

Sussex Wills and Administrations in the District Probate Registry at Lewes, ESRO reference: PBT 1/1/84/1011.

Abstract of the Will of John Blackman of Warbleton in the County of Sussex, Gentleman, written 25 Nov 1852, proved 14 Oct 1854.

Gives and devises his piece of marshland (part of Tye House Marshes) containing about 12 acres in the parish of Herstmonceux to his cousin John Blackman of Hooe and his heirs.

Gives and devises his cottage and garden in Warbleton, currently occupied by John Henty, to his workman William Catt for the term of his natural life, after which he gives and devises the same to his nephew Charles Christmas and his heirs.

Gives and bequeaths £10 to the said William Catt.

Gives and bequeaths £10 to his servant James Wenham.

Gives and devises the remainder of his real estate to his two nephews Henry Christmas and Thomas Christmas in Trust to sell said real estate at public auction or through private contract.

Gives £100 to his brother Henry Blackman.

Gives £1,000 to his nephew Charles Christmas.

Gives \$500 to his niece Harriet the wife of Edward Davey of Black Lion Street Brighton.

Gives £200 to Ann Wilson of Bromley College, widow.

Gives an annuity of £50 to his housekeeper Mary Rickman, for the term of her natural life, along with all his household goods, plate and linen.

All the rest and residue of his personal estate, including monies arising from the sale of his said real estate, he gives to his said nephews Henry Christmas and Thomas Christmas, share and share alike.

Appoints his nephews Henry Christmas and Thomas Christmas co-executors of his last will and testament.

Witnesses: Henry Hicks of Mayfield, miller, Benjⁿ Buss of Mayfield, solicitor.

Testator died 18 Apr 1854.

Effects valued under £3,000.