

1854 Will of Philip Ham

No. 28 For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of Philip Ham late of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman deceased

Sole Executor Dorothy Alford of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Widow

Proved in the Archdeacons Court of Totnes the 16th day of September 1854

Effects sworn under £20

Geo Farwell Dy Regr

No. 1. For Executors.

Appeared personally Dorothy Alford of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon and Archdeaconry of Totnes Widow the Sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Philip Ham late of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Yeoman deceased who died on the Ninth Day of March 1854 and made Oath that she has made diligent search and due enquiry after, and in respect of the Personal Estate and Effectsof the said deceased, in order to ascertain the full amount and value thereof; and that to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief, the whole of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits, of which the said deceased died possessed, within the Archdeaconry of Totnes, in the Province of Canterbury, (exclusive of what the deceased may have been possessed of, or entitled 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 Twenty Pounds, to the best of this Deponents knwoledge, information, and belief.
[signed] Dorothy Alford

Sworn on the Sixteenth Day of September 1854 before me [signed] Wm Thayer[?] Smith Surrogate

In the Name of God Amen I Philip Ham Yeoman of the Parish of Brattonclovelly being of a sound and perfect mind, do hereby ordain this to be my last Will and Testament as followeth – vis.

I give unto my Son in law Edward Rowe the Sum of one Shilling

I give unto my Daughter Dorothy Alford all of my rights share or shares that I now hold or ever may have in my Estate of Land called Little Rexton situate in the Parish of Brattonclovelly to be hers for ever but if she should die or marry again the said Property shall then become equal alike between her children now living

And the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels and Effects I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Dorothy Alford whom I make Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament after payment of my just Debts and funeral Expenses and I appoint Richard Seccombe Auctioneer of the Parish of Broadwoodwidge in Trust for Dorothy Alford's Children to have power to act that the said Children to have their rights.

Witness my hand this first day of February One thousand eight hundred and forty-three. [signed]
Philip Ham

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the above named Philip Ham in the presence of us [signed] Richard Seccombe Richard Seccombe Junr Gregory Ham

The above is a true Copy of the original Will of Philip Ham late of Bratton Clovelly Yeoman deceased the same having been carefully examined therewith by us [signed] W Hannaford M H Laskey Clerks to Geo Farwell Dy Regr Totnes