

Will of John Emmett 1745



In the Name of God Amen I John Emmett of the Parish of Trowbridge in the County of Wilts Broad weaver being very Weak and infirm in body, but of Sound mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same, Therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing it is Appointed for all men Once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) Principally and first of all I Give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it. And my body, I recommend to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereinafter named And as touching my Worldly Effects wherewith God hath blessed me in this life, I Give and Dispose of the Same in the following manner ffirst I Give and bequeath to my Eldest Son Ralph Emmett all this my ffreehold Estate together with the backsides Garden Ground and Houses or Tenements thereon Standing and likewise the House wherein I now live Nevertheless I will that the Rents Profits or Issues thereof be reserved for the use of my Wife Ann Emmett during her Widowhood (and no longer) for the Maintenance or breeding up of my family And likewise if Occasion or Necessity requires to Advance or take up Twenty Pounds on my Estates let my Wife have it Six or Eight Pounds at a time as Necessity requires it for carrying on business for the Support of my family I likewise Give and bequeath to my Youngest Son John Emmett the Sum of Twenty Pounds of Legal money of Great Britain to be paid him out of my ffreehold Estate when he shall Attain the full age of Twenty one Years I likewise Give to my Said Son John Emmett my Broad Loomes (with all the Materials or Utensils belonging to it) to be Sold and the Money thence Arising to be laid out towards the binding him an Apprentice at the discretion of my Executors in trust (hereinafter named) And I also will that if my Son Ralph Emmett should happen to die without Male Issue Then I will that the above said ffreehold Estate immediately devolve to my Son John Emmett and his Heirs for ever I likewise Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Emmett the Sume of One Guinea of Lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid to her out of mine Effects And lastly all the rest and residue of my Effects of what Nature kind or quality soever and wheresoever the same be I Give and bequeath to Ann Emmett my Welbeloved Wife whom I likewise make Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament for She peaceably and quietly to Occupy Possess and enjoy the same And I do hereby Nominate and appoint my true and trusty friends Mr John Hooper James Whatley and Thomas Coombes Executors in trust of this my last will and testament And do give to each of them the Sume of Two Shillings and Six Pence to buy them Gloves with And I do Give them full Power and Authority to take or receive all Rents and Profits of the above said Estate and therewith to bind my Son Ralph and my Son John Apprentice According to the best of their discretion And after they are bound the Rents and profits of the abovesaid Estate to be made use of towards the payment of the above said Twenty Pounds and for the discharging of other Incumbrances (if any) And the residue to be applied to the uses above mentioned for the benefit of my Son Ralph Emmett And whatsoever Charge or Expence they are at in fulfilling the trust reposed in them According to the true intent and meaning hereof Shall be allowed them out of mine Effects And I do hereby utterly revoke and make void all former Wills by me made ratifying and confirming this and no other for to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal the Twenty Ninth day of October in the year 1745 John Emmett his mark

(Attestation Clause)

William Holloway

Thomas Sartain

William Witcombe his mark

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