

The Will of Michael Bassett of Cowden 1718- 1738

Will of Michael Bassett
of Cowden, Kent

In the name of God Amen I Michael BAFSETT of Cowden in the
County of Kent

Yeoman being upwards of nineteen years of age and somewhat
indisposed in

body but of sound and disposing mind and understanding
thanks be given to

Almighty God for the same doe make and ordain this my last
will and

testament in manner and form following that is to say I
first give my soul

into the hands of Almighty God my creator and my body I
recommend to the

Earth to be decently buried and as to my worldly Estate I
give and dispose

of as followeth

First I give unto the poor of the several parishes of Cowden
and

Chiddingstone the several sums of fifty shillings to each
parish to be

distributed amongst them within one month next after my
decease by the

Minster and Church wardens of each parish

I also give and bequeath unto my Grandmother Elizabeth
GAYNSFORD five

pounds to be paid her within twelve months next after my
decease

I also order and appoint that my loving mother Elizabeth and
sister

Elizabeth BASSETT shall use and occupy my farm lands I now
use in Cowden

and Chiddingstone aforesaid until my youngest sister Mary
shall attain her

age of twenty one years and do order and appoint that my
said mother and

sister Elizabeth shall maintain educate and bring up my two
sisters Sarah

and Mary until my said sister Mary shall attain her said age
of twenty one

years as aforesaid out of the produce of my personal estate
and of the

rents and profits of my real estate and as soon as my said
sister Mary

shall attain her said age of twenty one years then I order
give and

appoint that all and singular my goods chattels bills bonds

and personal
estate whatsoever shall be divided into two equal parts One
part whereof I
give and bequeath unto my said mother Elizabeth and the
other moiety or
half part thereof I give and bequeath unto my said three
sisters Elizabeth
Sarah and Mary to be divided between them share and share
alike and I make
ordain and appoint my said loving mother Elizabeth and
sister Elizabeth
BAFSETT joint executrices of this my last will and testament
in Trust and
to and for the uses aforesaid and I order and appoint Mr
Robert
STREATFEILD of Heaver and Mr Stephen WOODGATE Trustees of
this my will to
whom I give a Guinea a piece in remembrance of me
In witness whereof I the said Michael BAFSETT have to this
my last will
and testament contained in two sheets of paper to each sheet
set my hand
and seal this thirteenth day of June in the twelfth year of
the reign of
our sovereign Lord King George the Second and in the year of
our Lord
Christ one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight Michael
BAFSETT Signed
sealed published and declared as and for his last will and
testament in
the presence of us who have subscribed our names as
witnesses hereunto in
the testator's presence and at his request.
Edw HARBY Robt STREATFEILD Fran GREEN Edward GREEN
This Will was proved at London the nineteenth day of
September in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty eight
before the Right
Worshipful John [WORD] Doctor of Laws [WORD] or commissary
of the
prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the
oath of
Elizabeth BAFSETT widow the mother and Elizabeth BAFSETT
spinster the
sister and executrix named in the said will to whom
administration was
granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits
of the said
deceased been first sworn by commission duly to administer.

