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I have chosen to convert the language used at the time into something more akin to that we would see today. Although even then it is difficult to read it starts with the Will of Anna Maria Sykes in 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1774 then passes through a number of beneficiaries who all die before two executors of Anna Maria Armstrong's will need to borrow £105 based on her Will to pay out from the original estate this happens on 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1790 16 years after Mrs Sykes last Will.

**Whereas** Anna Maria Sykes deceased late the wife of James Sykes late of Bradford in the County of Yorkshire Clerk deceased in and by her last Will and Testament by her duly made and published bearing date the nineteenth day of August which was in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four.

Did give and devise unto her said husband James Sykes all that her Manor Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in Keyston and in Easton or elsewhere in the County of Huntingdon for and during the term of his natural life without Impeachment of waste.

And from and after his decease did give and devise the said Manor Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in Keyston and Easton or elsewhere in the said County of Huntingdon unto her Nephew Wingfield Willis of Northampton in the County of Northampton Grocer and his heirs and assigns for ever

Subject to nevertheless after the decease of her said husband and charged and chargeable with the payment of one hundred pounds to Anna Maria the daughter of William Armstrong of Horsham in the County of Sussex

And whereas the said Anna Maria Sykes departed this life without altering or revoking her said Will and leaving her said husband James Sykes living who also departed this Life on or about the seventh Day of August which was in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three

And whereas the said Wingfield Willis departed this life in the life time of the said James Sykes intestate whereby and by the decease of the said James Sykes Richard Wingfield Willis Surgeon the eldest son and heir at law of the said Wingfield Willis became entitled unto and is now in possession of the said Manor Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments

And whereas the said Anna Maria Armstrong lived to attain her age of twenty one years but departed this life soon afterwards having after her attainment of the said age first duly made and published her last Will and Testament bearing date the twenty ninth day of January last past and thereof appointed Joseph Chadwick of Saint Martin's Lane in the County of Middlesex Woollen Draper and John Fawell of King Street Southwark in the County of Surrey Gentleman her Executors who duly proved the same in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury and took upon themselves the Burthen and Execution thereof

And whereas the Interest of the said Legacy of one hundred pounds hath ever since the decease of the said James Sykes up to the fifth day of August last been regularly

applied towards the maintenance and education of the said Anna Maria Armstrong and there is now due on the said Legacy only the sum of five pounds one year's Interest

And whereas the said Richard Wingfield Willis is now out of the Kingdom and the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell having occasion for the said Legacy or sum of one hundred and five pounds to put the Will of the said Anna Maria Armstrong in Execution have requested Jeremy Fish Palmer of the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford Gentleman to advance the same which he hath agreed to do on the said Legacy and Interest due thereon being assigned over to him in manner herein after mentioned

Now those present witness that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell in hand well and truly paid by the said Jeremy Fish Palmer at and before the sealing and delivery of those present

The receipt whereof the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell do hereby acknowledge and thereof and therefrom do acquit release and discharge the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors' administrators and assigns by those present

They the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell have and each of them hath granted bargained sold assigned transferred and set over and by these present do and each of them doth grant bargain sell assign transfer and set over unto the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors administrators and assigns the said legacy or sum of one hundred pounds and all Interest due and to grow due thereon and all the estate and interest of them the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell or either of them of in to or out of the said legacy or sum of one hundred pounds and the Interest thereof by virtue of the said recited Will or otherwise howsoever to have and to hold ask demand receive take and enjoy the said legacy or sum of one hundred pounds herein before mentioned and intended to be hereby assigned and all Interest due and to grow due thereon unto the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors and administrators to and for his and their own proper use and benefit

And the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell have and each of them hath made constituted and appointed and by these Present do and each of them doth make constitute and appoint the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors administrators and assigns their and each of their true and lawful attorney and attorneys in their or either of their names but at the whole and sole proper costs and charges of the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors administrators and assigns to commence institute and prosecute any suit in Law or Equity for recovery of the said legacy and Interest due thereon

And the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell Do jointly and severally covenant promise and agree to and with the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors administrators and assigns by these present that the said Anna Maria Armstrong deceased or the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell have not or either of them hath received the said one hundred pounds and five pounds a year's interest now due thereon or any part thereof and that they the said Joseph Chadwick and John

Fawell will not receive release or discharge the same or any part thereof or any action or suit in Law or Equity that may be commenced or prosecuted for the recovery thereof without the consent of the said Jeremy Fish Palmer his executors administrators or assigns for that purpose first obtained in writing under his or their hands

In Witness whereof the said Joseph Chadwick and John Fawell have hereunto set their hands and seals this seventh day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and ninety.

