

George Franks Yeoman of Leigh 1794
PROB 11/1260

Will made 16 October 1794, probate 22 May 1795

This is the list Will and Testament of me George Franks of Moorden in the Parish of Leigh next Tonbridge in the County of Kent made published and declared the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four First I give and bequeath unto my two Sons George Franks and John Franks all my right Title and Interest Term and Terms of years to come and unexpired of and in my Farm and Lands called Moorden now in my own occupation which I hold by Lease under and as Tenant to George Children Esquire and also of and in my Farm and Lands called Little Brownings now in my own occupation which I hold and tenant to Mary Bellingham Widow and another Subject to my Wife's residence In the said Farm called Moorden during the remainder of the Lease by which I hold the same They my said two Sons providing her with Meat Drink and Necessarys so long as she continue my Widow Also I give and bequeath unto my said Wife Ann the sum of Five pounds a year for and during the term of her natural life to be paid to her by my said two Sons by equal quarterly payments the first payment to commence payable on the first quarter day next after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my Son in Law Thomas Shoebridge all my right title term and terms of years to come and unexpired of and in all that Farm Lands and Premises called Brownings and which I hold by Lease or Agreement as Tenant of William Daykin of Sevenoakes Distiller Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the Wife of the said Thomas Shoebridge the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain in addition to the sum of One hundred pounds which I gave her on her marriage Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah the Wife of William Gower the like sum of One hundred and fifty pounds she having before received of me One hundred pounds as her marriage portion Also I give and bequeath unto my two respected Neighbours and Friends Edward Page of Penshurst Farmer and Richard Shoebridge of Chiddingstone Farmer and the survivor of them the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds of like money In Trust to place and invest the same in Government Securities and to pay and apply the Interest and Dividends thereof from time to time in the maintenance and support of my Daughter Fanny Franks until she shall attain the age of twenty one years And then In Trust to pay the said principal sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds and all arrears of Interest that shall be due for the same unto my said Daughter Fanny for her own use and benefit they my said Trustees in the first place reimbursing themselves all such Charges Costs Trouble and Expenses they or either of them shall bear sustain or be put unto in the execution of the Trusts hereby in them reposed or anyways relating thereto Also all the rest and residues of my ready money Goods Chattels Effects and personal Estate whatsoever & wheresoever of every kind and denomination (after payment of my Just Debts Legacies Funeral Expenses and other incidental charges) I give and bequeath unto my said two Sons George Franks and John Franks equally to be divided between them share and share alike and as and for his and their own proper Goods and Chattels for ever And I do hereby direct my said Trustees to be aiding assisting and advising my said two Sons in the conduct and management of their business And lastly I do

hereby nominate and appoint the said Edward Page and Richard Shoebridge the Sole Executors and Overseers of this my Will In witness whereof I the said George Franks the Testator to this my last Will and Testament contained in one sheet of paper have set my hand and seal the day and year first above written Geo: Franks Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said George Franks the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us Geo Mills Attorney at Sevenoakes – Jn Golding Pewter Maker at Leigh

This Will was proved at London the twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety five before the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of Edwar Paige and Richard Shoebridge the Executors named in the Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first Sworn by commission duly to administer