

Church of England Wills, Peculiar Court (Deanery of South Malling), ESRO  
reference: PBT 2/1/7/85.

*The Will of Obadiah Bristed of Wadhurst in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, written 7 Oct 1737, proved 19 Jun 1740.*

In the Name of God Amen **I Obadiah Bristed of Wadhurst** in the County of Sussex Yeoman Being in Health of Body and of a Sound and Disposing Mind Memory and Understanding Thanks be to almighty God for the Same and Considering the Certainty of Death and uncertainty of the time Thereof do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in Manner and form following (that is to say) First I Humbly recommend my Soul to the Infinite Mercy of God in Christ Jesus my Only Redeemer trusting to his Meritts and Satisfaction for the Salvation Both of my Soul and Body at the Resurrection of the Just my Body I remit to the Earth by a decent Buriall at the Discretion of my Executors herein after Named And as for that worldly Estate with which God hath Pleased to Bless me I Dispose thereof as Followeth First I Desier my Just Debts and Funirial Expences Be first Counted and Paid Item I Give unto **four of my Children** five Pounds Each to be Paid Twelve months next after my Discese That is to Say **Ezekiel Richard Benjamin and Mary** Item I give unto **Three of my Children** one Shilling Each That is to Say **John Thomas And Sarah** By Reason they have had five Pounds Each all Ready Item I Give and Bequeath unto **my** Loveing **Wife Sarah** all that my Message or Tennament with the Apportenances Thereunto Belong lying and Being In the Parish of Mayfield In the County abovesaid and now in the Tenure and Occupation of Thomas Robert Judge : the Term of her Natural Life Not Making aney Willfull Spoil or Seeing it to be Don and after her Discese I Give the afore house and Land unto **my Son Ezekiel** to the Intent that he or his heiers Shall be impowered to Sell the Same for the Best Prise he or they Can Get within Two Years after my Wife deceases and my mind is that all my Real and Personall Estate Be equally Devided amongst **my Seven Children** that is to Say Share and Share alike And I do hereby make Ordain Constitute and appoint **my** afore Said **wife Sarah** and **my Son Ezekiel** Executrix and Executor of this my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof to this my Will Contained in one Single Sheet of Paper I have Set my hand and Fixed my Seal This Seventh Day of October in the Year of our Lord God one Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and Seven.

Signed Sealed Declared and Published by the Testator  
as and for his Last will and Testament in our Presence  
who at his request in his Presence and in Attestation  
thereof have hereunto Subscribed our Names  
the word Thomas Interlined befor Signd and Seald

Thomas Kerwin  
Mary Gosling  
John Gosling

(Signed)

19th June 1740.

Then was Sworn Sarah Brasted and Ezekiel Brasted Sole Executors of this Will To whom was Committed the Burthen of the Execution thereof....