

1827 Will of Richard Down

No. 9 For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of Richard Down late of Bratton Clovelly Devon Yeoman deceased

Sole Executor Richard Down of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Yeoman

Proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 2nd Nov 1827.

Effects Sworn under £600

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.

Richard Down of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman the Sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Richard Down late of the same place Yeoman deceased who died on the 21 Day of February 1827 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 intituled 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 Six hundred 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 York to which he this Deponent need to Administer [signed] Ri chard Down

Sworn on the 2nd Day of November 1827 before me [signed] [?]

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 Richard Down now living at Langworthy in the parish of Bratton Clovelly Devon Yeoman being of sound disposing mind memory and understanding thanks be to God for the Same do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner following

In the first place I commit my immortal Soul to the care of Almighty God hoping for its everlasting blessedness forever and ever

In the next place I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Jane Down the Sum of One hundred and ten pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of twelve months after my deceased

I also give and bequeath to my Son John Down of Bridestowe in the said County the Sum of Sixty Pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to him by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Gloyn wife of Richard Gloyn of Sourton in the said County the Sum of Forty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

I also give and bequeath to my daught Honour Finning wife of Henry Finning of Inwardleigh in the said County the Sum of Forty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid her by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Seaward wife of John Seaward of Northtawton in the said County the Sum of Forty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

I also give and bequeath to my Son Nicholas Down of Lifton in the said County the Sum of Thirty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to him by my Execturo hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Down in the said County the sum of Fifty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

I also give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Down in the said County the Sum of Eighty Pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to him by my Executor hereinafter named at the end of Eighteen months after my decease

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Richard Down to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament And all the rest residue and remainder of my property money Securities for money of what nature or kind soever I give and bequeath to my Executor Richard Down Subject Nevertheless to the payment and discharging of all those Legacies by me bequeathed to my Wife each of my Children And also to payment of all my funeral expences and all other debts that may be owed by me at the time of decease And I hereby ratify and confirm this to be my last Will and Testament hereby making void all other Wills and Testaments by me made and declared and confirm this to be my last written on both Sides of this Sheet of paper whereunto I have set my hand and Seal this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty Six [signed] Richard Down

Sealed signed and declared in the presence of us – Witnesses – [signed] George Cowle [The mark of] William Dennis

Transcribed by Kim Baldacchino
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