

1824 Will of Nicholas Kennard

Prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Name of God Amen I Nicholas Kennard of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman being aged but in good health and of perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for it and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

I command my soul into the hands of Almighty God who give it and my body to the earth from where it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter mentioned in the hopes of a joyful resurrection through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ and as to willing[?] such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give will and bequeath in manner and form as follows

First I give to my loveing wife Elizabeth Kennard the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England twenty pounds of which shall be paid to the said Elizabeth Kennard within one month after my decease and the remaining one hundred pounds to be paid to the said Elizabeth Kennard within twelve months after my decease and if my wife happen to die before the money is payable it is my Will and Testament that she my said wife shall and may give the before mentioned sums to whom she shall please or think fit I give to my said wife my best feather bed performed Also I give to my said wife the value of fifty shillings worth of household goods in anything that she shall choose

Also I give to my son Nicholas Kennard the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England ten pounds of the said sum shall be paid to the said Nicholas Kennard within one year after my decease and the remaining one hundred and forty pounds to be paid to the said Nicholas Kennard at such time as my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall receive or be able to receive the money which is due to me on a bond which I have against Mr William Sleman of the Parish of Lamerton in the County of Devon [...] his heirs executors administrators or assigns and the said Nicholas Kennard shall receive lawful interest for the same after one year after my decease to the time he receives the principal

Also I give to my son William Kennard the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England ten pounds of the said sum shall be paid to the said William Kennard within one year after my decease and the remaining ninety pounds to be paid to the said William Kennard when my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall receive or be able to receive the money due to me on Mr William Slemans bond as before mentioned and the said William Kennard shall receive lawful interest for the same after one year after my decease to the time he receives the principal

Also I give to my daughter Elizabeth Marshall the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England five pounds of the said sum to be paid to the said Elizabeth Marshall within one year after my decease and the remaining fifteen pounds to be paid to the said Elizabeth Marshall when my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall receive or be able to receive the money due to me on Mr William Slemans bond as before mentioned and the said Elizabeth Marshall shall

receive lawful interest for the same after one year after my decease to the time she receives the principal

Also I give to my daughter Jane Down the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England five pounds of the said sum to be paid to the said Jane Down within one year after my decease and the remaining fifteen pounds to be paid to the said Jane Down when my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall receive or be able to receive the money due to me on Mr William Slemans bond as before mentioned and the said Jane Down shall receive lawful interest for the same after one year after my decease to the time she receives the principal

Also I give to my daughter Ann Johns the sum of sixty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England twenty pounds of the said sum to be paid to the said Ann Johns within one year after my decease and the remaining forty pounds to be paid to the said Ann Johns when my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall receive or be able to receive the money due to me on Mr William Slemans bond as before mentioned and the said Ann Johns shall receive lawful interest for the same after one year after my decease to the time she receives the principal

Also I give to my daughter Sarah Jackman the sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain called England five pounds of the said sum to be paid to the said Sarah Jackman within one year after my decease and the remaining fifteen pounds to be paid to the said Sarah Jackman when my Executor hereinafter mentioned shall receive or be able to receive the money due to me on Mr William Slemans bond as before mentioned and the said Sarah Jackman shall receive lawful interest for the same after one year after my decease to the time she receives the principal

All the rest and residue of my personal estate goods chattels ready money bonds and security for money and effects whatsoever I shall die possessed of or shall in any case be my right due or demand I give bequeath unto my son Richard Kennard whom I make and ordain him to be my full whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament he paying all the above mentioned legacies or sums of money as before mentioned and I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said Nicholas Kennard have set my hand and seal the thirtyth day of August One thousand eight hundred and sixteen – [signed Nicholas Kennard] – Signed sealed pronounced and declared by the said Nicholas Kennard 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 witness – [signed Roger Reddicliffe and Wm Baker]

Proved at London 15th May 1824 before the Judge by the oath of Richard Kennard the son the sole Executor to whom Admon was granted hav[ing] been first sworn by Com[missi]on duly to administer

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