

Last Will & Testament of Matthew Roach Proved 1834

This is the Will and Testament of me Matthew Roach Taylor of the Town of Reading in the County of Berks first I desire to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named in a plain Secure Coffin without Plates in a Brick Grave made large enough to hold me and my Wife Mary with a small Stone near to the Grave just to say where I lay I desire my Executrix to pay all my just debts and funeral expences And as to all I am possessed of at my death I give to my wife Mary towards her support and maintenance I do hereby nominate constitute and assert my said Wife Mary shall be whole and sole Executrix to this my Will I desire at my said Wife Mary's decease whatever there is left of my Property it may be equally divided among the six following persons whose names are hereafter mentioned if living that is to say as many as shall be alive at my Wife Mary's decease that is to say William ffreebody Thomas ffreebody Peter ffreebody Sally Ann ffreebody now Sally Ann Hebourne Sons and Daughter of James and Kitty ffreebody of Caversham deceased and also Richard Chapman and Martha Chapman now Martha Trinder son and daughter of Richard and Hannah Chapman of Reading deceased tis my desire for the above named Thomas ffreebody to have the Clock in his Part if my Wife has not disposed of it for her maintenance likewise if not disposed of for the above named Richard Chapman to have the escritoire in his part This is my Will made when in health of body and a sound mind whereon I set my hand and seal this 28th August in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty three Matthew Roach Witnesses Samuel Walden Senior J. Walden

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