

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Richard Dench** the elder of Worth in the County of Sussex yeoman as follows. Imprimis I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be therein decently buried at the discretion of my executors here after named. And as to all my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me I give and dispose thereof in manner and form following (that is to say) I give and devise all that my messuage or tenement farm and lands called or known by the name of Marlingfield or by whatsoever other name or names the same or any part thereof is called or known situate lying and being near Salfords als Saviours Bridge in the parish of Harley in the County of Surry with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances unto my son **Richard Dench** his heirs and assigns for ever. Also I give and devise all those my undivided three parts out of four of and in all that messuage or tenement farm and lands called Bakers situate lying and being at Horsted Keins in the County of Sussex aforesaid with their and every of their rights members and appurtenances unto my son **William Dench** his heirs and assigns for ever subject nevertheless and I do hereby charge the said last mentioned estate with the payment of the sum of eighty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain unto my said son **Richard Dench** his executors and administrators to be paid by my said son **William Dench** unto my said son **Richard Dench** his executors or administrators in twelve months after my deceased. Also I give and bequeath unto my said son **William Dench** his executors and administrators the sum of four hundred pounds of like lawful money to be paid to him in twelve months after my decease. All the rest residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal after payment of my just debts legacy funeral expences probate of this my Will and all other expences and charges whatever I give devise and bequeath unto and equally to be divided between my said two sons **Richard Dench** and **William Dench** their heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever. And I do hereby nominate constitute ordain and appoint my said two sons **Richard** and **William** joint executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said **Richard Dench** the testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this tenth day of March in the fourteenth year of the Reign of King George the third and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four. **Richard Dench**

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator **Richard Dench** as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto. **Walter Card; William Payne; T Wakenham**

This Will was proved at London the twenty fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four before the Worshipful William Macham, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert also Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of **Richard Dench** and **William Dench** the sons of the deceased and the executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer