

The Will of Thomas Bassett 1643-1714

Thomas Bassett of Cowden in the County of Kent, Died 1714

In The Name of God Amen, I Thomas Bassett of Cowden in the County of Kent being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory Praise be to God I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

In praise I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Creator hoping through meritorious death and passion of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for a happy life in worlds to come and my body to be buried at Chiddingstone by my ancestors and my Will and mind is that my Executors shall bestow Twenty pounds upon my burying

Item I give to the Poor of Cowden five pounds to be distributed at the direction of my Executors within six months after decease

Item I give to the Poor of Chiddingstone five pounds to be distributed at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named within six months after Th my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my Susan my loving wife a hundred pounds and fifty pounds to be paid a year after my decease and noother fifty pounds to be paid two years after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother John Bassett's three daughters Sarah Anne and Katherine fifty pounds apiece to be paid twelve months after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Thomas Woodgate a hundred pounds to be paid to him within twelve months after my decease my Will is that if my cousin Thomas Woodgate shall make any disturbance about the lands at Lingfoils his legacy shall be void

Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin legats two daughters Katherine and Ann fifty pounds apiece to be paid within two years after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my cousin Michael Bassett all my houses and land lying in Cowden Chiddingstone Withyham and Lingfoils or also whereupon condition that he pay my legacys before bequests to him and his heirs forever.

Item I make and ordain my cousin Michael Bassett aforesaid and my loving friend Richard Still Executors of this my last Will and Testament

My Will and mind is that my loving friend Richard Still is te be executor in Trust to assist my kinsman Michael Bassett and to be charitable to him three years after my decease for what shall come into his hands

I Thomas Bassett signed sealed published and declared to be my last Will and Testament this 5th day of January in the year of our Lord 1714 in the presence of John Taylor, Nicholas Gainsford, John Bannister (his mark)

Probatum written in Latin but granted to Executors Michael Bassett and Richard Still. Transcribed by Betsy Sales June 2004