

Will of John Bassett of Edenbridge, Kent

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In The Name of God Amen I **John Bassett of Eatonbridge in the County of Kent Yeoman** Being of sound and disposing mind and memory but frail and weak of body and considering the uncertainty of life do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First I commend to my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body I commit to the earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named but my Will and desire is to be buryd at Eatonbridge aforesaid

And as befitting my Temporal Estates being and disposed thereof as follows that is to say I give and devise unto **my son John Bassett** one annuity a yearly sum of twenty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain for the term of his natural life to be given out of all and singular my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditament within the parish of Eatonbridge aforesaid part whereof called Linhurst and the Rushetts and not in the occupation of myself and the other part thereof called Stangrave is now in the occupation of **Thomas Wells** and the said annuity to be paid unto my said son by equally Quarterly payments at or upon the feast days of the Nativity of our Lord Christ of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Michael the Archangel and the first payment thereof to begin and be made on each of the said feasts as shall first happen after my decease

Also I give and devise to **my daughter Elizabeth Bassett** two hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid by **my two sons hereinafter named that is to say Michael Bassett and Thomas Bassett** to be paid out of all and singular my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the parish of Eatonbridge aforesaid called by the several names aforesaid that is to say Linhurst and Rushetts ?it now in my own occupation and the other part thereof called Stangrave now in the occupation of Thomas Wells as aforesaid Which said legacy of two hundred pounds to be paid when my two sons Michael and Thomas Bassett shall severally attain their respective ages of twenty one years

also all and singular my said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Eatonbridge aforesaid subject to the said Annuity of twenty pounds unto my said son John Bassett and the said legacy of two hundred pounds unto my said daughter Elizabeth Bassett and all that Messuage Lands and Hereditaments and all that Messuage Tenement Lands and Hereditaments in the parishes of Limsfield and Chiddingstone in the County of Kent now in the occupation of John .?. if not sold the time hereinafter mentioned and all other my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever not by me before disposed of I give and devise unto my two sons Michael Bassett and Thomas Bassett and to here devise to take as tenants in common and not as joint tenants

My Will is to give my loving wife for property and power if there should happen any case of necessity before my son Thomas Bassett attains his respective age of twenty one years to sell part of that Messuage Tenement Lands and Hereditaments lying in Linhurst and Chiddingstone aforesaid and not if sold as above mentioned then to be and continued as my Will before ...?..

Also my Will and mind is that my loving wife is my Executrix hereinafter named shall have the guardianship and care of my son John Bassett during her natural life and to choose whom she thinks proper to take care of him my son John after her decease

Also my loving wife to receive all his rents, dues and profits of the messuages lands tenements and hereditaments before devised until they my said two sons Michael Bassett and Thomas Bassett shall severally attain their respective ages of twentyone years

Also I give unto my wife all and singular my goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever after payment of my debts funeral expenses and the charges of proving this Will and I make and appoint my said wife sole executrix of this my said Will revoking hereby all former and other Wills made by me at any time heretofore made

I do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said John Bassett to this my last Will contained in two sheets of paper to the first sheet hereof my hand and to the last sheet thereof my hand and seal have set the twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four

John Bassett signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator John Bassett as and for this his last Will and Testament in the presence of us Who in his presence And at his request and in the Presence? of each other signed Our names as Witnesses;

Thom Wells (signed) Thom Heyer (signed) & the mark of John Bateman

This Will was proved at London the twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine before the Worshipful Thomas Bovey Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful ..?.. Doctor of Laws ..?.. Keeper of Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by Oath of **Elizabeth Bassett widow** the relict of the deceased and sole executrix named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the Goods and Chattels and goods of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administrator.