

## Will of Robert Dicey (1720-1757)

*Note: Paragraph breaks have been added to make the will easier to read; underlines \_\_\_\_\_ indicate words that I could not read; square brackets [] are words where I am uncertain of the transcription.*

**I Robert Dicey<sup>1</sup> of the** Town of Northampton in the County of Northampton Gentleman being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament as follows

(by virtue of the Power given and reserved to me in and by certain Indentures bearing date on or about the twenty fifth day of September last past before the date hereof and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty six made or mentioned to be made between Cluer Dicey<sup>2</sup> by the Name of Cluer Dicey Son and Heir of William Dicey<sup>3</sup> late a Citizen and Leather Seller of London and at the time of his Death residing in the Town of Northampton) of the one part and me the said Robert Dicey by the Name of Robert Dicey another of the Sons of the said William Dicey of the other Part And by virtue of all and every other Powers and Authoritys in me vested and being do by this my last Will and Testament signed sealed published and declared in the presence of three credible Witnesses in the first place will and direct that all my just Debts and ffuneral Charges be paid and satisfied out of the Sum of three hundred and fifty Pounds herein after mentioned and after Payment thereof I give bequeath and dispose of the Sum of one hundred Pounds part and parcel of the sum of three hundred and fifty Pounds which is at my disposal by virtue of the before mentioned Indentures unto my Brother Cluer Dicey *In Trust* to be by him improved or laid out for the Benefit or better Maintenance of my Sister Amy Kilsby<sup>4</sup> and with which her present or any after taken Husband shall have nothing to do nor any power or Controul of and for which and the Interest Produce and Income whereof her own Receipt shall always be good and valid.

*Item* I give bequeath and dispose of one hundred Pounds more other part of the said Sum of three hundred and fifty Pounds unto my Nephew and Niece \_\_\_\_\_ Hawkins and Mary Hawkins the son and daughter of my Sister Mary Hawkins<sup>5</sup> to be equally parted between them share and share alike and to be paid to them by my said Brother Cluer at \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Robert Dicey (1720-1757), the Testator, son of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748) and William Dicey (1690-1756), husband of Grace née Browne (1715-?).

<sup>2</sup> Cluer Dicey (1715-1775), brother of the Testator, son of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748) and William Dicey (1690-1756), husband of Mary née Nutshaw (1717-1761).

<sup>3</sup> William Dicey (1690-1756), father of the Testator, son of Elizabeth née Cluer (1671-1699) and Thomas Dicey (1670-1705), husband of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748).

<sup>4</sup> Amy Kilsby née Dicey (1727-1758), sister of the Testator, daughter of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748) and William Dicey (1690-1756), wife of John Kilsby (1726-1764).

<sup>5</sup> Mary Hawkins née Dicey (1723-1802), sister of the Testator, daughter of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748) and William Dicey (1690-1756), wife of William Hawkins.

their respective age of twenty one years or day of Marriage which shall first happen And If either of them shall depart this Life before that day or time the whole to go and be paid to the Survivor of them And I do desire and request my said Brother to pay them Interest at and after the Rate of five Pounds per Annum for the said Sum of one hundred Pounds until the same shall be payable and paid.

*Item* I give bequeath and dispose of the Sum of ten Pounds other part of the said Sum of three hundred and fifty pounds unto my Brother Cluer Dicey to be by him laid out from time to time in Cloaths or otherwise or to be by Little and Little given to my Uncle Robert Adkins<sup>6</sup> for his better Support or Comfort in Life

*All* the rest and residue of the said Sum of three hundred and fifty Pounds I give bequeath and dispose of unto my Wife Grace<sup>7</sup> to be paid her twelve Months after my Decease or sooner if my Executor pleased.

*Item* I give and bequeath unto my said Wife for and during the Term of her natural Life only All my Messuages Lands Tenements and Real Estate in the County of Lancaster or elsewhere she keeping the same in good and sufficient Repair

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Brother Cluer sole Executor of this my last Will and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made.

*In Witness* whereof I the said Robert Dicey have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal this eleventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, *Robert Dicey*. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto. *Henry Locock. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Dunkley. Tim : Rogers.*

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**This Will** was proved at London before the Right Honourable Sir George Lee Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven by the Oath of Cluer Dicey the sole Executor named in the said Will To whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer. Ex<sup>d</sup>.

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<sup>6</sup> Robert Atkins, uncle of the Testator brother of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748).

<sup>7</sup> Grace Dicey née Browne (1715-?), wife of the Testator, daughter of Anne née Pennington (1690-1744) and Gerard Browne (1685-1722).