

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/481/327.

*The Will of William Halcomb of the Parish of Burstow in the County of Surrey, Yeoman, written 10 Nov 1704, proved 20 Apr 1705.*

In the Name of God Amen I William Halcomb of Burstow in the County of Surry Yeoman being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory praised by unto Almighty God for the same do hereby make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say)

First and principally I commit my Soul to God that gave it etc... And my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christianlike manner according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son John Halcomb the summe of ten shillings of lawfull money of England to be paid unto him by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Katherine Willett the wife of John Willett of Worth in the County of Sussex Yeoman the summe of twenty five pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid to her by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Michael Halcomb the summe of twenty five pounds of lawfull English money to be paid to him by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Halcomb the summe of thirty five pounds to be paid to her by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son in law William Pichard of Ifell in the County of Sussex Yeoman five shillings to be paid to him by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my three Grandchildren Benjamin Pichard, Sarah Pichard and William Pichard Junr the Children of the aforementioned William Pichard of Ifell aforesaid the summe of ten pounds a piece to be paid by my Executor within one year next after my decease into the hands of two sufficient men whom my Executor shall think fitt for the use and behoofe of my said Grandchildren until they be of the age of one and twenty years.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son in law John Franks of Worth in the County of Sussex Yeoman five shillings to be paid to him by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my two Grandchildren John Franks Junr and Elizabeth Franks Children of the aforementioned John Franks of Worth the summe of five shillings a piece to be paid unto them by my Executor within one year next after my decease.

Item. I give unto my Godson William Franks five shillings.

And as for all the rest and residue of my Goods and chattles whatsoever and wheresoever they be after my debts and Legacies be paid and my Funeral charges and probate of this my Will being satisfied I give and bequeath the same unto my well beloved son William Halcomb for ever And do hereby constitute make and ordain my said Son William Halcomb my full and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanull all and every other former Testaments Wills and Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any wayes before this time named willed and bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said William Halcomb have hereunto sett my hand and Seal the Tenth day of November In the Third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God Queen of England Scotland France & Ireland & Defender of the faith Anno Dni One thousand seaven hundred and four.

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of James Holyday, John Lache, Owen Lache.