

William Oxley of Ashburnham, Blacksmith

PBT/1/4/1786

Will made 1st December 1771, probate 6th December 1786

In the name of God Amen I William Oxley of Ashburnham in the County of Sussex Blacksmith considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind memory and understanding blessed be Almighty God for the same Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I give and devise all that my messuage shop and two barns with several pieces or parcells of land thereunto belonging called or known by the name of Barn Land containing by estimation eight acres be the same more or less with their and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Ashburnham aforesaid unto my **Brother Richard Oxley** and his heirs and assigns absolutely and for ever Also I give unto my **Brother Richard Oxley** and his heirs and assigns absolutely and for ever all that my farm and lands called or known by the name of Blackhurst containing by estimation ten acres be the same more or less with their and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Ashburnham aforesaid Also I give unto my **Brother Richard Oxley** and his heirs and assigns absolutely and for ever all that my messuage or tenement lands woodlands and premisses called or known by the name of Down Lands containing by estimation sixteen acres be the same more or less situate lying and being in Ashburnham aforesaid Also I give and bequeath unto my said **Brother Richard Oxley** all my Goods Chattels and Personal Estate of what kind or nature soever (except my Bees Covers and Stanns) One Hive of which Bees Cover and Stann and also my Beehouse I give and bequeath unto my **Sister Oxley** Also I give and bequeath the rest of my Bees Covers and Stanns unto **Elizabeth Noakes** and **Thomas Noakes** the younger to be equally divided between them Also I give and bequeath unto the said **Elizabeth Noakes** the sum of ten pounds at her age of twenty one years Also the further sum of ten pounds at her age of twenty five years to be paid unto her out of the rents and profits of the said messuage or tenement lands and premises called or known by the name of Barn Lands which I do hereby charge and make liable with the payment thereof But it is my will and meaning if **John Noakes her father** shall make any use or give any trouble or endeavour to recover any thing on a Bill of Sale which I sometime since gave him when I was in great trouble on account of my own affairs That then I do hereby make void and of no effect the above legacies so given to his said **Daughter Elizabeth Noakes** as aforesaid. Also I give and bequeath unto the said **Thomas Noakes (son of the said John Noakes)** the sum of three pounds to buy mourning with Also I give and bequeath unto **Grace Noakes (wife of the said John Noakes)** the sum of three pounds to buy mourning with Also I give and bequeath unto my **Sister Oxley** the sum of five pounds to buy mourning with Also I give and bequeath unto the **widow Dan** the sum of one pound and one shilling Also I give and bequeath unto **Mary Burgess** the sum of one pound and one shilling to be paid within four weeks next after my decease Also I give unto the poor of the parish of Ashburnham one hundred of sixpenny loaves to be delivered forty or fifty at a time as my Executor hereinafter named shall think fit And I do hereby make

ordain constitute and appoint my said **Brother Richard Oxley** whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one

William Oxley

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named William Oxley to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Samuel Boys

John Adams

William Leaney

6th December 1786 Then was sworn Richard Oxley the sole Executor named in this Will To whom was committed the burthen of the execution thereof And sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased do not amount in value unto one hundred pounds

By us

E R Raynes surrogate