

Robert ELLMAN yeoman of Isfield 1770

Will made 23 February 1770, probate 6 March 1773, South Malling

In the name of God Amen I Robert Ellman of Isfield in the County of Sussex Yeoman being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding (praise be God) Do this 23 day of Feby in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy make publish and declare my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I desire all my just Debts Legacies Funeral Expenses and the charges of proving this my will be duly paid and Discharged by my Executor hereinafter named Also I give and Bequeath unto my Dear Wife Mary the annuity or yearly Sum of Eight Pounds to be paid to her by four equal quarterly payments by my Executor hereinafter named (to wit) at Lady Day Midsummer Day Michaelmas and Christmas, The first payment there to begin and be made on such of the said Days as shall first happen next after my Decease and so to continue to be paid until she shall arrive to the age of seventy years and in case my said wife shall remain a Widow and unmarried to any future Husband then my Will and Mind is and I do hereby Order and Direct that from and immediately after my said Wife shall have attained to the said Age of Seventy Years and remain a Widow as aforesaid I do hereby give and bequeath unto her the Annuity or yearly Sum of Ten Pounds to be paid to her in the same manner as above mentioned Annuity of Eight Pounds is mentioned and appointed to be paid and is to take place in the room or Stead of the said Annuity of Eight Pounds and to continue to be paid to her for and during the Term of her natural life by Quarterly Payments as aforesaid provided she remains a Widow and Unmarried But in Case she shall happen to marry again after my Decease then my Will is that the above mentioned annuities shall from thenceforth cease determine and be utterly void Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife Mary One Feather Bed with the Steddle Bolsters Pillows Coverlet and Appurtenances thereto belonging and also three pair of such Sheets as she should make choice of which Feather Bed and its appurtenances my will and meaning is shall be made use of by my said wife for and during the Term of her natural Life and from and immediately after her decease or second marriage the I order and Direct that the same shall be left to and for my Executor hereinafter named and as to the said three pair of sheets by me before given to my said Wife my Will and mind also is that she shall only have the Use of them during the term of her natural Life and from and immediately after her Decease or Second marriage then I hereby Order and Direct that they be divided between my three Daughters in as equal manner as may be (to wit) Mary the Wife of John Pollington Elizabeth Ellman and Ann the wife of William Peckham and to be so divided to the mutual satisfaction of each other by my Executor hereinafter named Also I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Mary the wife of the said John Pollington the Sum of Thirty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain which together with the Sum of Twenty Pounds already had by her of me makes in the whole the sum of Fifty Pounds Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Elizabeth Ellman the Sum of Fifty Pounds of like lawful money Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter Ann the wife of William Peckham so much money as with that already received or hereafter to be had and received by her of me in my Lifetime shall make up or amount to the like Sum of Fifty Pounds of like lawful money All which Legacies my will and mind is shall be paid to each of my said Three Daughters within Twelve Months next after my Decease by my Executor hereinafter named Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Robert Pollington the Sum of Ten Pounds of like lawful Money together with my Silver Watch which I do hereby Order and Direct shall be paid and delivered to him by my executor hereinafter named when he my said Grandson shall attain to age of Twenty One Years Also I give and bequeath unto the Poor of the Parish of

Isfield aforesaid Eight Bushels of Wheat which I desire may be distributed to and amongst them by my Executor hereinafter named and according to his Discretion at the Christmas that shall first happen next after my Decease All the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattels Monies and Effects whatsoever and whosoever and of what nature or kind soever and not herein before by me disposed of I give and Bequeath unto my only Son Robert Ellman his Executors administrators and Assigns to and for his and their own use and Benefit absolutely And lastly I make Constitute and appoint my said Son Robert Ellman whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do Declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Robert Ellman the Testator have hereunto put my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written

Robert Ellman - Signed sealed published and declared by the said Robert Ellman the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as witnesses thereto-

John Smith

Sarah Budd

The Will of Robert Ellman late of the Parish of Isfield within the Deanery of South Malling Yeoman deceased was proved the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand and seven hundred and seventy three Before the Reverend Robert Austen Clerk Surrogate and so forth Upon the Oath of Robert Ellman the sole Executor named in the said Will To whom was committed the administration of the Goods and so forth he being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth

Transcribed by Mark Cragg January 2019.