

WILLIAM SLADE

SWANSEY

1729

In the name of God Amen

The sixteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred twenty and nine I William Stead
of the parish of St. Andrew in the Township of Swansey in the County of Bristol in the Province of Massachusetts
Bay in New England German born very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory
thanks be given unto God: These four calling unto mind & memory of my body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die: To make and ordain this my last will and testament that
it is to say I Recommend my body to God to be buried in such Christian Buriall at the Discretion of my
Executors hereafter mentioned and Name: and touching such worldly Estate as I shall please
God to bestow with in this life: I Give and bequeath and Dispose of same as I shall and from
Remembering that it is to say Lord and appoint that all my just Debts which I owe any person before
whome so ever be well and lawfully paid in convenient time after my Decease: and my funerals
Charges shall be paid by my Executors hereafter named:

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Wife Beloved Wife Sarah Stead the one third part of my
Dwelling house which now lieth in Dove street widowhood Further more my will is that such
my beloved wife shall have my Negro Girl Makkah with a Cow and the whole of all my house
hold stuff or goods within the House to her and her heirs and assigns for ever: as also of keeping
of 200 Cows to be kept on my farm which I now lie on winter and summer of the charge of
my son Jonathan Stead for my Wifes own proper use during her widowhood
I Give and Bequeath to my son Jonathan Stead the sum of fifteen pounds Current money of the
King of Great Britain yearly and every year so long as she continue: My widow and no longer and to be
paid her by my son Jonathan Stead to be done and performed in consideration of what hereafter
is in this my last will to him my son Jonathan Stead bequeathed further more my mind and
will is that my wife Sarah shall have of same the use of her Tower of three of all my Estate
both Real and personal:

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son William Stead his heirs and assigns for ever all that my farm
which I purchased of Maj. Gen. Brown of Rhode Island in the County of Rhode Island
I Give and Bequeath to my son William Stead his heirs and assigns for ever all that my farm
which he now lieth on on both sides of a way which he buy near from Samuel Clark Rothery
I Give and Bequeath unto my son Jonathan Stead his heirs and assigns for ever the whole of the
my farm which he now lieth on and of houseing on the farm and all my right and title of planting
in the forty adjoining to the farm and of boat commonly used in the forty further more my mind
and will is that my son Jonathan Stead shall have all my stock neat cattle hogs kind sheep and swine
and all other moveable Estate on or belonging to the farm and also my two slaves to
with my Negro man Samson and my Spanish Indian man Roger further more my mind
and will is that my son Jonathan Stead shall have all that my farm which I purchased of my
son William Stead which the farm I gave him of Rhode Island by deed of gift of it and send a
slave of the farm of him of Rhode Island to the farm lying upon both sides of a high way that leads
cross the neck of the water I Give and bequeath to my son Jonathan Stead his heirs and assigns
for ever all of above written herein bequeathed to him further more my mind and will is that my
son Jonathan Stead in consideration of what herein is to him my son Jonathan Stead contained in this
shall pay full and deliver unto my wife Sarah the several bequests herein contained in this
my last will to her heirs as also shall pay to his seven sisters or to their heirs the several


