

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, PROB 11/1703/426.

*Abstract of the Will of John Bristed of Maidstone in the County of Kent, Carpenter, written 3 Aug 1823, proved 30 Sep 1825.*

Gives and devises his tenement, garden and hereditaments in Week Street Maidstone, currently occupied by James Whatman, as well his three tenements, workshop and hereditaments in Week Street Maidstone currently occupied by himself, William Dann and Robert Brisley, along with eight cottages and hereditaments at the back of the abovementioned premises and now occupied by George Bowles and others... to his wife Mary Bristed for the term of her natural life or for as long as she remains his widow. After her death or marriage he gives and devises the above premises to his son William Bristed and to his daughter Mary Ann Bristed as tenants in common but not as joint tenants.

Gives and bequeaths to his wife Mary Bristed all his household furniture, plate, linen, china and his chest of tools.

He directs that the residue of his personal estate and effects be converted into money by his executors and invested in parliamentary stocks or public funds, with the interest, dividends and proceeds thereof being paid to his said wife Mary Bristed for the term of her natural life or for as long as she remains his widow. And immediately following her decease or marriage he gives and bequeaths the same to his son William Bristed and to his daughter Mary Ann Bristed, to be divided equally between them.

Appoints his wife Mary Bristed, his brother Richard Bristed and his friend Mr William Moore the Elder of Maidstone co-executors of his last will and testament.

Witnesses: George Moore, Henry Wickham