

In the Name of GOD Amen this 21. Day of July, in
the Year of our Lord 1723. I Matthew Keen of the County
of Stafford being Sick: And as to what worldly Estate
it hath pleased GOD to bestow upon me, I give devise &
bequeath the same in Manner & form following (viz.)
In primis I give devise & bequeath to my Loving
wife Bridgett, all my Land that I now live upon
during her natural life, with the Issues & profits
thereof, or any issue thereunto belonging. **Item**
I give devise & bequeath unto my said wife Bridget
one Negro boy named Matt. unto my said wife for
ever. **Item** I give devise & bequeath unto my
Daughter Eliz: Withen the Land whereon she now
lives & so to the true bounds & set, & marked to her
husband James Withen which true bounds I desire,
he will not exceed, during the life of my Dear wife; and
I further desire my said Daughter, may have the said
Land, within the said bounds without any disturb-
ance, trouble or suit whatsoever during my wife's
life as aforesaid. **Item** I give, devise & bequeath unto
my said Daughter Eliz: Withen, after the decease of
my Loving wife Bridgett, all my whole Estate of Land
as well the part of Land whereon I now live, as any
other Land that may, or ought, to come to me, to my
said Daughter Eliz: & the heirs of her body for ever
Item I give & bequeath unto my said Daughter Eliz:
Withen twenty shillings to buy her a ring to wear, in
remembrance of me. **Item** I give & bequeath unto
my son in law James Withen one five Year old Steer
Item I give & bequeath unto my Grand Daughter
Eliz: Field one bed, & the furniture thereunto belong-
ing, that bed, that is now in the Trundle bedstead.

I also give to my said Grand-Daughter the portion that
is now laid aside for her, & which is properly her own
to her & her heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to
my Grand-Son John Withers after the decease of my
loving wife, my Butcher's Gun. Item I give devise &
bequeath unto Eliz. Lunnett, one heifer of the age of
three years at the expiration of her time, to her & her
heirs for ever. Item I give devise & bequeath to my
dear & loving wife Bridget the remainder & residue of
my Estate of what Quality, specie, or Quantity soever
it be within, or without, a well real, & personal
unto my said loving wife Bridgett to her disposal
for ever. And I do hereby make & Ordain appoint and
constitute my Dear & loving wife Bridget, & none
other my whole & sole Ex^r. of this my last will & Testam^t.
~~making & making full & valid, all former & other wills or~~
wills by me at any time heretofore made declaring
this only to be my last will & Testimony whereof I
have herunto set my hands & affix'd my seal the day &
year first above written. Matthew Keon

Seal'd, seal'd & published, in presence of — James
Newson, John Edge, — Men^r. That on the 25th day of
July 1730-1. I read the within written will to Mat^r.
Keon, & he acknowledged it to be his last will and
Testam^t. allowing the following clause —

Whereas the Land the within named Mat^r.
Keon now lives upon is bequeathed to his Daughter
Eliz^a. Withers after his wife's decease, this day being
the 25th of July 1730-1 the said Matthew Keon in pre-
sence of sev^l. witnesses, hath gave & bequeathed the
said Land which he now lives on, to John Withers,
Elder's son of the said Eliz^a. Withers after the decease

Of his loving wife Bridget Koon

At about hold for Stafford County the
14th day of April 1731.

The last will & Testament of Mathew Koon was
presented into Court by Bridget Koon his Ex^{rs}. therein
named whom she hath thereto according to Law & being
proved by the Oath of John Edge & Joo. Trow two of
the witness's thereto is admitted to record. And on the
Motion of the said Ex^{rs}. she performing what is usual
in such cases, Certificate is granted her for obtaining
a Probat therof in due form she giving Sufficient Sec^y

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