Sealed and Delivered

John Fawell  
Joseph Chadwick

being first duly stamped in the presence of

William Lowndes, Red Lion Square

Whereas Anna Maria Sykes deceased late the wife of  
James Sykes late of Bradford in the County of York Clerk  
deceased in and by her last Will and Testament by her duly  
made and Published bearing date the nineteenth day of August  
which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and  
seventy four Did Give and Devise unto her said Husband James  
Sykes All that her Manor Messuages Lands Tenements and  
Hereditaments with their Appurtenances situate lying and being  
in Moxton and in Easton or elsewhere in the County of Huntingdon  
for and during the term of his natural Life without Impairment of  
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Manor Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with their  
Appurtenances situate lying and being in Moxton and Easton or  
elsewhere in the said County of Huntingdon unto her Nephew  
Wingfield Willis of Northampton in the County of Northampton Governor  
and his Heirs and assigns for ever Subject to nevertheless after the  
Decease of her said Husband and charged and chargeable with the  
payment of One Hundred Pounds to Anna Maria the Daughter of  
William Armstrong of Northham in the County of Sussex And  
Whereas the said Anna Maria Sykes departed this Life without  
altering or revoking her said Will and leaving her said Husband  
James Sykes living who also departed this Life on or about the seventh  
day of August which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven  
hundred and eighty three And Whereas the said Wingfield Willis  
departed this Life in the life time of the said James Sykes intestate whereby  
and by the Decease of the said James Sykes Wingfield Richard Willis Esq  
Surgeon the eldest Son and Heir at Law of the said Wingfield Willis  
became entitled unto and is now in Possession of the said Manor  
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said Anna Maria Armstrong lived to attain her Age of twenty one  
Years but departed this Life soon afterwards having after her

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Will and Testament bearing date the twenty ninth day of January  
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who duly proved the same in the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop  
of Canterbury and took upon themselves the Burthen and Execution  
thereof And whereas the Interest of the said Legacy of one hundred  
Pounds hath ever since the Decease of the said James Sykes up to the  
fifth day of August last been regularly applied towards the  
Maintenance and Education of the said Anna Maria Armstrong and  
there is now due on the said Legacy only the Sum of five Pounds one  
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now out of the Kingdom and the said Joseph Chadwick and John  
Sawell having occasion for the said Legacy or Sum of one hundred  
and five Pounds to put the Will of the said Anna Maria Armstrong  
in Execution have requested Jeremy Fish Palmer of the Town of Bedford  
in the County of Bedford Gentleman to advance the same which he  
hath agreed to do on the said Legacy and Interest due thereon being  
assigned over to him in manner herein after mentioned Now  
these Presents Witness that in Consideration of the Sum of  
one Hundred and five Pounds of good and lawfull money of Great  
Britain to the said Joseph Chadwick and John Sawell in hand  
well and truly paid by the said Jeremy Fish Palmer at and before  
the sealing and delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof the  
said Joseph Chadwick and John Sawell do hereby Acknowledge and  
thereof and therefrom do acquit Release and Discharge the said Jeremy  
Fish Palmer his Executors Administrators and Assigns by these Presents  
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appoint the said Jeremy Sisk Palmer his Executors Administrators  
and assigns their and each of their true and lawful Attorney and  
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sole proper Costs and Charges of the said Jeremy Sisk Palmer his  
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prosecute any Suit in Law or Equity for recovery of the said  
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and John Sawell Do jointly and severally Covenant promise  
and agree to and with the said Jeremy Sisk Palmer his Executors  
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Maria Armstrong deceased or the said Joseph Chadwick and  
John Sawell have not or either of them Both received the said  
one Hundred Pounds and five Pounds a Years Interest now due  
thereon or any part thereof and that they the said Joseph Chadwick  
and John Sawell will not Receive Release or Discharge the same  
or any part thereof or any Action or Suit in Law or Equity  
that may be commenced or prosecuted for the Recovery thereof.

without the consent of the said Jeremy Rich Palmer his Executors  
Administrators or Assigns for that purpose first obtained in writing  
under his or their hands In Witness whereof the said Joseph  
Chadwick and John Sawell have hereunto set their hands and  
Seals this Seventh — day of August — in the Year of  
our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty.

Scaled and Delivered  
(being first duly stamped)  
in the Presence of —

Joseph Chadwick

W<sup>m</sup> Lowndes Red Lion Square John Sawell