

The Will of Jeremiah Bassett 1776- 1850

Will of Jeremiah Bassett  
of Edenbridge, Kent and Limpsfield, Surrey

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Transcribed by David Auger

This is the last Will and Testament of me Jeremiah BASSETT  
of Limpsfield

in the County of Surrey farmer. First I direct that all my  
just debts

funeral and testamentary expenses are fully paid and  
satisfied by my

executors hereinafter named.

I give and devise all that my freehold messuage or tenement  
butcher's shop

and premises and all other my real estate situate in the  
Town of

Edenbridge in the County of Kent or elsewhere unto and for  
the use of my

dear wife Sarah BASSETT for and during the term of her  
natural life and

from and after her decease I give and devise the same unto  
my son Robert

BASSETT for and during the term of his natural life and from  
and after his

decease I give and devise the same unto and to the use of my  
nephew

William BASSETT son of my brother Richard BASSETT and my  
friend James

GODFREY of Richmond in the County of Surrey Carpenter their  
heirs and

assigns upon trust as soon as conveniently may be to sell  
the same by

public auction or private contract with liberty from time to  
time if

deemed expedient to buy in any part thereof at any auction  
and to rescind

or vary the terms of any contract for sale that may have  
been entered into

and to convey the same when sold in such manner as the  
purchasers thereof

shall direct and I declare that such purchasers respectively  
shall be

exonerated from all responsibility in respect of the  
application of the

monies paid by them respectively to the trustees or trustee  
for the time

being of this my Will and I further declare that my said  
trustees shall

stand possessed of the monies to be procured by such sale or sales as aforesaid after deducting the expenses attending the same upon trust to pay and divide the same unto and equally between all and every the Children of my said son Robert share and share alike as they severally attain the age of twenty one years and I direct that the shares of such of them as shall not have attained the age of twenty one years shall be invested by my said trustees or trustee in their or his own names or name in government funds or such securities and the dividends or interest thereof from time to time applied by such trustees or trustee for the maintenance and education of such last mentioned child or children respectively during his her or their minority or respective minorities. But in case my said son Robert shall die without leaving child or children or leaving such all of them that die under the age of twenty one years either with or without issue then upon trust to pay and divide the same into and equally between all the brothers and sisters of my said son Robert who shall be living at the time of his decease on such failure of issue share and share alike as Tenants in common. But in case in either of the events aforesaid there shall be no brothers or sisters or brother or sister of my said son Robert then living then upon trust to pay and divide the same into and equally between all and every the nephews and nieces of my said son Robert share and share alike to ratio per capita. And as to all and singular my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath the same unto my said dear wife Sarah BASSETT to and for her own use and benefit during her natural life. And from and after her decease I give and bequeath the same unto my sons

William BASSETT and David BASSETT their executors  
administrators and  
assigns upon trust to sell and dispose or collect get in and  
convert the  
same into money and after payment of all expenses pursuant  
to such sale  
and conversion to pay and divide the proceeds thereof unto  
and equally  
between all and every my children, excepting my said son  
Robert, share and  
share alike as Tenants in common. And in case any or either  
of my children  
shall die in my lifetime or in the lifetime of my said Wife  
without  
leaving lawful issue then I direct that the share or shares  
both original  
and additional or surviving of him her or them so dying  
without leaving  
lawful issue shall go and accrue to the survivors or  
survivor or others or  
other of them and be equally divided between them if more  
than one share  
and share alike and his her and their executors  
administrators and  
assigns.

And I hereby nominate and appoint my said sons William  
BASSETT and David  
BASSETT Executors of this my Will, and I declare that it  
shall be lawful  
for my said executors by and out of the money which shall  
come to their or  
his hands by virtue of this my Will to deduct retain and  
reimburse for  
themselves respectively or himself and also to allow to each  
other all  
costs charges damages and expenses which they or either of  
them may  
sustain disburse or incur in or about the execution of this  
my Will. And I  
expressly ordain that they shall be chargeable only for such  
monies as  
they shall respectively actually receive and shall not be  
answerable or  
accountable for any involuntary loss or damage which may  
happen in  
relation thereto. And I declare this to be my last and only  
Will in  
witness whereof I the said Jeremiah BASSETT the Testator  
have to this my  
last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper

set my hand  
namely at the bottom of the two first sheets thereof and my  
hand to this  
the third and last sheet thereof this fifteenth day of April  
one thousand  
eight hundred and forty seven - Jeremiah BASSETT - Signed  
and declared by  
the said Jeremiah BASSETT the Testator as and for his last  
Will and  
Testament in the presence of us who at the same time at his  
request in his  
presence and in the presence of each other have in hereunto  
subscribed our  
names as witnesses -

William [NAME] East Grinstead William GODFREY Blewley Heath  
Godstone.  
Proved at London 11th July 1851 before the Worshipful Alfred  
[NAME] Doctor  
of Laws and Surrogate by the oath of David BASSETT the Son,  
the surviving  
executor to whom admon was granted having been first sworn  
duly to  
administer.