

Will of Giles Watts of Battle Doctor of Physic 1792

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This is the Last Will and Testament of me Giles Watts of Battel in the County of Sussex Doctor of Physic made published and declared this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and ninety two First I give and bequeath unto William Gillmore Harvey of Battel aforesaid Gentleman the Sum of Six hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain now a loan in the hands of Miss Lewis of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent Spinster upon this Special Trust and Confidence that the said William Gillmore Harvey his Executors or Administrators shall and do as soon as conveniently may be after my decease place the same out on Government or other good Security as he or they shall think most adviseable or shall and may permit and suffer the same to remain and continue on such Security or Securities as the same shall be placed out at the time of my decease and from time to time call in and place the same out again as he or they shall think proper And I do hereby direct my said Trustee his Executors or Admors from time to time to pay and apply the Interest and proceed thereof unto my Wife Mary and her Assigns for and during the full time and term of her natural life And from and immediately after her decease to pay the said Sum of Six hundred pounds Trust Monies unto my Daughter Sarah Watts to whom I do hereby accordingly give and bequeath the same Also I give and devise unto my Wife Mary and her Assigns All that my Messuage or Tenement Buildings Farm Lands Heredit[ament]s and Premises called Withers situate lying and being in Burwash in the said County of Sussex now in the Occupation of [blank] Shorter his Undertenants or Assigns Also all that my Messuage or Tenement Buildings Farm Land Heredit[ament]s and Premises called Brasses situate lying and being in Ewhurst in the said County of Sussex now in the Occupation of John Millham his Undertenants or Assigns Also all that my Messuage or Tenement Buildings Farm Lands Heredit[ament]s and Premises called Newcastle situate lying and being in Dallington in the said County of Sussex now in the Occupation of John Pinion his Undertenants or Assigns Also all that my half part or share of a Moiety of and in all that Messuage or Tenement Heredit[ament]s and Premises situate and being in Milk Street London now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of [blank] Musgrave his Undertenants or Assigns Also all that my Messuage or Tenement Buildings Garden Heredit[ament]s and Premises situate lying and being in the Town of Battel wherein I now dwell Also all that piece or parcel of Pasture Land Heredit[ament]s and Premises lying and being near the Kings head in Battel aforesaid called the Procession Field now in my own Occupation Also all that other piece or parcel of Pasture Land Garden Hereditaments and Premises lying and being at or near to Starrs Green in Battel aforesaid called the Spillers Croft now also in my own Occupation and also all other my Lands Tenements and Heredit[ament]s and Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever To hold all and singular the said Premises and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurt[enance]s unto my said Wife Mary and her Assigns for and during the full time and term of her natural life (without Impearlment of or for any manner of waste voluntary waste in pulling down Houses and Buildings and not Rebuilding them in as good or better a manner only excepted) Subject nevertheless to a suitable and proper provision for my said Daughter Sarah Watts during the life of my said Wife in such manner as she my said Wife shall think proper and from and after the decease of my said Wife I give devise and dispose of my said Lands Tenements and Heredit[ament]s as follows (that is to say) unto my Son Robert Watts of Cranbrook in the County of Kent Surgeon and his Heirs All that my Messuages Buildings Farm Lands Hereditaments and Premises called Withers in Burwash To hold the same unto my said Son Robert Watts his Heirs and Assigns forever unto my Son John Watts of Winchelsea in the said County of Sussex Surgeon and his Heirs all that my Messuage Buildings Farm Lands Heredit[ament]s and Premises called Brasses in Ewhurst To hold the same unto my said Son John Watts his Heirs and Assigns forever unto my said Daughter Sarah Watts and her Heirs All that

my Messuage Buildings Farm Lands Heredit[ament]s and Premises called Newcastle and also all that my half part or share of a Moiety of and in all that Messuage or Tenement Heredit[ament]s and Premises in Milk Street in London To hold the same unto my said Daughter Sarah Watts her Heirs and Assigns forever And unto my Grandson Robert Watts (son of my said Son John Watts) and his heirs All that my Messuage Buildings Garden Heredit[ament]s & Premises in the town of Battel And also all that piece or parcel of Land Heredit[ament]s and Premises in Battel afores[ai]d called the Procession Field and also all that other piece or parcel of Land Garden Heredit[ament]s and Premises in Battel aforesaid called the Spillers Croft To hold the same unto my said Grandson Robert Watts his Heirs and Assigns forever And if it shall happen that my said Grandson shall depart this life before he attains his age of Twenty one years Then I give and devise the said Premises herein before devised to him unto my Grandson John Watts (second son of my said Son John Watts) his Heirs and Assigns forever And I do recommend unto and request of my said Son Robert Watts and my said Daughter Sarah Watts that in case they shall continue to be seized at the time of their respective deaths of the several Estates herein before devised to them respectively and shall Die without Issue of their respective Bodies lawfully begotten that then they and each of them will Devise direct limit or appoint the same unto one or more of the Child or Children of my said son John Watts in such Shares parts and proportions and for such Estate and Estates and in such manner and form as he and she shall think proper Also all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my ready Money Securities for Money Goods Chattels Effects and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever of which I shall die possessed (Subject to the payment of all my just Debts Funeral Expences and Charges of proving and executing this my Will) I give and bequeath unto my said Wife Mary and her Executors Admors and Assigns absolutely And I do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint my said Wife Mary sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament And appoint the said William Gillmore Harvey Overseer and Trustee thereof requesting him to assist my said Wife in the Execution thereof And my Mind and Will is that the said William Gillmore Harvey his Executors or Advisors shall not be accountable for more of the said Trust Monies than he or they shall actually receive nor for any loss that may happen without his or their wilful default And that it shall and may be lawful for him and them in the first place out of the premises to deduct and reimburse all such loss Costs and Expenses as he or they shall sustain expend or be put to by reason of the Trust hereby in them reposed And Whereas my late Son David Watts stood justly Indebted To Richard Smith of Dallington aforesaid Surgeon in the sum of Eighty two pounds which I have promised and undertaken to pay Now in order to secure the payment of the same I do hereby charge and subject all that my above mentioned Messuage Buildings Farm Lands Heredit[ament]s and Premises called Withers situate lying and being in Burwash aforesaid with the payment of the said Sum of Eighty two pounds to the said Richard Smith accordingly And Lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this to be my last In Witness whereof I the said Giles Watts the Testator have to this my last Will & Testament contained in three sheets of paper to the two first sheets thereof set my hand and to this last sheet my Hand and Seal the day and Year first above written Giles Watts Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Giles Watts the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our Names as Witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other Solⁿ Duke - John Tilden - Ja^s Martin.//.

This Will was proved at London the twenty second day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two before the Right Honorable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Mary Watts Widow the Relict of the Deceased the 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 by Commission duly to administer