

# Transcript of John Kennedy's Will

Johannes Kennedy

In the Name of God Amen

I John Kennedy of the parish of St. Leonards Shoreditch  
Linen Weaver being in perfect ?sea[r/c/v]e and memory doe  
declare this to be my last Will and Testament and hereby  
revoke all others by me formerly made I will first all my  
Debts and Funeral Expences be paid and discharged and the  
residue and remainder of my Estate reall and personall  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife alive to Richard  
Paterson of St. Lawrence Bury London Gent. and Peter Ray of St. Andrews Holbourn

London Broker whom I here nominate and  
appoint my Executors to this my last Will and Testament  
Nevertheless in trust to them for the uses hereafter mentioned  
first I give to my said Executors Richard Patterson and  
Peter Ray ten pounds each for their trouble in the discharge  
of their Trust likewise I give to my beloved Wife Alice  
One third part of the residue of my Estate to be paid to her  
as the same shall equally arrise and the other two thirds  
I give to my Daughter Alice and my son John and to each  
child or children as my said wife shall be with child of  
att the time of my decease share and share alike the use  
and such principle part thereof to be applied to their  
severall Educations and maintenance as shall seem most  
reasonable to my said Executors untill they or any othe them  
shall marry or attain to the age of twenty one years att  
Either of which times they may lawfully demand their  
respective shares or Fortunes [?R]utand in case all my said  
children shall happen to dye before they marry or attaine  
to the age of twenty one years then and in such Case I  
give the money or Estate so bequeathed to them that shall  
then remaine in the hands of my said Executors in the  
following manner viz: One moyety thereof to be immediately  
payd to my beloved wife Alice and the other moyety to be  
and remain in the hands of my said Executors to be by them  
put out to Interest and the use and produce thereof to be  
paid to my said wife Alice for her support and maintenance  
for and during the terms of her naturall life and after her  
decease I give the abovesd.[above said] Moyety thus reserved to my  
cousen Robert Stewart of London Linningweaver if he be then living to take the same but if  
the said Robert Stewart should  
happen to dye before my said Wife then I give the said  
Moyety to my said Wife and her heirs dated June the Fourth One  
Thousand seven hundred and thirty John Kennedy: sealed signed  
and delivered and att the request of the Testator Witness by us  
Thos. Sargeant. John Rankin.

[Some Latin follows, to do with the proving of the Will in the Prerogative Court of  
Canterbury. In this section are the names of the two Executors as Peter Rae or Ray  
and Richard Patterson.]