

1856 Will of John Baker

For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of John Baker late of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman deceased

Executor William Tickle of Bratton Clovelly Devon Yeoman

Proved in the Archdeacons Court of Totnes 7th August 1856

Effects sworn under £200

Geo Farwell Dy Reg

No. 1. For Executors.

Appeared personally William Tickle of Bannadon in the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of John Baker late of the said Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the Archdeaconry of Totnes Yeoman deceased who died on the nineteenth day of August 1855 and made Oath that he has 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, 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 two hundred Pounds to the best of this Deponents knowledge, information and belief. [signed] William Tickle

Sworn on the seventh Day of August 1856 before me James Powning, Surrogate.

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Baker of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman

I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Baker one Bed given to me by my late Fathers Will And all the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever of which I may die seized or possessed I give and bequeath unto my friend Mr William Tickle of Bannadon in the same parish of Bratton Clovelly To hold to the said William Tickle his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns Upon the trusts following, that is to say,

As to one moiety thereof Upon Trust for the sole use and benefit of my Sisters Harriet Newton, Mary Baker and Maria Baker their Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns share and share alike as Tenants in common

And as to the other moiety thereof Upon Trust to pay and apply the Income arising therefrom unto and for the benefit of my Mother Maria Baker until my Nephew William Hortop shall arrive at the age of Twenty four years and when he shall arrive at that age In trust for the only absolute use and benefit of my said Nephew his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assignes for ever

And I do hereby charge my said property with the payment of my debts and funeral and Testamentary exepnses And I do hereby decliare that the said William Tickle shall not be answerable or accountable for any involuntary loss which may happen to my said Trust property And that it shall be lawful for him his Heirs Executors or Administrators to retain to himself and themselves all such costs and expenses as he or they may pay or sustain in the execution of the Trusts of this my Will or otherwise in relation thereto

And I do appoint the said William Tickle Executor in Trust of this my Will and do revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Twelfth day of March one thousand Eight hundred and Fifty five [signed] John Baker

Signed by the said John Baker in the presence of us being present at the same time and at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other we subscribe our names as Witnesses [signed] James Phear Saddler Thomas Rice Labourer

The within writing contains a true Copy of the original Will of John Baker late of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman deceased the same having been carefully examined therewith by us [signed] W Hannaford Jas Page Clerks to Geo Farwell Dy Reg of the Archdeacons Court of Totnes

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