

Will of James Tooke of All Saints Parish in Town of Hertford, Herts, Esquire, 20  
November 1653

"I, James Tooke, of All Saints, Hertford....to be buried at Essenden, Hertford in the chancel there near my father and mother, at small charge as may be. The care and education of my 3 young sons to my wife and I give her all my lands, tenements and hereditaments purchased in my own name and not by me conveyed and assured to hold for her life and after her decease I give to my son Edward Tooke.

To my son Edward my messuage in St. Sepulcher without Newgate, London, called the Abbott's Lodging heretofore in the tenure of William Rangham, Esq., and the 3 stables and hey lofts over the same in a lane there called Cork Lane new built with bricks late in the occupation of William Booth, Thomas Thomasine, and George Cowley, lately leased by me to one Freeman and all other my lands in the same parish which I lately purchased of John Locke, citizen and draper of London and of Marie his wife. Also that messuage in or near Salisbury Court in the parish of St. Bride and St. Bridget near Fleet St., London by me demised to Robert Smith and late in tenure of said Robert Smith.

If my son Edward Took leave no male heir then the messuage in St. Sepulcher to my son Charles Tooke and his heirs male, reversion to my son Christopher Took, reversion to my sons, Ralph Tooke and Phillip Tooke. My messuage in St. Bride and St. Bridgets Parish to my sons in the above order.

My messuage purchased in Parish of St. Dunstan in the East, within the city of London, called the "Sign of the Three Queens", of my brother in law Nathaniel Gray now deceased in the name of my nephews Ralphe Tooke and Ralph Daniel Esqs. in trust for me and my heirs I do request said nephews to convey and assure the messuage to my wife for her life with reversion to my son Charles Tooke and his heirs reversion to my son Christopher Tooke and heirs, reversion to to my sons Ralph and Philip and their heirs. My interest in a lease of said messuage for many years to be put in a trust by my executor.

My messuage in Southwarke, Surry, near Battle Bridge called the "Broode Hen and Chickens" to my son Philip Tooke, after my wife's deceased, reversion to my son Ralph Tooke.

My close meadow and pasture in parish of Isledon, alias Islington Midx. called Longlands late in tenure of Robert Browne, Tanner to my son Philip Tooke reversion to Ralph Tooke.

The yearly rent of L10 which I purchased in the names of my brother Nicholas Tooke now deceased and my said nephew Ralph Tooke to be conveyed to my son Ralph Tooke to the use of said Ralph Tooke and his heirs.

That messuage or Inne in the town of Cambridge neer the market place there called Halfe Moone to my son Charles Tooke and heirs, charged with dower of my wife. Reversion to

son Philip Tooke with reversion to my son Ralph Tooke.

My wife to have her dower and thirds as well as my bequests herein out of my Manor of Aylemondiestry alias Elmstree, County Gloucester and all other lands whatsoever in England. Also her jewels rings carkenett of diamonds chaynes of pearle and gold all wearing linen and apparel all coyne of silver and gould which I have given her or she has saved by thrift and good housewifery all furniture in chamber over the hall where I now live.

To my daughter Mary Tooke L1500 (now under 24 years) and L60 yearly; 4 chedie

To my son Edward Tooke L400

To my son John Tooke L400

And the residue to my three youngest sons Charles, Ralph, and Philip (under 24). They also to have L300 each at 21 years .

To my old servants Thomas Shadwell Gentleman, and Auditor Thomas Shadwell, Esq. L3 apeece for a ring

And L20 to my cousin Robert William

The poor of All SS. Hertford L6 and of St. Andrew L3 and of Essenden Parish 40/

My son Edward Tooke to be my executor and to have residue except the 99 years leases of houses in Noble Street, London which are to be kept in trust for son Christopher Tooke upon whose marriage I settled said houses and others in Hartford by deed.

Witnesses:

Robert Madison, Edward Lawrence, Ralphe Minors and Joseph Browne

Proved at London: 24 March 1665 by Edward Tooke, son and sole executor named."