

Essex Record Office, D/ACW 30/10/6.

The Will of Sarah Morfee of (Little) Birch in the County of Essex, widow, written 1 Apr 1757, proved 23 Apr 1757.

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Morfee of Birch in the County of Essex Widow being of sound mind and Memory (thanks be to God for the same) Do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I give to **my well beloved brother John Radhams Streaton** of the City of Norwich all my Term of Years and Interest in the Farm now in my Occupation called Birch Hall Farm in the Parishes of Birth aforesaid and Stanway in the said County of Essex To the Intent that the same together with all my Stock Crops and Effects thereon and all other my Goods and Chattels may be Valued and Appraized by two honest Men of Skill and Judgment And after such Appraizement made my Will is that my said Brother shall assign over and transfer my Term and Interest in the said Farm to **my son Timothy Morfee** if he shall be able to raise Money to pay for the same and for a Sufficient Stock for the Occupation thereof according to such Appraizement which if my said Son shall not be able to do Then I do desire that the said Farm may be disposed of and assigned by my said Brother to such other Person and for the most Advantage that can be made of the same (The consent of my good Landlord William Round Esquire being thereunto obtained which on behalf of my Children I hereby request of him) And the Money arising thereby And from my said Farming Stock and other my Personal Estate and Effects (all which except my Wearing Cloaths and Linnen, I devise may be sold, preference being given to my said Son Timothy in respect of said Farm and Stock as aforesaid) I will and direct shall be disposed of in the following manner (Viz.) In the first place my Will is that all my just Debts Funeral Charges and the Charges of proving this my Will shall be paid and discharged and after payment thereof I give to my said Brother five pounds which I desire him to accept for his Trouble And that he shall deduct and be paid all his reasonable Expences in the execution of this my Will

Item: I give to **my Son George Morfee** one Guinea only, he having already received his proportionable Share of my Personal Estate

Item: I give and bequeath to **my Daughter Sarah now the Wife of Isaac Garritt of Greensted Green in Halsted** in the said County of Essex Farmer all my Wearing Cloathes and Linnen And all the rest and residue of the aforesaid Moneys and other my Effects I will shall be divided into three parts and I do give and bequeath the same equally between **my three children, namely** the said **Timothy Morfee my son Robert Morfee, and my said daughter Sarah the Wife of the said Isaac Garritt**, But in such Division and Distribution my Will is that the said Isaac Garritt and Sarah shall account for all such Moneys as they shall have received of me so that the Shares of my said Sons Timothy and Robert may upon the whole be equal with them

Item: my Will and desire is to be buried in the Parish Church of Saint Mary in Colchester in the Vault there belonging to my Family and that Prayers may be read in the Church And I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said Brother Sole Executor

of this my Will and do revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said Sarah Morfee have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the first day of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.

Signed Sarah Morffee

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in our presence and by us attested in her presence.

W. Smythies, M. Streaton.

April 23 1757 the within John Radhams Streaton Executor was Sworn Faithfully to execute & before me P. Smythies Snr.