

## **Will of Robert Springett Yeoman of Rotherfield 1769**

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Will made 21 November 1769, probate 12 December 1771

In the name of God Amen I Robert Springett of Rotherfield in the County of Sussex Yeoman being of a sound mind memory and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in writing in manner and form following that is to say First I Give and bequeath unto my Son John Springate of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent Yeoman all the Rents Issues and Profits of and in the Moeity of all those my Messuages or Tenements Blacksmiths Forge with the Yards Gardens Orchards Ground and Hereditaments with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate lying and being in Eltham in the said County of Kent now or late being in the several occupations of [blank] Palmer Coachman and [blank] Fairweather and others or their undertenants or Assigns which I hold to me for and during the Term of my natural life Also I give and devise unto my said Son John Springate and Thomas Weller of Rotherfield aforesaid Yeoman and to the Survivor of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor all that my Message or Tenement with the Garden Orchard and Ground thereunto belonging containing by Estimation One Acre more or less with the Appurtenances situate lying and being at or near a certain place called Wheatley Scrubbs in the Parish of Sevenoaks in the County of Kent now in the several Occupations of John Roots and William Roots or their Assigns or undertenants upon Trust that they the said John Springate and Thomas Weller and the Survivor of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor shall and do so soon as conveniently can be after my decease absolutely sell convey and dispose of the same to any Person or Persons whatsoever for the best price that can or may be had or gotten for the same and after the same Premises shall be so sold conveyed and disposed of then upon this further Trust intent and purpose that they the said John Springate and Thomas Weller and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Admors of such Survivor shall and do after deducting all such necessary Expenses and Charges which they shall bear pay sustain or be put unto upon Account of the Trust hereby reposed in them or either of them pay apply and dispose of the Residue of the said Purchase Money in manner following that is to say one full fifth part thereof unto him the said John Springate his Executors and Admors one other full fifth part thereof unto the said Thomas Weller his Executors and Admors one other fifth part thereof unto my Son in Law Andrew Skinner his Executors and Admors one other full fifth part thereof unto my Son in Law John Homewood his Executors and Admors and the other full fifth part thereof I do hereby direct and Order my said Son John Springate to retain and keep the same in his own hands In Trust for my Daughter Jane the Wife of John Munn her Executors and Admors and from time to time to pay the same into her own hands and that her Receipt or Receipts alone and without her said Husband shall from time to time be a sufficient discharge or discharges for so much as such Receipt or Receipts shall mention notwithstanding her Coverture and that the same shall not be subject or liable to the Debts Controls or Engagements of the said John Munn her said Husband and after the decease of the said John Munn then to pay the Residue thereof to her the said Jane Munn her Exors and Admors Also I give and devise unto my said Son John Springate his Heirs and Assigns for ever all that my Message Cottage or Tenement with the Garden and Field lying behind the same with the Appurtenances subject nevertheless to and Charged and Chargeable with the Payment of the several Sums of Seven Pounds a piece unto them the said Thomas Weller Andrew Skinner John Homewood and John Munn within Six Months next after my decease which I hereby give to them and each of them accordingly Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Robert Springate the Son of my said Son John Springate the Sum of five pounds to be paid to him within Six Months next after my decease Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Mary Munn one Feather bed Bedstead Curtains Vallence Bolster Pillows Blankets Coverlid and two pair of Sheets now in the house of the said John Munn and belonging to me and to be delivered to her within Six Months next after my decease Also all my Bills Bonds Securitys for Money and also all other the Residue of my Personal

Estate whatsoever and wheresoever not hereinbefore by me given and bequeathed I give and bequeath as follows that is to say one fifth part thereof to my said Son John Springate one other fifth part thereof to the said Andrew Skinner one other fifth part thereof unto the said John Homewood one other fifth part thereof unto the said Thomas Weller and the other fifth part thereof my Will and mind is and do hereby declare the same to be that my Executors hereinafter named shall retain and keep the same in their own hands In Trust for my said Daughter Jane Munn her Executors and Admors and from time to time to pay the same unto her own hands and that her Receipt or Receipts alone and without her said Husband shall from time to time be a sufficient Discharge or Discharges for so much as such Receipt or Receipts shall respectively mention and that the same or any part thereof shall not be subject or liable to the Debts Controul or Engagements of the said John Munn her said Husband and after the decease of the said John Munn then to pay the Residue thereof unto her the said Jane the Wife of the said John Munn her Executors and Admors And I do hereby make nominate and appoint them the said John Springate and Thomas Weller Executors In Trust for the uses and purposes in this my Will contained And lastly I do hereby revoke all former and other Will and Wills heretofore by me made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of Paper to each sheet thereof set my hand and Seal this twenty first day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty nine Robert Springett Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Robert Springate the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence and at his request have Subscribed Our Names as Witnesses hereunto The Words John ' the Moiety of, in the first sheet and the Words be. John. In the second Sheet of this my Will being first Interlined

Geo. Foster - Rob<sup>t</sup> Hubble - Geo. Langridge

This Will was proved at London the twelfth day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One before the Worshipful William Compton Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful George Hay Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of John Springett otherwise Springate the Son of the deceased and one of the Executors named in the Will, to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first Sworn duly to Administer Power reserved of making the like Grant to Thomas Weller the other Executor named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same

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