

1854 Will of Richard Sowden

No 17. For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of Richard Sowden late of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Husbandman deceased

Sole Executor James Sowden of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Labourer

Proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 9th day of January 1854

Effects Sworn under £100

Geo. Farwell Dy Regr

No. 1. For Executors.

Appeared personally James Sowden of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon and Archdeaconry of Totnes Labourer the Sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Richard Sowden late of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Husbandman deceased who died on the Thirteenth Day of December 1853 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 One Hundred Pounds, to the best of this Deponents knowledge, information, and belief. [signed] James Sowden

Sworn on the Ninth Day of January 1854 before me [signed] J W Burrough[?] Surrogate

This is the last Will and Testament of me of Richard Sowden of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon.

I Give devise and bequeath unto my dear Brother James Sowden of the said Parish of Bratton Clovelly All my Houses Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premise together with all Plate Money Securities for Money Household Furniture and all other my Effects due or owing at the time of my decease after paying thereout All my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary Expences together with all Legacies Bequests hereinafter named (vis)

I Give devise and bequeath unto Paying unto Joanna Voaden my Sister the Sum of Five Pounds twelve months after my desease.

I Give unto Grace Tremears my Sister the Sum of Five Pounds to be paid twelve months after my desease.

I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother James Sowden sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said Richard Sowden the Testator have put my Hand Seal hereby revoking all former Wills and Codicils heretofore made done or executed by me this 15 day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty three. [signed] Richard Sowden

Signed Sealed Published and declared by me the Testator as for and to be his last Will and Testament comprised in One Sheet of Paper his having in our Presence subscribed his Hand and put his Seal who at his request and in his presence and we in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto – [signed] John Smale William Martin

The above Writing contains a true Copy of the Original Will of Richard Sowden late of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Husbandman deceased the same having been carefully examined therewith by us [signed] Wm Giles M H Laskey Clerks to Geo. Farwell Dy Regr Totnes

Transcribed by Kim Baldacchino

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