which I purchased of Maj-^r M^r. Brown of New-^r York Colony of Rhode Island - - -
I give and Bequeath to my son, David Stead his heirs and assigns for ever all that my farm
that he now lieth on on both sides of a way which he may head from Samuell Chase's flock of
mine I give and Bequeath unto my son Jonathan Stead his heirs and assigns for ever the whole of
my farm which I now lye on and I reserve on D^r farm and all my right and title of p^robility
in & ferry adjoining to D^r farm and I have commonly used in D^r ferry further more my mind
and will is that my S^r son Jonathan shall have all my stock neat cattle hors kind Sheep and Swine
and all other moveable estate or belonging to D^r farm and also my two slaves to
with my negroe man Samson and my Spanish Indian man Roger further more my mind
and will is that my S^r son Jonathan shall have all that my farm which I purchased of my
son Will^m Stead which D^r farm I gave him & P^r will^m Stead by deed of gift of it and sende I have
close D^r farm of him & P^r will^m Stead of D^r farm lying upon both sides of a path that leads
cross the neck of the wasnat. I give and bequeath to my S^r son Jonathan Stead his heirs and assigns
for ever all & above written herein bequeathed to him further more my mind and will is that my S^r
son Jonathan shall be in consideration of what herein is given to him my S^r son Jonathan his heirs and Bequeathed
shall pay full and deliver to my S^r wife Sarah the several bequests herein contained in this
my last will to her heirs as also shall pay to his seven sisters or to their heirs the several
sums of money here after next mentioned that is to say he shall pay the sum of twenty
pounds to my daughter Sarah sole & wife of Silvanus He & P^r Jonathan shall pay the sum of twenty
five pounds in current money of D^r province to be paid to her at one year after my Decease - - -
secondly my S^r son Jonathan shall pay to my daughter Mary Winslow & wife of John Winslow of
the sum of ten pounds in current money of D^r province to be paid at two years after my Decease
as also my S^r son Jonathan shall pay to my daughter Elizabeth Hail wife to Barnard Hail
the sum of sixty pounds current money of D^r province to be paid to her at ~~four~~ three years
after my Decease - as also my S^r son Jonathan shall pay to my daughter Hannah Wheaton
the sum of twenty five pounds current money of D^r province to be
paid to her at four years after my Decease as also my S^r son Jonathan shall pay to my
daughter Martha Luther wife of M^r Luther the sum of forty five pounds current money of
D^r province to be paid to her at five years after my Decease: as also to my S^r son Jonathan
shall pay to my daughter Shebe Bower wife of Stephen Bower the sum of sixty five
pounds current money of D^r province to be paid to her at six years after my Decease as also
my S^r son Jonathan shall pay to my daughter Lidiak Baker wife of Venerak Baker of
the sum of sixty five pounds current money of D^r province to be paid to her at seven years after
my Decease. and further more my mind and will is that my son Jonathan shall pay in
consideration as above S^d shall pay to will^m Stead son of my son David Stead the sum of fifty pounds
current money of D^r province when he & gives at the age of twenty one years: with this purpose my
mind and will is that my son will^m Stead shall pay of the sum of fifty pounds current money of D^r province
unto my S^r son Jonathan Stead in consideration of what is here in given to my S^r son will^m
Stead at the expiration of two years after my Decease

Further more my mind and will to be understood if any of or either of my Seven
 Daughters mentioned in this my will should happen to die before the severall Day of Payment
 Specified in it my mind and will is that then the severall heirs or heirs shall enjoy what
 Mother should enjoy had she or they lived

Further more I make ordain and constitute my well beloved son Jonathan to be my
 My sole Executor of this my last will and Testament and I do here by my last will and Testament
 Revoked all other former wills and wills Testaments and Testaments Legacies
 Bequests Devolutions by me in any wise before this time made and bequeathed and this and
 no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I the said William Slead
 have here unto set my hand and seal the Day and Year above written

Witness my hand published pronounced and Declared by the
 said William Slead as his last will and Testament
 In the presents of us the Subscribers

John Good
 David Lee
 Saml Gardner

Wm Slead


[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely a notary record or legal proceedings]

Coram N. Blagrove

True Inventory of all and Singular the goods Chattels and Credits of
 John William Head of Swanzy in the County of Bristol in New England yeoman
 deceased priced at Swanzy for S. Babo in Swanzy the 5th Day of June
 1729 by Samuel Lee Samuel Gardner and John Head as followeth

Impriemi his money & Apparell	--	£ 20 = 7 = 11
From his Books	-	1
From his arms	-	4
From 2 Leather Beds & furniture	-	25
From 2 other Beds & furniture	-	11
From 40 Deer skins	-	4
From 3 powder platets & other powder	-	5 = 13
From 2 brass Kettles & other brass	-	6 = 19
From 4 pots & kettles & other Iron ware	-	4 = 10
From 9 other Glass & Wadston ware	-	3 = 12 = 6
From 5 Spinnings wheels w th 10 Combs, & yarn Linnings & w th 5	-	5 = 16 = 6
From Table Chests Chairs & Seel	-	3 = 8 = 6
From flax tobacco Leather woodton Cloth Lattin	17	= 17 = 2
From boozwa. fatt Rivy Churn w th 10 tin	-	17
From w th 10th Craps	-	2
From Sheets & table Linen	-	3 = 10
From Provision Beer & Grain	-	15 = 5
From tubbs, Casks & old Lumber	-	3 =
From 1 pair of Millstones w th 10 of 10 lb	-	19
From 1 gallon of Refinement of Rags w th 10 lb of 10 lb	-	1 = 10
From 2 male Calves & female	-	£ 145 = 15 = 7

