

James Isted 1779

In the Name of God Amen I James Isted of the parish of Beckenham in the County of Kent Yeoman being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give and demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form Imprimis I give to my beloved wife Mary Isted whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament all and singular my Lands Messuages and Tenements by her freely to be possessed and enjoyed (viz) a house with the appurtenances in the parish of Lingfield in the County of Surrey and now in the occupation of Richard Sewell at the yearly rent of eight pounds a year also a House Barn and about seven acres of land in the parish of East Grinstead in the County of Sussex and now in the occupation of Thomas Martin also a House in East Grinstead Town occupied by *blank* also sixteen acres of land in the parish of Nutley in the County of Sussex also the Interest of one hundred and fifty pounds at four per cent also the Interest of seventy five pounds at four percent also twenty pounds at four present with all arrears that may be due at my decease Also I give to my beloved Wife Mary Isted the Interest use profits of all my Estate freely for her to enjoy during her life and also my Goods and Household Furniture of what sort or kind soever during her life Also and after her decease I give to my two daughters (viz) Elizabeth Mann wife of Jacob Mann and my daughter Mary Isted all my Lands and Tenements before mentioned to be equally divided between them share and share alike Also my will and desire is that my Wife will not give during her life not more to the one than the other neither of Money Goods or Chattels Also I desire that no Timber what ever may be cut down on my Estate during my Wife's life And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament Wills and Legacies and Bequests by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine James Isted signed sealed published and declared by the above named James Isted to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator James Wilson John Randles Robt Bemley

I James Isted of the parish and place aforesaid and on the date before mentioned make and publish this codicil to my last Will and Testament that is to say that if my said wife Mary Isted should marry it is my desire and will that all I am possessed of shall go to my two daughters as before mentioned (viz) Elizabeth Mann and Mary Isted except the Interest of one hundred and no more And at her decease that the said one hundred pounds may be divided betwixt my said two daughters before mentioned as witness my hand and seal the day and year before mentioned James Isted James Wilson John Randles Rt Bemley

This Will was proved at London with a codicil the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine before the worshipful William Marham Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calver Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Mary Isted 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 Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased having been first sworn duly to administer