

## **Will of Thomas Fowle, Watch and Clock Maker of East Grinstead 1807**

**PROB 11/1495**

Will made 15 July 1807, probate 7 April 1809

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Fowle of East Grinstead in the County of Sussex Watch and Clock Maker being in indifferent Health of Body and of sound disposing Mind Memory and understanding praised be God do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jane Fowle the Sum of One hundred pounds to be paid her within six Months after my Decease by my Executors and Trustees hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my Son in Law David Duke my best Spring Time Keeper the same to be delivered to him within one Month after my Decease by my Executors hereafter named Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Richard Fowle and my Brother in Law Michael Clerk of the parish of St Mary le bone in the County of Middlesex Gentleman all that Freehold Messuage or Tenement in the Middle Row in the Brough Town of East Grinstead and now in my own occupation to hold to them the said Richard Fowle and Michael Clerk their heirs exors admors and assigns for ever In trust nevertheless to make Sale of the aforesaid premises either by public auction or private contract within six Months after my Decease and the money thereby raised after all reasonable expenses are paid I give and bequeath unto my said Son Richard my Daughter Ann the Wife of David Duke and my said Daughter Jane Fowle in three equal shares but in Case of the death of either of them their share to go to their lawful representatives and my further wish and desire is that my Son Richard Fowle and my Daughter Ann Dukes share of the money of the Sale of the aforesaid House should be placed out on Government or other good Security in the Joint names of them the said Richard Fowle and Michael Clerk the Interest of which is to be paid to my Daughter Jane till the day of her Marriage and no longer when the said Richard Fowle and Ann Duke are to receive their share and not before Item I give devise and bequeath all my Household Goods Clocks Watches and working tools of every description unto my said Son Richard Fowle and the said Michael Clerk their Executors Admors and assigns In trust nevertheless to make sale thereof either by public auction or private contract for the most money that can be gotten for the same and the money thereby raised together with all my ready money Book debts and Securities for money after payment of all my just debts funeral Expenses and the Expense of proving this my will I give and bequeath unto my said Son Richard Fowle my said Daughters Ann Duke and Jane Fowle in three equal shares but in case of the death of either of them their Share to go to their lawful representatives but I request and desire that my said Son Richard Fowle and my said Daughter Ann Dukes share should be placed out on Government or other good Security in the Joint names of them the said Richard Fowle and Michael Clerk the Interest of which is to be paid to my Daughter Jane till the day of her Marriage and no longer when the said Richard Fowle and Ann Duke are to receive their share & not before And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute ordain and appoint my aforesaid Son Richard Fowle and the said Michael Clerk Executors and Trustees of this my last will and Testament they retaining to themselves all reasonable Charges and expenses in or about the execution of this my will In

Witness whereof I the said Thomas Fowle the Testator have to this my last will and Testament contained in three Sheets of paper to each Sheet thereof set my hand and to the last my hand & Seal this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven – *Thos Fowle* – Signed sealed published & declared by the said Testator Thomas Fowle as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto John Heywood Plumber East Grinstead Richd Evershed Chandler East Grinstead Geo Bankin Atty East Grinstead

This Will was proved at London the seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine before the Worshipful Charles Cote Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir John Nicholl Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of Richard Fowle the son of the deceased and Michael Clerk the Executors named in the said will to whom admon was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer