

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Richard Hiscock  
of Minety  
Will Proved  
16<sup>th</sup> March 1850*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference  
Will Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1849

<b>Testator:</b>	Hiscock	Richard	Farmer of Minety
<b>Executors:</b>			
Joint Executor and Trustee	Cole	Christopher	Farmer of Minety
Joint Executor and Trustee	Cole	Jonathan	Farmer of Minety
Joint Executor and Trustee	Gauntlett	Thomas	Farmer of Little Somerford

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Hiscock	Ann	Wife	
Hiscock	Christopher Cole	Son	
Hiscock	Thomas	Son	
Hiscock	Richard	Son	
Hiscock	Edwin	Son	
Hiscock	John Cole	Son	
Hiscock	Sarah Ann	Daughter	
Hiscock	Emma	Daughter	
		Wife's Siblings	Not named
		Own Siblings	Not named
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Morton	James		Innkeeper of Minety
Hinder	Abraham		Blacksmith of Minety
<b>Other Names</b>			

This is the last Will and Testament of me Richard Hiscock of Minety in the County of Wilts Farmer

I give and bequeath unto Christopher Cole of Minety aforesaid Farmer Jonathan Cole of the same place Farmer and Thomas Gauntlett of Little Somerford in the County of Wilts Farmer their executors and administrators all and singular my household goods and other goods plate linens china monies and securities for money stock and effects And all other my Personal Estate and Effects of every sort kind and description whatsoever Upon trust nevertheless that they my said trustees do and shall from and immediately after my decease cause an inventory to be taken of the same and permit and suffer my wife Ann Hiscock to use occupy and enjoy the same for and during her natural life or widowhood to enable her to carry on the business now carried on by me at Minety aforesaid for the support and benefit of herself and the support

maintenance and education of my children who shall be living at the time of my decease for and during her life or widowhood aforesaid

and from and immediately after her decease or second marriage Then upon trust that my said trustees do and shall with all convenient speed sell and dispose of my said personal estate as shall not consist of monies or securities for money either by public auction or private contract and at such times and in such manner as they or he shall think proper for the most money which he or they can reasonably get for the same

And I declare that the receipt or receipts of my said trustees or the survivor of them his executors or administrators or their or his assigns shall exonerate purchasers and others paying monies to such trustees by virtue of my will from all liability in respect of the application thereof

In trust in the first place to pay all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and in the next place to deduct and retain all costs and expenses which they or either of them shall sustain or be put unto in or about the execution of the trusts and executorship of this my will or in relation thereto and after such payments aforesaid

Upon trust out of such monies to lay out and invest the sum of four hundred pounds in their or his names or name in one or more of the public funds of Great Britain or upon other government or real securities in England or Wales with power for my said trustees or trustee for the time being from time to time to alter vary transpose or otherwise deal with the said stocks funds and securities at their or his discretion and to pay and apply the interest dividends and all actual produce thereof unto my son Christopher Cole Hiscock during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after the decease of my said son Christopher Cole Hiscock then I direct my said trustees or trustee for the time being to pay and divide the said principal sum of four hundred pounds and the accumulations thereof unto and amongst my other children who may be then living share and share alike and the children of such are the issue of deceased children nevertheless to take only such proportion as their respective parents would have taken if living provided always and it is my will and I hereby direct and empower them my said trustees (after the decease or second marriage of my said wife and my youngest child shall have attained the age of twenty one years as aforesaid) to pay over to my said son Christopher Cole Hiscock the said sum of four hundred pounds if they should think him capable of managing his own affairs or otherwise

And as to for and concerning the residue of my said trust estate of every sort and kind and the stocks funds and securities in or upon which the same shall be then invested upon trust that they my said trustees or trustee for the time being of this my will shall pay transpose divide or otherwise dispose of the same and every part thereof unto and amongst all and every other my sons and daughters Thomas Hiscock Richard Hiscock Edwin Hiscock John Cole Hiscock Sarah Ann Hiscock and Emma Hiscock share and share alike on the youngest of them attaining the age of twenty one years and the lawful issue of such of them as may be then dead the issue of such deceased children nevertheless to take only the share or shares their respective parents would have taken if living

Provided always and it is my will that in case all my children shall have departed this life (in the lifetime of my said wife) without leaving lawful issue then I direct my said trustees or trustee for the time being to stand possessed of the said trust funds and securities as aforesaid upon trust (after the decease of my said wife and the decease of all my children in her lifetime without issue as aforesaid ) to pay the sum of one thousand pounds to the brothers and sisters of my said wife equally between them share and share alike and the issue of such of them as may be dead such issue taking the share of such deceased parent only

And upon trust to pay over and divide the residue of such trust funds and securities unto my own brothers and sisters share and share alike and the issue of such of them as may be dead such issue taking the share of such deceased parent only

And I hereby declare that if the said trustees hereby appointed or either of them or any trustees or trustee to be appointed as hereinafter is provided shall die or be desirous of being discharged or refuse or become incapable to act then and so often the said trustees or trustee or (and for that purpose any retiring trustee shall be reconsidered a trustee) may appoint any other person or persons to be a trustee or trustees so dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing or becoming incapable to act and upon every such appointment the said trust premises shall be so transferred that the same may become vested in the new trustee or trustees or solely as the case may require and every such new trustee shall both

before and after the said trust premises shall have become so vested have the same powers authorities and discretion as if he had been herein originally appointed a trustee

Provided always and I further declare that the said trustees hereby appointed and the survivor of them shall be chargeable only with such monies as they or he respectively shall actually receive and shall not be accountable the one for the other of them nor for any banker broker or other person in whose hands any of the trust monies shall be placed nor for the insufficiency or deficiency of any stocks funds or securities nor otherwise for involuntary losses

I give all the legal interest vested in me as a trustee or mortgagee in any real and personal estate unto and to the use of my said trustees upon such trusts and subject to such conditions as shall be subsisting therein respectively

And I appoint the said Christopher Cole Jonathan Cole and Thomas Gauntlett Executors of this my last Will

And lastly I hereby revoke all other wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have at the foot or end of this my last Will and Testament contained in four sheets of paper and also at the foot of the three preceding sheets thereof set and signed my name this twenty third day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

----- *Richard Hiscock* -----

Signed and published by the said testator as and for his will in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

----- *James Morton Minety Innkeeper* ----- *Abraham Hinder Minety Blacksmith* -----

Proved at London 16<sup>th</sup> March 1850 before the Judge by the oaths of Christopher Cole Jonathan Cole and Thomas Gauntlett the executors to whom admon was granted having been first sworn by commission duly to administer