

## Lyddington Manor History Society

**Matthew BAXTER, yeoman of Caldecott**

**Will proved 1747**

**TNA PROB 11/759**

1 In the Name of God Amen  
2 I Matthew Baxter of Coldecott in the County of Rutland Yeoman  
3 being of a perfect Mind and Memory and duly Considering the  
4 Uncertainty of humane Life do make this my last Will and  
5 Testament this sixteenth day of March One Thousand Seven  
6 hundred and Forty six First and Principally I Commit my Soul  
7 into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Creator  
8 trusting in the Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer  
9 to Inherit Eternal Life and my Temporal Goods and Chattel I  
10 [*dis*]pose of as followeth Imprimis I Give unto my Daughter  
11 Martha Brown Wife of Peter Brown of Deen in the County of  
12 North[*amp*]ton Miller the Interest of Eighty Pounds for and during  
13 her Natural Life and after her decease the said Eighty Pounds  
14 to be paid to James Brown Son of the aforesaid Martha Brown  
15 Wife of the aforesaid Peter Brown to be paid by my Executor  
16 and if it should fall to the said James Brown before he Comes to  
17 the Age of Twenty one the said James to have the Interest untill  
18 he Come to Age Item I give unto Amey Brown Daughter of  
19 Peter Brown and Martha his Wife of Deen aforesaid Five  
20 Pounds to be paid three years after my decease by my Executor  
21 Item I give unto Edward Muggleton Son of Edward Muggleton  
22 of Harringworth Forty Pounds at the Age of Twenty one to be  
23 paid by my Executor Item I give unto Mary Muggleton daughter  
24 of the aforesaid Edward Muggleton Twenty Pounds to be paid at  
25 the Age of Twenty one by my Executor Item I Give unto Thomas  
26 Woodcock of Coldecott Labourer Twenty five Shillings a year  
27 during his Natural Life to be paid by my Executors Item I Give  
28 unto Amey Brown \daughter/ ~~Wife~~ of John Brown \and Amey his Wife/ of Caldecot my  
Daughter Brig' so (in margin)  
29 Fifty Pounds to be paid at the Age of Twenty one by my Executor

30 Item I give unto Mary Wilford of Thorp five Pounds by my  
31 Executor Item I Give and bequeath all the Housall Goods that  
32 are at John Browns to ~~Amey~~ \Jane/ Brown Daughter of the aforesaid {  
33 John Brown and ~~Amey~~ \Jane/ his Wife which I lent them Item I give } Brig'so  
34 unto Amey Brown my Grand Daughter of Deen all the Housall  
35 Goods that I have in the House which I dwell in Coldecott  
36 Lastly I give devise and bequeath all the Rest Residue and  
37 Remainder of all my Goods Chattell Cattle Implements and  
38 Utensills whatsoever unto William Baxter my Son whom I  
39 make sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking  
40 all other by me made In Witness whereof I have hereof I  
41 have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the day and year first  
42 above written I also give unto James Brown my Grandson of  
43 Deen all my wearing Apparell whatsoever – M[a]thew Baxter –  
44 Signed Sealed Published and Declared this to be my last Will and  
45 Testament in the presence of – John Vines – Rich[ard] Branson  
46 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1747  
47 Appeared Personally William Baxter of Thorpe Byewater  
48 in the County of Rutland Farmer the Natural and lawfull Son and  
49 the sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament in Writing  
50 of Mathew Baxter late of Caldecott in the said County deceased  
51 and Benjamin T[i]mson of Caldecott aforesaid Grocer and being  
52 severally sworn on the Holy Evangelists to depose the truth did  
53 depose and swear that they these Deponents some short time  
54 after the said deceased's death upon searching among his Papers  
55 found the Paper Writing hereunto annexed purporting to be  
56 the last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus  
57 In the name of God Amen I Mathew Baxter of Caldecott in  
58 the County of Rutland Yeoman being of Perfect Mind and  
59 Memory and duly considering the Uncertainty of this humane  
60 Life Do make this my last Will and Testament this Sixteenth  
61 day of March One thousand Seven hundred and Forty six – and  
62 ending thus – I also give unto James Brown my Grandson of  
63 Deen all my wearing Apparel whatsoever and thus subscribed  
64 Mthew Baxter – That upon reading over the said Will they

65 found that the Words – Wife my Daughter – in the Twenty first  
66 line counting from the Top or beginning of the said Will were  
67 Obliterated and the Words – daughter and Amey his Wife –  
68 between the twentyeth and twenty first Lines were interlined  
69 and the word Amey in the Twenty fourth Line was  
70 obliterated in the Twenty fifth Line and the Word Jane interlined  
71 And Lastly these deponents swear that the said Will is now in the  
72 very same Plight and Condition as the same was in when they  
73 first found the same the same having received no manner of  
74 Alteration either by Erasure Obliteration or Interlineation or any  
75 other means whatsoever since they so found the same as aforesaid  
76 William Baxter – Benj[*amin*] Timson – Same Day the said William  
77 Baxter and Benjamin Timson were sworn to the truth of this  
78 Affidavit before me Rob[*er*]t Chapman Surrogate – Present Rich[*ard*]  
79 Cheslyn Notary Publick.  
80 This Will was proved at London before the Worshipfull  
81 Robert Chapman Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right  
82 Worshipfull John Bettesworth also Doctor of Laws Master  
83 Keeper or Commissary of the Perogative Court of Canterbury  
84 lawfully constituted on the third day of February in the Year of  
85 our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Forty Seven by the  
86 Oath of William Baxter the Son of the deceased and sole Executor  
87 named in the said Will To whom Administration was granted of  
88 all and singular the Goods Chattels and Creditts of the deceased  
89 being first sworn duly to Administer. 2x<sup>d</sup>

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