

1826 Will of John Hortop

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Copy of the Will of John Hortop late of Bratton Clovelly Devon Yeoman deceased

Executor James Hortop of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Yeoman

Proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 19 Dec 1826

Effects sworn under £1000

Walter Prideaux

Forms of Affidavits to be required and received from Persons, applying for Probates of Wills and Letters of Administration, of the Value of the Personal Estate and Effects of the Deceased.

No 1. For Executors.

James Hortop of the parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of John Hortop late of the same place Batchelor Yeoman deceased who died on the 9th Day of December 1826 maketh oath and saith that he hath made diligent search and due enquiry after and in respect of the Personal Estate and Effects of the said Deceased, in order to ascertain the full amount and value thereof; and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, the whole of the Goods, Chattles, and Credits, of which the said Deceased died possessed within the Archdeaconry of Totnes and Province of Canterbury (exclusive of what the Deceased may have been possessed of, or intitled to as a Trustee for any other Person or Persons, and not beneficially, but including the Leasehold Estates for years of the Deceased, whether absolute or determinable on Lives, and without deducting any thing on account of the Debts due and owing from the Deceased), are under the Value of One thousand pounds And this Deponent further saith that the said Deceased had no Personal Estate and Effects at the time of his Decease within the Province of Yrok to which he this Deponent need to Administer [signed] James Hortop

Sworn on the 19th Day of December 1826 before me [signed] [?] Junr

Every such Affidavit to be exempt from Stamp Duty, and to be transmitted to the Commissioners of Stamps, together with the Copy of the Will to which it shall relate, under a Penalty of 50L.

In the name of God Amen I John Hortop of the parish of Bratton Clovelly and County of Devon Yeoman being infirm in body but in perfect sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following vis

My soul I recommend into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor and as touching such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner and form following

First I give devise and bequeath unto Roger Hortop my brother of the parish of Broadwoodwidge the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one year after my decease

Also I give unto my brother William Hortop the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one Year after my decease

Also I give unto my brother Henry Hortop the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one Year after my Decease

Also I give unto my sister Grace Bevan the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one Year after my decease

Also I give unto my sister Mary Rice the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one year after my decease

Also I give unto my sister Joan Rundle the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one year after my decease

Also I give unto my sister Elizabeth Helson the sum of five pounds to be paid at the end of one year after my decease

Also I give unto Roger Hortop son of Roger Hortop my brother the sum of five pounds to be paid in six months after my decease

Also I give unto William Hortop son of Henry Hortop my brother the sum of five pounds to be paid to him when his apprentice is served

And James Hotop my brother whom I make constitute make and ordain to be my sole Executor after paying all my just debts and Legacies above mentioned and burial expenses This being my last Will and Testament All my goods chattels personal estate of North Breasel Estate situate in Bratton Clovelly and leasehold of Breasel Moor situate in the parish of Germans Week And all other of my affects Debts Taxes and demands whatsoever belong or are belonging to me at the time or shall belong to me at the time of my death to be by him possessed enjoyed recovered and received

And I hereby disallow revoke and disannul all and every other Wills and Testatments by me in any wise before named ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of September One thousand eight hundred and twenty six [signed] John Hortop

Signed sealed published pronounced and delivered by the said John Hortop as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names [signed] William Martyn William Abbott

The above contains a true copy of the Original Will of John Hortop lateof Bratton Clovelly Devon Yeoman deceased the same having been carefully examined therewith by us [signed] Jonathan Hodges Nicholas Gidley Clerks to Walter Prideaux Deputy Regr of the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes

Transcribed by Kim Baldacchino
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