

Thomas Diplock Yeoman of Mayfield 1769

Will made 4 February 1769, probate 22 October 1772

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Diplock of Hutchens's in the Parish of Mayfield in the County of Sussex Yeoman calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being of sound mind memory and understanding (Thanks be to God for the same) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form following Principally and First of all I give and resign my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping for Salvation thro the death and meritorious sufferings of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ And my Body to be interred in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after named And as for such worldly Estate & effects which it hath pleased God to bless me with I devise give and bequeath the same as followeth First I devise and give all that my Freehold Messuage or Tenement called or distinguished by the name of Hutchens with the Barn Malthouse Garden Orchard Closes Forstall and Backside thereunto belonging together with eight several pieces or parcels of land Arable meadow & Pasture also thereunto belonging and appertaining with their Appurtenances containing by Estimation Twenty eight acres more or less unto my five Children namely Sons Joseph Thomas John and William Diplock and daughter Susannah Diplock so soon as the youngest shall arrive and come to the age of Twenty one Years and from that Time forward it is my will and order that they jointly allow and pay thereout unto my loving Wife Mary Diplock the yearly sum or Annuity of three pounds a Year of good lawfull Money of Great Britain so long as she shall live and in Case of Non payment thereby give my said loving Wife Mary Diplock Power of Distress on the Rents and Profits arising from the said Messuage Lands & Hereditaments hereby devised to my said Children till she be fully paid the arrear due to her of her said yearly Annuity of three Pounds as aforesaid And if either of my said Children shall die without lawful Issue before the youngest comes to the age of twenty one years then in such Case it is my Will & Order that his or her part so dying shall devolve to and be equally divided between and among such of my said Children as shall be then Surviving Yet notwithstanding my aforesaid Devise and Order of dividing my aforementioned Messuage or Tenement with the Land and their proper Appurtenances to and among my said four Sons Joseph Thomas John and William Diplock and Daughter Susannah Diplock at the Time when the youngest shall attain the age of Twenty one years and their jointly paying the annual sum of Three Pounds to my said loving wife Mary Diplock their Mother as aforesaid it is my Will Desire and Order that she my said loving Wife Mary Diplock shall also have a third Part of all and singular my said real Estate and a third part of all my personal Estate of both so long as she shall live over and above the said three Pounds to be paid her yearly by my four Sons Joseph Thomas John and William Diplock and Daughter Susannah Diplock or such part of them as shall from Time to Time be surviving for her better support and Maintenance And after the Decease of my said loving Wife Mary Diplock it is my Will and Order that then my said Sons Joseph Thomas John and William Diplock and Daughter Susannah Diplock or the Survivors of them shall equally have hold and enjoy my said Freehold Messuage House Lands and Hereditaments with their Appurtenances them and their Heirs for ever And lastly as for my personal Estate Monies and Securities of Monies Household Goods Husbandry Implements Cattell Chattells and Effects of whatsoever Name or Denomination they may be of I give & bequeath the same and every part thereof to my said Children Joseph Thomas John and William Diplock and Daughter Susannah Diplock & to my loving Wife Mary Diplock in Manner following Two

Thirds thereof I would have should be equally divided among my said Children or the surviving part of them when the youngest of them shall come of Age or attain the age of Twenty one years and one Third Part of the same to my said loving Wife Mary Diplock for so long Time as she shall live which third part after the Decease of my said loving Wife I would have them my said Children or the surviving Part of them equally divide And I hereby also further Will and Order that she my said loving Wife Mary Diplock find and provided my said Children with good and sufficient maintenance of Meat Drink Washing lodging and Apparell Gratis when soever Need shall be & require free from all manner of Expencc to them or either of them till they shall respectively come to or attain the Age of Twenty One years as aforesaid And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint her my said loving Wife Mary Diplock and my Friend William Hoadly of Mayfield aforesaid Yeoman joint Executors to and of this my last Will and Testament which is written on one side of three half sheets of Paper hereby disannulling and revoking all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I hereunto set my Hand and Seal this fourth day of February in the Ninth year of the 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 and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and sixty Nine **Thos Diplock** Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Thomas Diplock the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who hereunto set our Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other the mark of Jane Piper the mark of Sarah Brisenden Walter Gale

The will of Thomas Diplock late of the Parish of Mayfield within the Deanry of South Malling yeoman deceased was proved the twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two Before Reverend Robert Austen Clerk Surrogate and so forth Upon the Oath of Mary Diplock Widow one of the Executors named in the said Will To whom was committed the administration of the Goods and so forth they being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth (Power being reserved of granting the like Commission to William Hoadly the other Executor when etc)

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