

The last Will and Testament of me **PAUL COLOMBINE** of the city of Norwich Gentleman made published and declared this Twenty first day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Four as follows (that is to say)

I desire to be buried in the vault [Cathly?] made for my much esteemed and ingenious Dear wife (**ESTHER WALLER**) and myself in the Fourth Church in Norwich six of my tenants to be my bearers and each of them to have a hatband and gloves and I would have a plain white marble with a plain black marble moulding fixed on the wall of the said church for a memorial of a happy pair. My heart is full of thanks and adoration to almighty God for placing me in this world and for the many blessings I have a share of in the life and I most humbly recommend my soul to the beautiful giver of life and immortality whose all good disposition is to see his creatures happy and as to my temporal estate

I dispose thereof as follows that is to say first I give and devise all and every my messuages grounds tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate and being in the Parish of Saint Simon and Jude in the said city of Norwich their and every of their appurtenances unto my dear nephew the REVEREND **PAUL COLOMBINE** Doctor in divinity and to his heirs and assigns for ever in case he shall be living at my decease but in case he the said **PAUL COLOMBINE** shall happen to dye in my life time then

I give and devise the same hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances unto my dear nephew **DAVID COLOMBINE** his heirs and assigns for ever upon condition nevertheless that he the said **DAVID COLOMBINE** and his heirs do and shall within twelve calendar months next after my decease well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto Miss **ELIZABETH COLOMBINE** the daughter on my said nephew **DR. COLOMBINE** the moderate sum of one thousand pounds of lawful British money and I charge the said premises with the payment thereof accordingly item

I give and devise unto my dear nephew **FRANCIS COLOMBINE** Esquire and to his heirs and assigns for ever all and every my messuage lands and tenements and hereditaments whatsoever as well freehold as copyhold situate lying and being in Thorpe next Norwich in the county of Norfolk with their and every of their appurtenances upon condition nevertheless that the said **FRANCIS COLOMBINE** his heirs or assigns do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto **ELIZABETH MOORE** of the said Parish of Saint Simon and Jude widow for and during the term of her natural life one annuity or yearly rent or sum of ten pounds of lawful money of Great Britain of two equal half yearly payments and make the first payment thereof on the Lady Widomaker, Michaelmas or Christmas day which shall first happen after my decease and I charge the said premises in Thorpe with the payment of the said annuity accordingly item

I give unto my said nephew **FRANCIS COLOMBINE** all my furniture fixtures and other things in my late dwelling house yards garden and outhouses in Thorpe aforesaid item

*I give to my said nephew **DAVID COLOMBINE** the sum of one thousand pounds to be paid him within twelve calendar months next after my decease upon condition nevertheless that the said **DAVID COLOMBINE** his executors or administrators do and shall within three calendar months next after my decease enter into execute and legally register and deliver to my four cousins **ABRAHAM, SUSAN, MARY** and **ELIZABETH LINCOLN** or such of them as shall be then living one bond or obligation the penal sum of eight hundred pounds with condition thereon for the payment to them of the several life annuities hereafter mentioned Viz. Of forty pounds a year during the lives of all four of them and after the death of one of them then only thirty pounds per annum and after the death of two of them then only twenty pounds per annum to the survivors and survivor of them during their lives and the life of the longer liver of them the said annuities to be paid by half yearly payments and the first payment to be made on the quarter day next after three calendar months from the time of my decease item*

*I give and bequeath unto my dear niece **MARY RAND** the wife of Mr **HEWETT RAND** the elder the sum of one thousand pounds and to my cousin Mrs **JEMIMA COLE** one hundred pounds to be severally paid their within twelve calendar months next after my decease item*

*I desire the favour of the very good Mrs **COLOMBINE** wife of the said Dr **COLOMBINE** to accept of the sum of fifty Guineas as my acknowledgement of the many agreeable kindnesses I have enjoyed from her sweet disposition and I give to my charming niece **ELIZABETH COLOMBINE** the daughter of the said Dr. **COLOMBINE** the like sum of fifty Guineas item*

*I give to my cousin **ANN DANIEL** twenty pounds also an annuity of twenty pounds to be paid her for life by my executor item*

*I give to **DANIEL** son of the said **ANN DANIEL** fifty pounds to **ANN DANIEL** daughter of the said **ANN DANIEL** fifty pounds and to Mrs **[SAWZEUCE?]** another daughter of the said **ANN DANIEL** fifty pounds to be severally paid them within three calendar months next after my decease item*

*I give to **NOAH VIALAS** to **ANN** and **HANNAH** his sisters to **PETER** his brother and to his youngest sister ten pounds each to be severally paid then within three calendar months next after my decease.*

Then all the rest residue and remainder of all my goods chattels and personal estate of what nature or kind soever after payment of my debts, legacies, funeral expenses, probate of this my Will and all charges incident to the execution thereof

*I give and bequeath unto my said nephew Dr **PAUL COLOMBINE** to and for his own proper use and I do hereby make nominate constitute and appoint the said Dr **PAUL COLOMBINE** sole executor of this my last Will and Testament and lastly in case any matter of dispute shall at any time arise concerning the my Will or the condition of any part thereof then my Will and desire is and I recommend to the parties interested*
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in such dispute that they would refer such matter to the arbitration of two or three indifferent persons to be agreed on between them whose determination or award shall be final.

In witness whereof I the said **PAUL COLOMBINE** the testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two sheets of paper affixed together at the top and there sealed set my hand and seal that is to say my hand to the first sheet thereof and my hand and seal to this last sheet thereof the day and year first above written *Paul Colombine* (His signature)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator **PAUL COLOMBINE** as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto **ELIZABETH DE HAGUE ~ ELISHA DE HAGUE [JUN] ~ WILLIAM SIMPSON**

This Will was proved at London the TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOUR before the worshipful **George Harris** Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful **Peter Calvert** also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or commissary of the prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of the Reverend **PAUL COLOMBINE** Doctor in divinity the nephew of the deceased and sole executor named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.



Mediaeval city churches 45 [[St Mary the Less: Piscina and windowsill Sedilia](#) (south side of Chancel), [Interior](#), Mural tablet to Paul Colombine son of French refugee - d. 30th August 1784, Piscina adjoining Chancel arch on south side of Nave

This church became redundant at the Reformation when it was used as a Cloth Hall. In 1637 it was leased to the French or Walloon congregation. The French congregation becoming extinct by about 1810, the church was later used by the Catholic Apostolic body.

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Sacred to the memory
of
PAUL COLOMBINE, Esq^r
Descended from an antient family
In the province of *Dauphny* in *France*;
From whence his Father,
A man of piety, probity, and learning,
Withdrew at the revocation of the edict of *Nantz*,
And having taken early a degree abroad,
Practised *Physick* in this City.
This, his youngest Son,
Whole temperance, industry, and moderation,
Thro a long and blameless life,
Had merited and obtained
The best and sweetest of human blessings,
Health, competence, and content.
Died August 30. 1784.
Aged 85.

Also of **ESTHER** his Wife,
The eldest daughter of **SIMEON WALLER Esq^r**
A woman of singular merit and ingenuity,
With whom he had lived near 50 years,
In perfect harmony and affection,
She died February 3. 1779.
Aged 74.

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