Will of Richard Weller Yeoman of Frant 1616 PROB 11/129

Will made 9 March 1616, probate 23 June 1617

In the name of God Amen I Richard Weller of Frant in the County of Sussex yeoman beinge sick of body but of good and perfect memorie (thanks be to God therefoor) doe uppon this ixth day of March Anno Dm 1616 make and declare this my last will and Testament as followes. First I bequeath my soule to God wh[o] gave it and will that my body shall be buried at the discretion of my Executrix, Item I give unto the poore of the parish of Frant aforesaid tenn shillings to be distributed at the day of my buriall, Item I give unto my oldest sonne William Weller six poundes of lawfull English money to be paid unto him and his assignes at such tyme as hee shall pay myne Executor for such corne as he oweth me and such money as I have lent him, Item I give unto my servant John Chambers a two and twentie shillinge peece of gold, Item I give unto my servant Nicholas Bachfill six shillings and eight pence of lawfull English money, Item I give unto my servant Margaret Busse six shillings and eight pence of like lawfull English money, Item I give unto my servant Abraham Humfrey 3s 4d of like lawfull English money, Item I will that Agnis my wife shall have all the houshold stuffe w[hi]ch she brought unto me by my marriage of her And all the rest of my household stuffe I will shall be equally and indifferently devided into Five equall partes. And one of the sayd five parts of my sayd household stuffe I will that Agnis my wife shall have And the other foure parts thereof I will shall be sould to the best profitt and advantage that may be and the money to be equally devided betweene my three younger sonnes John Weller Thomas Weller and Stephen Weller and my daughter Mary Weller by equall portions Concerning the rest of all my goods debts chattells and other moveables whatsoever I will that they shalbe all sould and valewed to the best profit that they canne, and out of the same I will that first my debts legacies and all funerall charges shall be paid and discharged, and all the remainder I will shall be equally devided into three equal and indifferent partes, And one of the three partes soe devided I give unto Agnis my wife and the other two partes the remainder of the three I will shall be equally devided into Foure equall and indifferent parts, w[hic]h I give unto my foure last before named children viz. John, Thomas, Stephen and Mary, to every of them an equall portion, And whatsoever somes of money shall befall unto my two younger sonnes Thomas and Stephen by the divisions afforesayd I will shall be payd unto the hands of Agnes my wife, who shall have the profitt thereof for and toward the education and placinge of them untill they shall come to their several ages of one and twenty yeares. Shee the said Agnis first entringe into sufficient bond unto them to pay their said portions when they shall aspire theire several ages of one and twenty Item I make Agnis my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and Testament, And I ordaine my trusty and beloved friends Will[ia]m Dyke and Richard Bates Overseers of the same whome I desire (as my will is they sho[u]ld) to assist and helpe my Executrix in the division of my moveables afforesaid and in the performinge of other offices of this my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the daye and yeare above written. The marke of Richard Weller, Sealed subscribed published and acknowledged in the presence of William Dike Richard Taylor Abraham Ashdowne his marke, Edward Holland his marke

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro Domino Johanne Benet milite et legum Doctore Curie prerogative Cantuar[iensis] Magistro Custode sive Commissario legitime constitute Vicesimo Tertio die mensis Juny Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo decimo septimo Juramente Agnetio Weller Relicta dicti defuncti et executriris in eodem Testamento nominate cui Commissa fuit Administracio bonorum jurium et Creditorum dicti defuncte de bene et fideliter Administrando ad Sancta dei Evangelia vigore Comissionis in ea parte al[ia]s Emanat Jurat.