

1824 Will of David Ham

No 11 For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of David Ham late of Bratton Clovelly Devon Yeoman deceased

Executors Robert Ham of Stowford Devon Yeoman and Phillip Ham of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Yeoman

Provided in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 10th March 1824

Effects sworn under £450

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.

Robert Ham of Stowford in the County of Devon Yeoman and Phillip Ham of Bratton Clovelly in the said County Yeoman two of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of David Ham late of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Yeoman deceased Sixth Day of November 1823 make Oath and say that they have 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 their 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 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 Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds and these Deponents further say that the said Deceased had no Personal Estate and Effects at the time of his decease within the Province of York to which they these Deponents need to Administer [signed] Robt Ham Philip Ham

Sworn on the Tenth Day of March 1824 before me [signed] [?]

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

In the name of God Amen I David Ham of the parish of Bratton clovelly and County of Devon Yeoman being aged but of a sound disposing mind memory and understanding thanks be to Almighty God for it and considering the certainty of Death do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows

First I give and bequeath unto my wife Grace Ham the Estate which I now live in known by the name of Rexon during her life (that is to say) that part of Rexon estate formerly in the possession of Thomas Loze and claim no part of the said estate that part only and my Executors hereinafter mentioned shall be bound to put the said estate and houses in tenantable repair

I also give unto my wife Grace Ham two cows one heifer and one pigout of my stock of Cattle I shall die possessed of

I also give unto my said wife Grace Ham all my household goods so long as she lives when my said wife Grace Ham dies all the household goods she dies possessed of or entitled unto shall be given unto my son Gregory Ham

I also give unto my said wife Grace Ham five pounds of current money she to receive the same one year after my death

I also give unto my son David Ham the sum of One Pound of current money he to receive the same one year after my death

I also give unto Joseph Squires five children that is to say Elizabeth Joseph Jane John and Martha my grandchildren three Pounds of current money to each of them they to receive the same one year after my death

I also give unto my daughter Mary Squire twenty five Pounds of current money she to receive the same one year after my death

I also give unto my grand daughter Mary Grace Squire five pounds of current money she to receive the same one year after my death

I also give unto my daughter Phillippa Martin thirty Pounds of current money she to receive the same one year after my death

I also give unto my daughter Phillippa Martin the sum of ten Pounds of current money which shall be paid to she by my son Gregory Ham when he comes to the household goods after the death of his mother to be paid out of the value of the Household Goods

All the rest of my lands and tenements personal estates ready money bonds notes and securities or any thing not before given and bequeathed I do hereby give and bequeath unto my sons Robert Ham Phillip Ham and Gregory Ham and I do hereby make constitute nominate and appoint them jointly and seperately whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament they paying my just debts and legacies as before mentioned hereby revoking all former will or wills by me before named and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I the said David Ham have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty three. [signed] David Ham

Signed sealed and published the same by the said testator David Ham to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses herewith – Witnesses [signed] Roger Reddicliffe Richard Reddicliffe Thomas North

This & the preceding sheet contain a true copy of the Original Will of David Ham late of Bratton clovelly Devon Yeoman deceased having been carefully examined therewith by us [signed] John Wm Hodge Nicholas Gidley Clerks to Walter Prideaux Deputy Registrar of the Archdeacons Court of Totnes

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