

Will of Thomas Bassett of Edenbridge, Kent

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In the Name of God Amen

I **Thomas Bassett of Edenbridge in the county of Kent Yeoman** Being of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding Praise to almighty God for my soul do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say First I will order and direct my just debts funeral expenses and the expenses of the probate of this my Will be paid and discharged by my Executrix hereinafter named and I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Martha the wife of Edward George of Edenbridge aforesaid farmer** the sum of Two hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain

Also I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Susanna Bassett** the sum of Two hundred pounds of like lawful money

Also I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Mary Bassett** the sum of Two hundred pounds of like lawful money

Also I give and bequeath unto **my son Thomas Bassett** the sum of One hundred pounds of like lawful money

Also I give and bequeath unto **my son Joseph Bassett** the sum of One hundred pounds of like lawful money

Also I give and bequeath unto **my son James Bassett** the sum of One hundred pounds of like lawful money

The said Legacies to be raised and levied out of my Estates real and personal And paid by my Executrix hereafter named the said six legatees at the and of Twelve months next after my demise.

And the reason for my not giving **my sons Richard Benjamin Henry and George** legacies as the others first above mentioned is because they have already received of me the sum of one hundred pounds each

And Richard fifty pounds more but my Will is that he shall deduct and allow to his brothers the said fifty pounds out of the part of my Estate hereinafter devised to him

Also I give devise and bequeath unto **my loving wife Martha Bassett** all my freehold Messuages or tenements heritaments? lands farms and premises with the appurts situate in Edenbridge aforesaid or elsewhere together with all my Leasehold messuages or tenements farms and lands with the appurts situate in the parish of Limpsfield in the county of Surrey or elsewhere with the loans by which I hold the same all with said messuages or tenements farms lands and premises are in and in the occupation of myself my tenants ...?... or assigns Also together with all and singular my ready money securities for money household goods effects and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever after payment of my just debts expenses and legacies as above mentioned to hold all my said estates real and personal to her my said wife Martha Bassett and that

aforgos for and during so long as she shall continue to be my widow solo and unmarried on trust ...?... for the purpose thereafter authorised

that is to say for the purpose of her own maintenance and the maintenance and education such of my children as shall be minors surviving their minorities and also for and toward the support and maintenance of such of my children as shall remain unmarried during anytime of their...?...or infirmities but no such maintenance or support to extend to any of my said children after they have respectively received their legacies notwithstanding they shall remain single

But in case my said wife Martha Bassett shall cease to be my widow whether the same shall happen by her marrying again or by death then and in case and immediately after her so marrying or dying I give devise and bequeath all and singular my said messuages or tenements farms lands and estates real and personal with their respective appurtenants to **my sons Thomas Bassett Richard Bassett Henry Bassett Joseph Bassett Benjamin Bassett George Bassett and James Bassett** to hold the same and every part thereof to them my said sons their heirs Executors and assigns forever to take as tenants in union and not as joint tenants subject thereof to the three legacies to my three daughters as aforesaid if the same shall not have been discharged

And I do make constitute and appoint my said wife Martha Bassett Executrix of this my said last Will and Testament provided always that if my said wife do marry again then in that case I give and bequeath unto her the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my Executors hereinafter named at the end of three months next after her remarrying again but my Will is that thereafter as Executrix shall immediately cease and I do then appoint my three sons Thomas Bassett Henry Bassett and Joseph Bassett joint Executors of the my last Will and Testament provided always that?..... if any one or more than one of my said sons shall agree to take my said Messuages or Tenancies and Lands with the appurtenants in Edenbridge aforesaid the same shall be put to a fair valuation by two indifferent men one to be chosen by the Executors and the other by the purchaser or purchasers and if two of them should not agree then such two men to choose a third man whose valuation shall be final and

And Lastly I revoke and make void all and every other Will and Testament by me at anytime heretofore made in sheets or whereof I have to this my said last Will and Testament contained in two of paper set my hand to this first sheet and to this last my hand and seal this 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord 1813 (his signature) Thos Bafsett signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Bassett the Testator in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and the presence of other legat described our ...?... As heretofore as Witnesses

Jno Jeffery Robt Parsons Willm Saxby (their signatures)

Proved at London 6th July 1825 before the Worshipful Charles Cootes Judge of Laws and Surrogates by the Oath of Martha Bassett Widow the Relict the sole Executrix to whom admin was granted being first sworn duly to administrator.

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