

Will of Nicholas Fowle, Gentleman of Wadhurst 1704

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Will made 12 April 1704, probate 28 November 1704

In the Name of God Amen I Nicholas Fowle the younger of Wadhurst in the County of Sussex, Gent being weak in body but of sound mind and understanding do this present Twelfth day of April Anno Dni One thousand seven hundred and four make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my only Saviour and Redeemer trusting at the general resurrection both body and soul will be reunited and received into everlasting bliss And my body I commit to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried by and at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And concerning the disposition of that worldly Estate which God hath blessed me withall I give devise and dispose of as follows Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Fowle my Father Harry Haselden my Father in Law John Fowle my Uncle Elizabeth Cruttall Katherine Barham Anne Fowle my Sisters John Fowle my Brother Elizabeth Backe my Wifes Sister one Guinea a piece to buy them and each of them a Ring to weare in remembrance of me Item I give unto Anne Bayley my niece and Goddaughter and Nicholas Puxty my Godson and to each of them one Guinea a piece to buy them a Ring to wear in remembrance of me Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife one guinea to buy her a Ring to weare in remembrance of me And also I give and bequeath unto her the Summe of twenty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid her within three months after my decease by my Executors hereafter named And also I further give and bequeath unto her all my household goods and stuffe whatsoever and now in the House wherein I now dwell Provide that she my wife do and shall within two months after my decease give seal and execute such Conveyances and assurances as shall be sufficient to secure and engage her to pay Nicholas Fowle my Father Forty pounds a year during his life out of her Joynture made by me on my marriage with her And also the Summe of twenty pounds a year during the life of Harry Haselden my Father in Law to be paid also the said Harry Haselden out of her Joynture made by me as aforesaid But my mind and will is that if my said Wife shall neglect or refuse to execute and seal with Conveyances and assurances as aforesaid then the Legacy and Legacyes herein before given her to be void and she to have no benefit by this my Will Item I give and devise unto Elizabeth Fowle Nicholas Fowle and Harry Fowle my Children and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever all and singular my Messuages Lands Tenements and Premises with the appurtenances whatsoever and wheresoever But my mind and will is that if my said wife shall when the said Nicholas Fowle my Son have attained the age of one and twenty years pay or cause to be paid unto the said Nicholas Fowle my Son the Summe of twenty pounds yearly and every year during her natural life (which she hath agreed to pay) out of her Joynture then my mind and will is that the said Nicholas Fowle my Son shall have and receive no more than the Summe of two hundred pounds out of the said Messuages Lands and Premises given to him as aforesaid But shall give seal and execute such Conveyances and assurances to the said Elizabeth Fowle and Harry Fowle to discharge his right and title therein and thereunto as Counsel shall advise Item my mind and will is I

hereby impower and authorize Mr Nicholas Barham my Brother in Law and Mr Thomas Porter the younger both of Wadhurst aforesaid to lett set and demise the said Messuages Lands and Premisses hereby devised and given to my Children until their several and respective age or ages of one and twenty years And the money or profits and Rents arising and accruing thereby and therefrom to pay and lay out or employ for and towards the maintenance education and bring up of my said Children and the surplus thereof to pay yearly and every year (if any) to my said wife Item I will and desire the said Nicholas Barham and Thomas Porter to sell and dispose so soon after my decease as they can for the best price they can get All and singular my Goods Stock and Chattle not herein before given to my said Wife And the money arising thereby after my Debts Legacies and Funeral expenses and probate of this my Will paid and discharged my mind and will is shall be putt and placed out to or at Interest by them and the Interest thereof (if occasion as they shall think) to be paid and employed to and for the maintenance education and bring up of my said Children or any of them And my mind and will is that the surplus of my Rents or profits of the said Lands and Premisses And also all other my money and personal Estate whatsoever after my said Children shall be so maintained educated and brought up as aforesaid shall be equally divided to and amongst my said Children or the Survivors or Survivor of them share and share alike at their several and respective age or ages of one and twenty years Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Thomas and John Chapman my servants ten shillings a piece to be paid within three months after my decease Item I make and ordain the said Nicholas Barham and Thomas Porter Executors of this my last Will they paying my debts and legacies and I give to each and every of them ten Guineas a piece for their trouble In witness whereof I the said Nicholas Fowle the Testator have hereunto and to this my last Will and Testament contained in two sheets of paper (to the first sett my hand and to the last my hand and Seal the day and year aforesaid Nic: Fowle Signed Sealed Published and delivered as and for the last Will and Testament of the said Nicholas Fowle the Testator in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and the words (the said Harry Haselden) and the word years, first interlined also in the presence of John Brett Abr. Langham Rob Chambers

Probate granted in London 28th November 1704 to Nicholas Barham & Thomas Porter junior the Executors.