

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers,  
PROB 11/1899/66.

*Abstract of the Will of Benjamin Blackman of Hooe in the County of Sussex,  
Gentleman, written 12 Mar 1836, proved 17 Aug 1838.*

Nominates his sons-in-law Thomas Martin of East Peckham in co. Kent, gentleman, Robert Deudney of Gensing Farm near Hastings, gentleman, and his nephew Robert Horton of Peasmarsh Sussex as co-executors of his will.

Gives £50 to the said Robert Horton as a small acknowledgement for his efforts.

Gives £100 to his wife Deborah Blackman, as well as whatever of his household goods, plate, linen and china she chooses, the value of which shall not exceed £50. The remainder he gives to his two youngest sons John Blackman and Samuel Blackman, to be equally divided between them. Gives £20 to his eldest son Benjamin Blackman in lieu of household goods along with one of his riding horses. Likewise he gives £20 each to his daughters Elizabeth and Matilda if unmarried at the time of his decease.

Gives £1,500 each to his daughters Elizabeth Blackman and Matilda Blackman.

Gives £500 each to his daughters Caroline the wife of the said Robert Deudney and Maria the wife of the said Thomas Martin.

Gives and bequeaths £1,000 to his eldest son Benjamin Blackman, along with his marshland in Hailsham called . . . . ., which contains about 26 acres, with the stock, crops and effects thereon. In like manner he gives to him a moiety of the dead and live stock, crops, corn and effects on Pelsham Farm in Peasmarsh now used in partnership with the said Robert Horton. He also gives to the said Benjamin the stock, crops and effects on Gibridge Farm in Herstmonceux and Hailsham which he rents from Edward Cranston, esq. He also gives Benjamin a third part share of the stock, crops and effects on the farm called Holmes in Hooe, Bexhill and Ninfield, belonging to Sir Peregrine Acland.

Gives, devises and bequeaths to his sons John Blackman and Samuel Blackman, as tenants in common, on reaching the age of 21 years, about 45 acres of marshland in Pevensey called Lamphams, along with its stock, crops and effects, as well his farm in Hooe called Hunts, his farm called Doroks containing about 47 acres, his copyhold farm and lands in Hooe called Crowhurst containing about 20 acres, land in Hooe called Bunce also containing about 20 acres, a messuage garden and field in Hooe of about 1¾ acres, the land called Rolfs in Wartling rented from Hartfield parish, the marshland in Bexhill rented from the earl of Chichester, the lands called Brambles in Hooe containing about 60 acres rented from Sir Godfrey Webster, and so on.

Gives an annuity of £50 to his wife Deborah Blackman during her natural life or so long as she remains a widow. He gives an additional annuity of £10 to his wife out of the rents from the marshland in Hailsham.

Charges his said marshland in Pevensey called Lamphams and his farms, lands and hereditaments in Hooe which he has devised to his said sons John and Samuel with the two sums of £500 by the will of his late father, in trust, for his sisters Mary Blackman, spinster, and Charlotte the wife of David Hyland, for their respective lives, the remainder of which he gives and bequeaths to his said sons John and Samuel.

All the rest of his personal estate, property and effects he gives and bequeaths equally between his three sons Benjamin, John and Samuel.

Appoints the said Thomas Martin, Robert Deudney and Robert Horton guardians of his sons John and Samuel during their respective minorities.

Gives an additional £200 to each of his four daughters.

(Signed)

Witnesses: W<sup>m</sup> Bishop, H<sup>y</sup> Bishop, Anth<sup>y</sup> Harvey