup> May 1792.

The mark of Thomas James

Witness: Evan Jones, Jane Griffiths

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of the Parish of Lanblethian in the County of Glamor-  
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Memory & Understanding, (Praise be to God) do make  
and ordain this my last Will & Testament in man-  
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bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary James, her  
heirs & assigns my leasehold Estate, called Mell  
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the County of Glamorgan with all its Appurtenan-  
ces in as large & ample Manner as the same has  
been granted & is held by me under Lewis Jenkins  
Esq<sup>r</sup>. I also give devise & bequeath unto my said  
Wife Mary James my leasehold Estate, called Gize-  
mon Mill, situate in the Parish of St. Mary Church, &  
the said County of Glamorgan, with all its Appurte-  
nances, until Thomas Rowland her Nephew shall  
attain to the age of one & Twenty Years, then I give  
and devise the said Gizemon Mill unto the said  
Thomas Rowland, <sup>his heirs & assigns</sup> with all its Appurtenances, for  
the Term granted to one of the same by Thomas  
Mansel Talbot Esq<sup>r</sup> but in case the said Thomas  
Rowland dies before he arrives at the age of  
one & Twenty Years, then & in that case, my will is  
that my said wife Mary James shall enjoy the  
said Gizemon Mill & its Appurtenances during  
the Remainder & to the full Expiration of Term  
mentioned in the case. I also will & desire that

my said Wife Mary James shall & will settle the said Thomas Rowland an Apprentice to a Mill Wright to learn that Trade, at the age of fourteen, & to be at all the Expences attending it & to find him in Clothes during such his Apprenticeship.

I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary William the Wife of Evan William of Beheuedfawr in the parish of Santwit Cordae in the County of Glamorgan the sum of Sixty Pounds. I also give & bequeath unto my sister Rachel Lewis, the Wife of William Lewis <sup>of the Parish</sup> of Lantysport in the said County of Glamorgan, the sum of Ten Pounds for her own Use & benefit independent of her said husband, & free from his Debts, Controul or Engagements, and her Receipt alone shall be to my said Executor a sufficient Discharge for the Same. Which said legacies of Sums of Money, I will & order the same to be paid to the respective Legatees by my Executor <sup>within after named</sup> within Twelve Months after my Decease. And lastly as to all the Rest, Residue and Remainder of my personal Estate Goods & Chattels of what kind or Nature soever they be, I give & devise the same unto my said beloved Wife Mary James, Whom I hereby appoint whole & sole Executor of this My last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have to this Will & Testament set my hand and seal this Twelveth fourth of May in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & Ninety two.

Signed sealed published & declared by the said } <sup>The Mark of</sup> Thomas James  
Testator Thomas James as & for his last Will } Thomas James  
and Testament in the Presence of us, and } Charles Thomas  
in the Presence of each other have subscribed the Mark of }  
our Names as witnesses. } E. W. M. Mills Jane Griffith

21 June 1792

Mary James, Widow the Relict  
and sole executrix in this will named  
was sworn to the truth thereof & to the  
faithfull performance of the same  
& beyond the duty & trust to the  
decease do not amount in value to  
the sum of One hundred Pounds

Præsenre Tho: Hill Surrogate

This will was proved at Landaff on the twenty first day of June in the year  
above Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two before the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Thomas Price Cler. the Surrogate lawfully appointed by Mary James  
Widow the Relict's sole executrix in this will named, who was first sworn  
to be lawfully & personally sworn, will faithfully execute the same  
is to be an Inventory & a true account of her estate as far as she is able  
thereunto lawfully required.