

Dated 27th March 1877

^{Copy} Will of Thomas
Hancock deceased.

This is the last Will and Testament of
me Thomas Hancock of Pilton in the County of
Devon retired Innkeeper I give and bequeath all
my household goods furniture and effects unto my Wife
Ann Hancock for her own absolute use and benefit
I give devise and bequeath all and singular my
freehold and leasehold dwellinghouses gardens
hereditaments and premises whatsoever and
wheresoever situate unto my said Wife to hold the same
according to their respective tenures for and during
the term of her natural life and whilst she continues
my Widow and from and after her decease or second
marriage I give devise and bequeath unto my
daughter Elizabeth Priest Leach for her sole and
separate use and disposal and not subject to the
control or debts of her present or any future husband
my several dwellinghouses and premises situate
in the Parish of Pilton and now or lately occupied
by Messieurs Braug Thaddick Jeffery Glover Brown
and Hill I give devise and bequeath to my
daughter Mary Jane Hogg for her sole and
separate use and disposal and not subject to the
control debts or engagements of her present or any
future husband my several dwellinghouses and
premises situate in Pilton aforesaid and now or
lately occupied by myself and James Hiddon also
the Priory House and the three houses adjoining now
or lately occupied by Messrs Harris and others also
my dwellinghouse at Lake in the said parish now
occupied by Samuel Thome also my four freehold
dwellinghouses in Pilton aforesaid now or lately
occupied by Messieurs Lee Bow Cole and Peer and
in case my said daughter shall die without
leaving issue I give and devise the said houses
now occupied by myself and James Hiddon unto
the children of my son John Nicholas Hancock

I give unto my said daughter Mary Jane Hogg
the sum of Fifty pounds which I direct shall be
paid by my said son John Nicholas Hancock and
shall be chargeable upon the several properties hereby
respectively bequeathed to him I give devise and
bequeath unto my grand-daughter Elizabeth Ann
Hancock each all those my two dwellinghouses —
situate at Pilton aforesaid now in the occupation
of Messieurs Combe and Gardner I give and
bequeath to my said son John Nicholas Hancock
my dwellinghouse and premises called the
Chichester Arms and my dwellinghouse situate in
Back Lane in Pilton aforesaid subject to the payment
thereof of the above mentioned sum of fifty pounds
and after payment of all my just debts funeral and
testamentary expenses I give and bequeath all
the residue and remainder (if any) of my real and
personal Estate property and effects unto my above
named three children in equal shares and proportions
I hereby nominate and appoint my said son —
Executor of this my Will and hereby revoke all
former or other Wills by me at any time heretofore
made I declare this to be and contain my last Will
and Testament In witness whereof I the said
Testator have hereunto set my hand this 27th day
of March 1877 ————— The mark of X
Thomas Hancock ————— Signed and
acknowledged by the said Testator Thomas Hancock
as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence
of us who at his request in his presence and in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed
our names as witnesses ————— Samuel Symons
Solicitor Clerk Pilton ————— Thomas Herwell
S^r Pilton —————

Testator died on the 15th November 1880 and Probate of his
Will was granted at Exeter on the 4th December 1880