

1796 Will of Joseph Wimpey

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Wimpey late of Bockhampton in the County of Southampton but now residing at Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Gent do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First I Will and Direct that the expenses of my Funeral of the Probate of this my Will be first paid and discharged

And I Give and Bequeath unto my good friend Charles Bill of Wick in the Parish of Christ Church in the County of Southampton Gentleman and to his Heirs Executors and Adm[inistrat]ors the Sum of one thousand and fifty pounds on Trust to be applied and disposed of in manner following (that is to say) that the said Charles Bill shall have and receive of and from my Executor or Executors hereinafter named the Sum of fifty pounds being a part of the Sum above mentioned within one Month after my Decease and pay the same to my Wife Sarah Wimpey a daughter of the late William Hooper of Boreham in the County of Wilts Yeoman for her present use and support

And I do Will and Direct that the said Charles Bill his Heirs Executors and Adm[inistrat]ors shall receive of my Executor or Executors hereinafter named in three Calendar Months after my Decease the Sum of one thousand pounds being the remainder of the Sum first above mentioned and I Will and Direct that the said Charles Bill his Heirs etc do and shall lay out the said one thousand pounds in the Purchase of Stock in some of the Public Funds or otherwise lend on good Land Security at the best Interest that he or they can make of the same

And I Will and Direct that my said Wife Sarah Wimpey shall have take and receive the Issues Interest and Profits of the said thousand pounds for her Support and Maintenance and for the support and Maintenance of her Child or Children If any should be living at my Decease

And I Will and Direct and appoint that if I should have a Son living at my Decease by my said Wife Sarah Wimpey that when he shall arrive at the Age of twenty one years that then my said Trustee shall pay him the full Sum of four hundred pounds and my said Wife shall continue to take and receive the Interest of the remaining six hundred pounds during the term of her natural Life but if I should have a Daughter living at that time and no Son by my said Wife then I Will and Direct that my said Trustee do pay her the sum of three hundred pounds and that my said Wife shall have take and receive the Interest and Profits of the remaining seven hundred pounds but if I should leave both a Son and Daughter at my Decease then I Will and Direct that my said Trustee do pay my Son three hundred pounds and my Daughter two hundred pounds when they shall arrive each of them respectively to the said Age of twenty one my Wife to receive the Interest and Profits of the remaining five hundred as before during her Life and at her Decease I Give and Bequeath the Sum remaining whether it be five six or seven hundred pounds to my Child or if more than one to my Children then living born of my said Wife Sarah to be equally divided among them in equal shares but if I should have no Child living by her Sarah Wimpey my said Wife at the time of my Decease nor she be delivered of any within the space of twelve months after the same then I Give and Bequeath

the said Sum of One thousand pounds to and for her own proper use and benefit for ever without any Condition Restriction or Limitation whatever

I also Give and Bequeath unto Sarah Wimpey my said Wife as follows (that is to say) my Compleat Set of blue and white English China six Silver Tea Spoons a pair of Silver Tea Tongs a Silver Cream Pot and Six Silver Spoons to be chosen by herself a pair of Plain Silver [...] and Shovels and also all my Books of Plays Poetry Novels Romances and Books of Entertainment such as Roderic Random Peregrine Pickle Rousseau's Works the Rambler etc

And whereas I sometime since granted unto Mary Kimber formerly my servant in London one annuity or yearly payment of twelve pounds to be paid twice yearly at two equal Payments I do hereby strictly tie and oblige my Executor to pay and discharge the same very punctually as it may become due during the natural Life of the said Mary Kimber to the payment of which I subject all the Property I have save and except the one thousand and fifty pounds given and bequeathed as above to Sarah Wimpey my Wife

I also Give and Bequeath unto Sarah Kimber Wife of James Kimber Carpenter at Hungerford Berks the Sum of thirty pounds in Six Months after my Decease if she be living at the time of my Decease

And all the Rest and Residue of my Goods Chattels Estate and Effects of every kind whatsoever I Give and Bequeath to my Son William Wimpey for his own proper use and behoof

But in Case he should happen to die before me then I dispose of the Residue of my Goods and Chattels in manner and form following (that is to say) I Give and Bequeath to Sarah Kimber Wife of James Kimber above mentioned the further Sum of one hundred pounds and to my Brother William Pendar the Sum of one hundred pounds

And all the Rest and Residue of my Goods Chattels Estate and Effects I Give and Bequeath to my said Wife Sarah Wimpey and in Case she shall also happen to die before me then I dispose of the Residue and Remainder of my Estate and Effects in manner following (that is to say) I Give and Bequeath to Felicia Sears Wife of Thomas Sears a Sister of my Wife the Sum of two hundred pounds and to Susannah Hooper another Sister of my Wife the Sum of two hundred pounds and all the Rest and Residue my Estate and Effects then remaining undisposed of I Give and Bequeath to Mary Hooper and Jane Hooper two other Sisters of my said Wife to be equally Divided between them share and share alike

And it is my last Will and I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Son William Wimpey and my said Wife Sarah Wimpey Joint Executor and Executrix of this my Will and I do hereby revoke and make void all former Wills by me heretofore made and do Publish and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament which is in my own handwriting In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Wimpey the Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal this eighth Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three – [signed Joseph Wimpey] – Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the above named Joseph Wimpey the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names hereto as Witnesses in the presence and at the request of the said Testator and in the presence of each other – [signed Wm Baker Elizth Baker Thomas Shapland]

This Will was proved at London the Fifteenth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six before the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of William Wimpey the Son of the Deceased and one of the Executors named to whom Administration of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased was granted having been first sworn by Commission duly to Administer Power reserved of making the like Grant to Sarah Wimpey Widow the Relict of the Deceased and the other Executor named in the said Will when she shall apply for the same

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