

Will of Thomas Rabson Innkeeper of Ticehurst 1669

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Will made 30 April 1669, probate 6 November 1672

In the Name of God Amen the thirtieth day of Aprill Annoque Domini One thousand Six hundred Sixtie Nine I Thomas Rabson of Tisehurst in the Countie of Sussex Inne Keeper being sicke and weake in Bodie but of good and perfect memorie (praise be given to God for the same And knowing the uncertaintie of this life on Earth and being desirous to settle things in order doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First and principallie I commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator trusting assuredlie that I shall be saved by the pretious death and meritts of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, and my Bodie to the Earth and there to be buried in such decent and Christian like manner as to my Executrix hereafter named shall be thought meete and conveniente And as touching such Worldly Estate as the Lord in mercie hath lent mee my will and meaning is the same shall be imployed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed And first I doe revoke and make voyd all wills by mee formerly made And declare and appoynte this to be my last Will and Testament Item I doe give and bequeath unto Richard Rabson my Brother the fortie pounds that he oweth to mee upon bond, the said Richard Rabson paying to my Executrix fortie shillings at Michaelmas next for interest money then due for the same Item I doe give and bequeath unto Marie my Wife fortie shillings per Annum to be paid her half yearly (that is to say) twentie shillings every half yeare during her life out of my part that I have in a certaine Copyhold Messuage or Tenement Lands and Premisses called Gaskins Item I doe also give and bequeath unto Mary Newell my Sister Fortie shillings per Annum to be paid her Quarterly (that is to say) Tenn Shillings everie Quarter of a year during her life out of the aforesaid Messuage or Tenement Lands and Premisses called Gaskins Item I give and bequeath all that my part of the said Messuage or Tenement Lands and Premisses called Gaskins aforesaid unto Richard Rabson my kinsman sonne of William Rabson my Brother deceased to be had and enjoyed unto him the said Richard Rabson and his heires for ever from and immediatelie after my decease he paying the several Legacies and payments aforesaid out of it according to the true intent hereof Item more I doe give unto the said Richard Rabson my kinsman all that my Copyhold Messuage and Tenement Lands and Premisses which I lately purchased of Gorams heires called Bradds to be had and enjoyed unto him the said Richard and his heires for ever, from and immediately after the decease of the said Mary my wife paying out of it unto the said Richard Rabson my Brother the summe of Threescore Pounds of Currant English money within Two years next after the decease of the said Mary my wife And if the said Richard Rabson my Brother doe die before the tyme of payment thereof aforesaid then to be paid to Richard Rabson sonne of the aforesaid Richard my Brother aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto the poore people of the parish of Tisehurst fortie shillings to be paide and distributed amongst them by my Executrix within One month next after my decease Item all the Residue of my Goods and Chattels before not willed or bequeathed I doe give and bequeath unto Mary my wife whom I doe make and ordaine to be my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament praying her to fulfil all things herein mentioned on her part to be done to the utmost of her power And this I declare to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of Tho: Rabson: Witnesses hereunto John Callowe vicar de Tisehurst: Tho Smith

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nominata Cui commissa fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et Creditorum
dicti defuncti de bene et fideliter administrando Eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia in debita juris forma
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