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**Will of John Ramsey 1786** (PRO, ref. PROB 11/1148 Image 321)

## Summary

Testator: John Ramsey, Barnstaple, Devon, Innholder  
Executrix: wife Mary  
Date: 13 March 1784, proved 23 December 1786  
Witnesses: Martha Drewitt, Wm Williams, Wm Westcott  
Will: - Garden in Barnstaple to wife for her lifetime, thereafter to son John  
- Messuage leased from John Rolle Walter (!) to wife for her lifetime, thereafter to son John  
- Messuage in Barnstaple to wife for her lifetime, thereafter to daughter Mary, but if she die without issue to daughter Sarah  
- rest to wife Mary

## Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. I John Ramsey of Barnstaple in the County of Devon Innholder being of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be God for it do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say
2. First I will that all such debts as I shall owe at the time of my decease and my funeral charges and expenses be in the first place fully satisfied and paid by my executrix herein after named and as to my estate both real and personal I dispose thereof in manner following
3. First I give devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Mary Ramsey all that my garden situate lying and being in Back Lane in Barnstaple aforesaid which I lately purchased of John Blake Mariner and all other my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and where so ever in the county of Devon or elsewhere and in whose possession so ever the same be for and during her natural life and no longer after which and from and immediately after her decease I give devise and bequeath the same unto my son John Ramsey to hold the same and every part thereof with the appurtenances unto my said son John Ramsey his heirs and assigns for ever
4. I also give and bequeath to my said wife Mary Ramsey all that my messuage or dwelling House with the appurtenances which I now hold by lease from and under John Roll Walter esquire for the residue of a term of ninety nine years or some such term determinable on lives and all my writ right title term and interest of and in the same during her natural life and no longer after which and from and immediately after her decease I give devise and bequeath the same unto my said son
5. John Ramsey to hold the said messuage or dwelling house and premises with the appurtenances and every part thereof unto my said son John Ramsey his executors administrators and assigns during the then remainder of my estate and interest therein
6. Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary all that my messuage or dwelling house and garden with its appurtenances situate lying and being in Barnstaple within the town of Barnstaple aforesaid which I lately purchased of Ann Drewitt and hold by lease from and under the mayor aldermen and burgesses of Barnstaple aforesaid for the residue of a term of sixty years all my estate right title and term of in and to the same during her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I give and bequeath the same with its

appurtenances unto my daughter Mary Ramsey if my estate and interest therein so long continues during all my then right therein but if my said daughter Mary Ramsey should die without issue of her body lawfully begotten living at the time of her death then I give and bequeath the said messuage tenement and garden if my estate and Interest therein so long continue unto my daughter Sarah Ramsey during all my then right therein

7. Item the rest residue and remainder of my household goods chattels stock ready money bills notes bonds mortgages and other securities for money and all my personal and testamentary estate whatsoever not herein before given and bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary Ramsey whom I hereby make ordain constitute and appoint whole executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made and do hereby declare this to be my last Will and Testament
8. In Witness whereof I the said John Ramsey to this my last Will and Testament have set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

John Ramsey

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named John Ramsey as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other

Martha Drewitt    Wm Williams    Wm Westcott

This Will was proved at London the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and eighty six before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Mary Ramsey widow the relict of the deceased and sole executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn by commission duly to administer.