

# Gratrix Family of Lincolnshire Transcripts of Wills

*forwarded by Debra Barlow*

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## Last Will and Testament Ann Gratrix of Heckington November 23, 1811

This is the last will and testament of me, Ann Gratrix of Heckington in the county of Lincoln, widow, made this twenty third day of November one thousand eight hundred and eleven in manner following, that is to say, I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Thorpe of Swineshead in the said county of Lincoln, farmer the sum of ten pounds and my silver watch. Also I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Gratrix of Newton in the said county of Lincoln, farmer the sum of twenty pounds. Also I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Mary Cullen, daughter of Thomas Cullen of Little Hale in the said county of Lincoln the sum of one pound. All which said legacies shall be paid by my executrix here in after named one year after my decease. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate and effects of what nature or kind so ever and where so ever subject to the payment of all the above legacies my just debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Sarah Cullen, daughter of the said Thomas Cullen and I do nominate and appoint the said Sarah Cullen whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament making void all and every other will or wills by me at any time here to fore made declaring this only to be my last. In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testatrix, Ann Gratrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witness here to

Ann Gratrix

The Mark  
John † Graves  
of

Sarah Squire

C.D. Squire

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## Last Will and Testament John Gratrix of Spittlegate December 26, 1776

In the name of God, Amen. I John Gratrix of Spittlegate in the parish Grantham in the county of

Lincoln Glover being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do this twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy six make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say). First I will that all such debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease and my funeral charges and expenses be in the first place paid by my Executor here in after named and as to my estates both real and personal I dispose there of as follows. I give, devise and bequeath unto my son George Gratrix all that my Messuage or tenement with the appurtenances there unto belonging situated, standing, lying and being in Spittlegate afore said and now in my own possession. And also all that other messuage or tenement with the appurtenances adjoining to the afore said messuage or tenement and now in the tenure of John Palmer - his under tenants or assigns and also all those several pieces and parcels of arable land, ley meadow, pasture and grass ground with their appurtenances lying and being desposed within the open and common fields of Spittlegate afore said Houghton and Walton in the said county of Lincoln or some or one of them containing together by estimation eight acres or there abouts. And also one cow common lying on the cow pasture of Spittlegate afore said and two parts of one horse common lying in the horse pasture of Spittlegate afore said now in my own possession, to have and to hold my said two messuages or tenements several pieces and parcels of land common here ditamonts and promises with their appurtenances unto my said son George Gratrix, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever subject never the less to and I do hereby charge and make chargeable the same promises with the payment of one annuity or rent charge of six pounds per annum free from all deductions what so ever to my dear and loving wife, Ann Gratrix, during her life to be paid by two equal half yearly payments at Lady day and Michaelmas day in each year, the first payment there of to be made on such of those days as shall first and next happen after my decease with the same powers of entry and dispose in case of nonpayment as are usual in cases of annuities or rents charge. I also give, devise and bequeath unto my said wife Ann Gratrix all that my room or workshop situate in Spittlegate afore said and now in my own possession. And also all that my

**John Gratrix**

messuage or tenement with the appurtenances situate in Spittlegate afore said adjoining to my said room or workshop and now in the tenure of Robert Huckerby his under tenants or assigns and also one cow common lying in the cow pasture of Spittlegate afore said and now in my own possession, to have and to hold my said room and workshop and my said last mentioned messuage or tenement cow common here ditaments and promises with their appurtenances unto my said wife Ann Gratrix and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease then I give, devise and bequeath all my said last mentioned promises unto my said son George Gratrix, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for ever. I give and bequeath unto my said wife Ann Gratrix the sum of twenty pounds. I give and bequeath unto my two daughters, Elizabeth Gratrix and Mary Gratrix the sum of Fifty pounds and fifty pounds. I do hereby direct shall be paid to my said wife and daughters respectively by my executor here in after named with in twelve calendar months next after my decease. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Ann Gratrix one moiety or full half part of all my household goods and furniture that I shall be possessed of at the time of my decease. And as to, for and concerning the other moiety or full half part of my said household goods and furniture and all the rest and residue of my goods, stock in trade, ready money and securities for money, cattle, chattels and personal estate what so ever and where so ever and of what nature or kind so ever after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as afore said I give and bequeath the same and every part there of unto my said son George Gratrix whom I do hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other will and wills by me at any time here to fore made and declare this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to this my last will and testament contained in two sheets of paper to the first of which I have set my hand and to the last my hand and seal the day and year first written above.

**John Gratrix**

Published and declared by the testator as and \_  
testament in the presence of us who subscribed  
our \_ here unto in the presence and at the  
request \_ testator

John Gratrix

Will Parke  
Charles Twells  
William Blatherwick

On the 28th day of Oct 1785 George Gratrix the  
Executor with in was duly sworn and made oath  
that John Gratrix the testator did not die possessed  
of a personal estate to the amount or value of three  
hundred pounds before me  
J. Sympson Sur.

