W.C.R.O. Will of John Olorenshaw of Compton Verney 1784.

In the Name of God Amen, I John Olorenshaw of Compton Verney in the County of Warwick yeoman being in good and perfect health & body and of sound and perfect mind and memory Praise be given therefore to Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this present Will and Testament in manner and form following and do disannul and make all former wills void and of nonefect by me made before this date (that is to say) First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping through the merits death and passion of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins and forgiveness and to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named. And as touching the disposition of all such temporal estate as it has pleased Almighty god to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth. First I will that all my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor.

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Olorenshaw my best bed and all belonging to it, a chest of drawers and a trunk, a little kettle and a brass pot, six pewter plates and three middle sized pewter dishes, a table cloth and half a dozen napkins, a middle sized table and a tea table and all things belonging to it, and if she think well to live with her son John Olorenshaw he shall maintain her in a handsome manner or else pay her her legacies. The full sum of eight pounds a year of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid every half year as it becomes due in two equal payments by my executor hereafter named Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Olorenshaw the full sum of one hundred and ten pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain provided she marry a man with equal circumstances but if she does not my executor shall pay her the interest every year for and during her natural life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Wesson the sum of ten pounds and my granddaughter Sarah Wesson five pounds of good and lawful money to be paid by my executor when they shall come to age.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Olorenshaws daughter Elizabeth Olorenshaw the full sum of five pounds when she come of age.

Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Robert and Mary Wessons children as David Wesson he had by a former wife the sum of half a crown each to buy them gloves. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Olorenshaw of Kingston and my son in law David Wesson of the parish of Stratford the sum of one guinea each as a legacy and to make them trustees and quardians over this will and to see that everything is fulfilled according to my will. All the rest and residue of my personal estate goods and chattels whatsoever horses cows sheep wagons carts plows and impliments of husbandry and all my money in purse and money upon bonds and notes of hand and mortgages and all money which can be found within the realm of Great Britain I give and bequeath unto my son John Olorenshaw and do make him whole and sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness hereof I the said John Olorenshaw the elder to this my Last Will and Testament have set my hand and seal this thirty first day of March in the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the year of Our Lord God one thousand seven hudred and seventy two. John Olorenshaw.

Signed sealed pronounced published and declared by the said John Olorenshaw to be his

last will & testament in the presence of Thomas Edwards Susannah Morgan.

26th January 1784, the sole executor of this will appeared personally and was then sworn in common form of law before me and that this clear personal estate (amounted?) to £300. Richard (Green?) surrogate.