£ 248 = 15 = 7

From Saddles Bridle & mail pillion	-	£ 2 = 15
From 10 best old tools, 30 lb Iron	-	3
From 10 other & tacklin Kettle w th wedges	-	2 = 8
From axes & ad. square & saw & Chains	-	5 =
From 10 Flages & 10 Irons Cart wheel & 10 Cakes	-	10
From 1 Iron bar 10 lb forks Curry Comb	-	1 = 1 = 6
From 10 Cyder mill & press & Press	-	4 =
From 100s Boat & sail & sail Cloth & 10 lb	-	32
From 4 oxen 10 lb 4 Cowes	-	£ 67
From 4 Swine w th 10 lb 10 lb	-	£ 50 = 5
From young Cattle	-	39 = 10
From 10 Sheep & Lambs	-	50
From Lands of Jonathan Head given to his father 1600	-	350
From Lands to Edward Head	-	1500

£ 5015 = 19 = 6

John Head his from were sworn
 Sam^l Gardner
 Sam^l Lee
 from N. S. Gardner

Prisbolle the August 15: 1749

Then before the Hon^{ble} Nathaniel Blagrove
Esq^r Judge of the Probate of Wills & within the
County of Prisbolle Came Jonathan Hudson
Executor to the Last will & Testament of Lev:
William Case Late of Swansey Decedent & made
Oath that this Inventory Contains the Whole &
that Estate of Said Decedent Lye since of and is
come to his knowledge and when he knows of any
more he will present of same that it may be of record
here with

Coram N: Blagrove

K Now All Men by these Presents, That We
Jonathan Head Inventor *William Head*
of Bristol *Yeomen* in the County
 within His Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New England*, are
 holden and stand firmly bound and oblig'd unto *his Executors*
 Judge of the Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations within the
 County of *Bristol* in the full Sum of *Two Thousand* Pounds,
 Currant Money in *New England*: To be paid unto the said *his Executors*
 his Successors, in the said Office or Assignes: To the true
 Payment whereof, We do bind our selves and each of us, our, and each of our
 Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally for the whole and
 in the whole firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, Dated
 the *10th* Day of *April* Anno Domini *One Thousand Seven*
hundred *and* *thirty* *two* Annoque Regni Regis **GEORGIJ**, *Secundi*

The Condition of this Present Obligation is such, That if the above-bounded
Jonathan Head Inventor to the Last will & Testament
of his father *William Head* *Late of Lisanscy in the*
County of Bristol *Yeoman*
 do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels,
 Rights & Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession or know-
 ledge of *him* the said *Jonathan Head* or into the hands and possession of
 any other Person or Persons for *him*: And the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited
 into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the aforesaid County of *Bristol* at or before the
 Day of *August* next ensuing. And the same Goods, Chattels, Rights and
 Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels, Rights & Credits of the said Deceased, at the time of
 Death, which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said *Jonathan Head*
 or into the hands and possession of any other Person or Persons for *do well*
 and truly Administer according to Law. And further do make, or cause to be made a just & true
 Account of *your* said Administration upon Oath, at or before the *15th* Day of *April*
 which will be in the Year of our Lord, *One Thousand Seven hundred & thirty two*
 And all the rest & residue of the said Goods Chattels, Rights & Credits which shall be found
 remaining upon the said Administrators Account (the same being first examined & allowed of
 by the Judge or Judges for the time being, of Probate of Wills and granting Administrations
 within the County of *Bristol* aforesaid) shall deliver and pay unto such Person or
 Persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to
 Law shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear, That any last Will & Testament
 was made by the said Deceased: And the Executor or Executors therein Named do exhibit the
 same into the Court of Probate for the said County of *Bristol* making request to
 have it allowed and approved accordingly. If the said *Jonathan Head*
 within bounden being there-unto required, do tender and deliver the said Letters of Admini-
 stration (Approbation of such Testament being first had and made) into the said Court: Then
 the before Written Obligation to be Void and of none Effect, or else to abide and remain in full
 Force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered
 in Presence of

Stephen Paine
Simon Gardner

Jonathan Head

William Head

Edward Head