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## Last Will and Testament Joseph Gratrix of Grantham November 13, 1773

In the name of God, Amen, I Joseph Gratrix the elder of Grantham in the county of Lincoln, Glover, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, for which I bless God, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I will that all such debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease and my funeral charges and expenses be in the first place paid by my executrix and executor here in after named, I give and bequeath unto my son John Gratrix of Spittlegate in the parish of Grantham afore said, Glover, the sum of five pounds I also give and bequeath unto my son William Gratrix of Lincoln, Cooper, the sum of thirty pounds, I also give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Gratrix of Howell in the said county of Lincoln, Grazier, the sum of twenty pounds, I also give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Gratrix of Peterborough, Glover, the sum of twenty pounds, I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the wife of William Jervis of Leasingham in the said county of Lincoln, Grazier, the sum of twenty pounds, I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Gratrix of Grantham afore said, spinster, the sum of forty pounds, All which said several and respective legacies or sums of money here in before by me given to the several and respective persons above named, I do hereby direct shall be paid to them respectively by my executrix and executor here in after named, with in twelve calendar months next after my decease, and as to for and concerning all the rest and residue of my goods, stock in trade, ready money and securities for money, cattle, chattels and personal estate what so ever and where so ever and of what nature or kind so ever, after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as afore said, I give and bequeath the same and every part there of unto my loving wife Elizabeth Gratrix and my son George Gratrix, who now lives with me, whom I do hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint joint executrix and executor of this my last will and testament, Hereby revoking all former and other will and wills by me at any time here to fore made and do declare this only to be my last will and testament, In witness where of I have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the  
testator as and for his last will and testament in  
the presence of us who have subscribed our  
names as witnesses hereunto in the presence and  
at the request of the said testator

Joseph Gratrix  
the Elder

William Parke  
John Sharpe of

Thorpe Satehville Leicestershire

January 12, 1774 This day George Gratrix one of the executors of this will was sworn before me.  
Rich. Eston Vicar of Grantham and Surr.

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## Last Will and Testament Mrs. Elizabeth Gratrix of Grantham January 24, 1774

In the name of God, Amen, I Elizabeth Gratrix of Grantham in the county of Lincoln, Widow, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, for which I bless God, Do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First I will that all such debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease and my funeral charges and expenses be in the first place paid by my executor here in after named. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth the wife of William Jarvis of Leasingham in the said county of Licoln, Grazier, the sum of Five Pounds. I also give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Gratrix of Petersborough, Glover, the sum of Five Pounds both which said legacies of five pounds and five pounds here in before by me given unto my said daughter Elizabeth the wife of the said William Jarvis and my said son Abraham Gratrix as afore said I do hereby direct shall be paid by my Executor here in after named with in six calendar months next after my decease. And as to for and concerning all the rest and residue of my goods, ready money and securities for money, cattle, chattels and personal estate what so ever and where so ever and of what nature or kind so ever after payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as afore said. I give and bequeath the same and every part there of unto my son George Gratrix of Grantham afore said Glover whom I do hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint solo Executor of this my last will and testament here by revoking all former and other will and wills by me at any time here to fore made and do declare this only to be my last will and Testament, In witness where of I the said Elizabeth Gratrix the testatrix have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this twenty fourth Day of January and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses here unto in the presence and at the request of the said testatrix

The Mark of  
**X**  
Elizabeth Gratrix

Samuel Hurst  
Robert Taylor

On the seventh day of March 1782 George Gratrix the sole executor in this will named was duly \_ , and also made beth, that the said Elizabeth Gratrix did \_ possessed of goods, chattels, and credit to the amount of 200L before me.

John Andrews Surrogate

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# **Last Will and Testament**

## **George Gratrix of Fulbeck April 13, 1808**

In the name of God, Amen, I George Gratrix of Fulbeck in the county of Lincoln, yeoman, being perfectly sound in mind, memory and understanding, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Elizabeth Gratrix the sum of fifty pounds to be paid unto her with in twelve calendar months next after my decease; by my executors here in after named. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eleanor Gratrix the sum of fifty pounds to be paid unto her with in twelve calendar months next after my decease by my executors here in after named; Also I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Mary and Sophia Gratrix the sum of fifty pounds a piece to be paid to them respectively at the respective ages of twenty one years. All the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estates what so ever and where so ever, and of what nature quality and kind so ever, the same may be and not here in before given and disposed of, after payment of my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses. I do hereby give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Gratrix and my son John Gratrix jointly their executors or assigns to and for their own use and benefit absolutely. And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said wife Mary Gratrix and my son John Gratrix joint executor and executrix of this my last will and testament, In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight

Signed, declared and published as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in the testators presence and at his request

his  
George **X** Gratrix  
mark

Daniel North  
John Barnes

On the seventeenth day of October 1808 Mary Gratrix the executrix and John Gratrix the executor in this will named George Gratrix deceased did not die possessed of goods, chattels or credits to the amount or value of four hundred fifty pounds, before me.

John Shinglar Surrogate

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