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Notes for WILLIAM ATTHEY:

"I William Earthey of Little Clacton in the County of Essex, Blacksmith, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and in memory blessed to Almighty God for the same do make this my last will and testament in the manner and form following.

First I give and bequeath unto my eldest son, Joseph Earthey, his heirs and assigns for ever and the said Joseph to pay to my youngest son, Samuel Earthey, the sum eighty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to the said Samuel when of age.

I also give and bequeath unto my four daughters Elizabeth Earthey and Martha Earthey and also Hannah Earthey and Susannah Earthey the some of four score pounds apiece when of age.

And lastly as to the rest residue and remainder of my personal estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath the same unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Earthey whom with John Draper I hereby appoint executors of this my last will and testament and hereby revoke of former wills by me made. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6th day of August in the year of the Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven.

Witnesses: Stephen Cock, John Draper (mark)  
Will proved: 14th June 1758"