


children like & I want manner of disposing of my estate nothing doubting but that if I should have
 children I shall receive of some againe by the mighty power of God & no doubting such worldly estate
 wherewith it has pleased the Lord to bless me in this life I Dispose of in the following manner & I give
 as also the care of my children I give I make devise & appoint my Sonly and well belov'd friend
 James Smith in y^e County of Kent & Township of Molegham farmer & Robt Smith of New London
 yeoman farmer my Exors & also to be executors or Guardians over my children to Dispose of them
 as full & amply as I could do my self if Living according as they shall see or judge convenient
 & necessary for the good of the children, & if any necessity appear unto my Exors to Dispose of
 any or all of my children by binding of them out apprentices it shall be in their powers to Dispose
 of a part of my estate (which otherwise I leave to be made use of for the maintenance of my
 wife & children) to such children as they shall see reasonable in all which or any
 part of my said Exors or overseers I will that they consult & advise with my wife as far as
 toucheth with Their trust & in case of any Casualty which may befall either of the Exors
 to act in any case or cases the other shall have the full power & Dispose in such cases as
 if they were both jointly together. Item I allow that my servant W^m Denny shall have the
 part of all that he earns within the last four months time but not so as thereby to Dispose him
 of any of his freedom dues and I do hereby Declare this to be my last will & Testament In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day & year above written.

Robert Hester, Esq^r


 Signed sealed and perfected in presence of us.
 Andrew Stul, John Morrison, Abraham Conant, Jun^r

Chester August the 1th 1727 Then personally appeared And^r Stul & John Morrison two
 of the witnesses to y^e above written will who being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty
 God sayeth that they saw the Testator therein named sign seal publish pronounce & Declare
 y^e said writing to be his last will & Testament & that at y^e doing thereof he was of sound
 mind & memory in the best of their understanding.