John Eastwood of Mayfield, Carpenter

Will made 10 November 1790, probate 4 April 1801

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Eastwood of Mayfield in the county of Sussex, carpenter made this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety and in the thirty first reign of our sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King defender of the faith and so forth First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for pardon and remission of my sins and eternal life through the merits of my blessed saviour and redeemer Jesus Christ and my body I command to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my executors and executrix's hereinafter named and as to the worldly estate and effects which God hath entrusted me with I ... give and dispose thereof as follows (that is to say) I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expences and charges of proving this my will be in the first place fully paid and satisfied. I give and bequeath to my daughters Sarah Collins, Elizabeth Eastwood, Mary Akehurst, Esther ... Fenner. Ann Hayward and Sussanah Nailor and unto my grandaughters Hannah Smith and Martha Smith the sum of one pound and one shilling apiece of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid them respectively by my executors and executrixes hereinafter named within three months after my decease. Also I give and bequeath to my son John Eastwood all my lease and term of years that shall be to come and unexpired at the time of my decease of and in a certain messuage or. tenement garden, orchard, barn buildings, farm lands and hereditaments situate lying and being in the parish of Mayfield aforesaid and now in my own occupation and demised to me by Richard Snatt deceased for the term of twenty one years under such rents covenants and agreements as in the said lease are mentioned he my said son John Eastwood his executors and administrators paying the rents which shall grow due for the said premises from the day of my death and performing the covenants and agreements which on the Lessee's part are to be done and performed from that time and also taking all the horses, bullocks, oxen, cows, calves sheep, lambs, hogs and live stock and also all the corn cut and growing, hay, straw, grass seeds, wood and hoppoles, lime, dung amendment in the ground husbandry tackle and other effects which shall be on the said farm and lands at the time of my decease at such prices and prices sum and sums of money as the same shall be valued and appraised by two indifferent men (one to be chosen by my said son John Eastwood and the other by my son James Eastwood my daughter Hannah Eastwood and my grandaughter Ann Baldock) And in case the said two persons so to be chosen as aforesaid shall disagree in such valuation and appraisment then they should choose a third person whose determination valuation and appraisment shall be conclusive and binding to all parties. And I do hereby bequeath all the monies which the said stock, cattle, corn, hay, straw, wood, hoppoles, lime dung amendment in the ground, husbandry tackle and other effects on the said farm, lands and premises shall be valued and appraised at as aforesaid and all my household goods, implements of household, books, plate, linen, china and working tools and also (John Eastwood) all the rest residue and remainder of my ready monies and securities for money, goods, chattels, debts, effects and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature, kind or quality soever the same be whereof I shall die possessed and which shall be in any ways due owing or belonging to me at the time of my decease and all my estate and interest therein unto my said sons John Eastwood and James Eastwood, my said daughter Hannah Eastwood and my

said grandaughter **Ann Baldock** their executors administrators and assigns To hold the same and every part thereof unto my said sons **John Eastwood** and **James Eastwood**, my said daughter **Hannah Eastwood** and my said grandaughter **Ann Baldock** and their executors administrators and assigns absolutely and for ever equally to be divided between them share and share alike And I do hereby make nominate constitute and appoint my said sons **John Eastwood** and **James Eastwood**, my said daughter **Hannah Eastwood** and my said grandaughter **Ann Baldock** executors and executrixes of this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills and codicils by me at any item or time heretofore made. In witness whereof I the said John Eastwood the testator have to this my last will and testament contained in this and the preceding sheet of paper set my hand and seal (to wit) my hand to the preceding sheet and my hand and seal to this last sheet the day and year above written. The writing contained in this and the preceding sheet of paper was signed and sealed by the aforementioned John Eastwood the testator and by him published and declared as and for his last will and ... testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other. John Twort Thomas Duddy James Philcox.

The will of John Eastwood late of Mayfield within the Deanery of Southmalling in the county of Sussex, carpenter deceased was proved the fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one before the Reverend Edward Robert Raymes, clerk surrogate and so forth upon the oath of John Eastwood one of the executors named in the said will to whom was committed the administration of the goods etc he being the first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth (power being nevertheless reserved of granting the like commission to James Eastwood, Hannah Eastwood and Ann Baldock the other executors named in the said will when they shall come in the due form of law to require the same). And also that the said goods etc were under the value of one hundred pounds.

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