

James Hover yeoman of Warbleton 1780

Will made 23 May 1780 probate 29 July 1780

In the Name of God Amen I James Hover of Warbleton in the County of Sussex Yeoman Being of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in order following First I desire to be decently buried in the Church Yard of Warbleton aforesaid to have a Sermon and to have a head and foot stone And all my Relations and servants to have Gloves and Hatbands My Estate and Effects I dispose of in manner and form following

I give and bequeath unto my Dear and loving **Wife Eliz Hover** the sum of Two Hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid her by my Executor herein after named within six Months after my decease Also I give and bequeath unto my said loving Wife the best Bed together with the Steadle Healing and Furniture as it stands at the time of my decease Also Two pair of Sheets such as she shall chuse Also all the Tea Utensels of every name or sort whatsoever Also such other Household Furniture as she shall choose to the value of five Pounds Also my Will is that all such Money as my said loving Wife shall have saved under one commonly called Pocket Money shall be deemed her own lawful Property which together with all my above Legacies I give unto my said loving Wife by her freely to be enjoyed and to be disposed of as she shall think proper at the time of her decease

Unto my loving **Brother Thos Hover** of Ticehurst (Farmer) I give and bequeath the sum of Forty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain

Unto my **Neice Mary the Wife of Joseph Guest** Daughter of my above named **Brother Thos Hover** I give and bequeath the sum of fifty Pounds of like lawful Money

Unto my **Neice Sarah the Wife of William Russel** Daughter to my above named **Brother Thos Hover** I give and bequeath the sum of forty Pounds which forty Pounds shall be paid into the Hands of my above named **Brother Thos Hover** and by him to be paid unto his above named Daughter at such times and in such manner as he shall think most proper and convenient

Unto my **Neice Sarah the Wife of George Siggs** of Cranbrook in Kent I give and bequeath the sum of forty five Pounds of lawful Money of great Britain

Unto my **Neice Grace Goldsmith** I give and bequeath the sum of fifty Pounds of like lawful Money

Unto my **Neice Hannah Goldsmith** I give and bequeath the sum of fifty Pounds of like lawful Money

Unto my loving **Brother Stephen Hover** I give and bequeath the sum of ten Pounds of like lawful Money

Unto my **Nephew Stephen Hover** son of my above named **Brother Stephen Hover** I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain

Unto my **Neice Mary the Wife of Thos Ledbetter** of Dallington I give and bequeath the sum of fifty five Pounds of like Money

Unto my **Neice Eliz the Wife of Edward Parker** I give and bequeath the sum of twenty Pounds of like Money

Unto my **Kinswoman Eliz the Wife of William Honysett** of Lamberhurst Wheelwright I give ten Pounds
Unto my **Nephew Edward Easton** I give and bequeath the sum of fifty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain
Unto my **Nephew Robert Easton** I give and bequeath the sum of sixty Pounds of like lawful Money
Unto my **Nephew John Easton** I give and bequeath the sum of forty Pounds of like Money
Unto my **Servant Eliz the Wife of John Luck** I give and bequeath the sum of fifteen Pounds
Unto my late **Servant Mary the Wife of Timothy Cornford** I give and bequeath the sum of ten Pounds
Unto my **Brother in Law George Goldsmith** I give and bequeath the sum of five Pounds
Unto my **Neighbour William Stonestreet** I give and bequeath the sum of three Pounds
Unto my **Cosan William Hover** formally of Bucksteep Mill I give and bequeath the sum of three Pounds
Unto my good and worthy **Friend Mr Thos Parker** residing at Crawl in Warbleton I give and bequeath five pounds
Unto Poor Widows residing out of the Workhouse in the Parish of Warbleton such as my Executor shall think the most proper Objects of Charity I give three Pounds to be divided equally among them
My Wearing Apparel both Linen and Woolen I give to be equally divided between the afore named **Robert Easton** and **John Luck**
My Watch I give to my little **Kinsman James Goldsmith** of Bucksteep Mill
All the Residue and Remainder of my Estate Lands Tenements Hereditaments Bills Bonds Mortgages Book Debts Arrears of Rent Stock Tackle Household Furniture together with every other Property whatsoever & wheresoever which unto me belongeth and Appertaineth I give bequeath and devise unto my **Nephew Stephen Goldsmith** of Bucksteep Mill in Warbleton aforesaid whom I do hereby constitute and appoint whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament he first paying all my above named Legacies within six Months after my Decease also all my Debts my Funeral Expenses and Probate of this my last Will and Testament And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my good and worthy afore named Friend **Mr Thos Parker** Trustee to this my last Will and Testament hereby investing him with Power to see that this my last Will and Testament to be duly and truly executed according to the true Sence and Meaning thereof and that my said Trustee shall be paid for all his Trouble and Expenses arising from the execution of his Trust by my above named Executor of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby Revoke disallow and disannul all former Bequests Wills and Legacies by me heretofore left or made declaring ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament written on two Sheets of Paper In Witness whereof I have to the first of which Sheets I have set my Hand and to the last my Hand and Seal this twenty third Day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty

The mark of James Hover

Signed sealed published and declared by the within named James Hover to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who subscribed our Names in the Presence of the said Testator
Esau Parks

John Veness
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29th July 1780 Then was sworn Stephen Goldsmith the sole Executor named in this Will To whom was committed the Burthen of the Execution thereof By Us Peter G Crofts Surrogate

Transcribed by Rosie Ansell April 2019.