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The Will of John Bennetts of Victoria Street in the Town of Camborne and County of Cornwall, Mine Agent, written 15 Mar 1852, proved 16 Jun 1853.

I John Bennetts of Victoria Street in the Town of Camborne in the County of Cornwall being weak in health but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty two make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: that is to say

Firstly—I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses be paid and satisfied by my Executor hereinafter mentioned as soon as conveniently may be after my decease; And Secondly I give devise and bequeath All my Household Furniture, All sums of money in the house at my decease, or loaned at Interest or otherwise, All my Leasehold houses in Crowan, and in Camborne, together with all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects whatsoever, whether in possession, reversion, remainder, or Expectancy, unto Mr. George Smith, of Trevu, Camborne Merchant, upon Trust that he shall permit my dear Wife to occupy or receive the rent of my Leasehold House, situate in Victoria Street Camborne, and the proceeds of three undivided fourths belonging to me of a Leasehold Dwelling House situate in Praze, in the parish of Crowan, and the Interest of any sum of money which at the time of my decease may be loaned by me to Messrs. Sandys Vivian &c of Hayle. And also upon Trust that he the said Mr. George Smith shall manage and direct the entire residue of my property of every Kind whatsoever and divide the profits thereof year by year in equal portions between my Wife and **my Daughter Isabella Bailey Wife of George Bailey**, Carpenter of Camborne. And I further Will and direct my said Trustee to allow my said Wife the proceeds hereinbefore provided during the time she may live and remain unmarried. And also to permit her to receive any portion of the Money loaned at Interest to Messrs. Sandys Vivian &c which she may require for her comfortable Subsistence during her lifetime or remain a widow, but this bequest in her favor terminates in case of her marriage as it will at her death. And the said George Smith is further charged upon Trust at the marriage or death of my said Wife to collect and pay the entire proceeds of all my Leasehold and other property with the interest of any money which may remain at Messrs. Sandys Vivian &c or elsewhere, to my said Daughter Isabella Bailey; And my said Trustee is directed to hold this property in Trust for my said Daughter for her sole and separate use altogether free from any claims for the debts, or on behalf of the Creditors of her present or any future husband. And I further Will and direct, that in case my said Daughter shall die before the marriage or death of my Wife, that the proceeds of the property assigned to her, shall be appropriated by my said Trustee for the benefit of her Children. And I further will and direct that after the marriage or death of my Wife and the death of my said Daughter the whole proceeds of the said property shall be administered for the benefit of the Children of my said Daughter Isabella Bailey by my said Trustee, and under the direction of their Father George Bailey as their Guardian until the youngest shall be

of age. And I further Will and direct that on the Marriage or decease of my said Wife and on the death of my said Daughter, and when the youngest of her Children shall have attained the age of twenty one years, the whole of the said property shall be equally divided between the said children, and limited to their sole Individuality at the discretion of said Trustee & their Father. And I further Will and direct that in the event of the death of my said Daughter and all her children before the latter be of age, that the whole residue of the property shall pass to the said George Bailey. And I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint the said George Smith the Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby declare that he and his Executors and Administrators shall and may reemburse himself or themselves for all Expenses occasioned by this my said Estate out of such moneys as may come into his or their hands. And I further will and direct that my said Trustee his Executors and Administrators, shall not be answerable for any loss to the said property, unless such shall have occurred through his or their own wilful neglect or default. And that neither he nor they shall be held answerable for any more moneys than actually come into his or their hands by virtue of this my last Will. And hereby revoking and making void all former or other Wills by me at any time heretofore made, And I declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said John Bennetts have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

(Signed)

Signed, Sealed, published, and declared by the within named John Bennetts, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Llewellyn Newton

John Hutchins

Will of John Bennetts Mine Agent deceased proved in common form before John Wallis Clk A.M. official

And Admon of all and singular the Goods &c. the said dec'd and any way concerning the said Will was granted to George Smith the sole Executor named in the said Will.

Being first sworn &c.

Effects sworn under £800.

Died 6th April 1853.

John's wife was living when he wrote his will, although he does not name her. It would appear she was his second wife; per the 1851 UK Census, in which we find John Bennetts, aged 75, born in Camborne, retired mine agent, and wife Martha Bennetts, aged 71, born in Camborne, were living in Victoria St., Camborne. John Bennetts married Martha Dunstone in Camborne on 17 Jun 1822. The marriage

record indicates that, at this time, John Bennetts was a widower, and Martha Dunstone was a widow.

John Bennetts of Town was buried in Camborne on 10 Apr 1853, aged 77 years.