

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/1858/417.

*The Will of John Comber of the Parish of West Hoathly in the County of Sussex, Farmer, written 21 Apr 1829, proved 5 Mar 1836.*

(Paragraphed)

This is the Last Will and testament of me John Comber of the Parish of Westhoathly in the County of Sussex Farmer. I direct that all my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary expences shall be paid by my Executor and trustee hereafter named as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my dear Wife Sarah Comber the sum of five pounds to be paid her within one month after my decease by my Executor and trustee hereinafter named. And I give and bequeath unto my said Wife Sarah Comber the use of all my household furniture Goods Chattels Plate Linen and China which shall be in and about my dwelling house at the time of my decease for and during the term of her natural life. And from and after her decease I request and desire that my said household furniture goods Chattels Plate linen and China shall be sold by public Auction or private contract as in the discretion of my Executor and trustee hereafter named shall think proper and after deducting the expences thereof to divide the produce thereof as follows namely to my daughters Jane Smith, Mary Elizabeth Comber, Elizabeth Comber, Catherine Comber, Harriet Sherlock and Ann Comber, my son John Comber, my daughter Sophia Comber and her natural son Joseph Comber to have one equal share with my before named Daughters and Son, my Grandson Walter Niccolls to have one half part and my two Grand Daughters Catherine Niccolls and Harriet Niccolls to have the other half part of one equal share with my before named Daughters and Son.

And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind or quality the same may be I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my brother Thomas Comber of Crowhurst in the County of Surry, Farmer, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns In trust never the less to place the same out in his own name in or upon any of the parliamentary Stocks or funds of Great Britain or real Securities at Interest. And it is my Will that the Dividends and Interest thereof in the mean time as the same becomes due shall be paid to my said Wife Sarah Comber for and during the term of her natural life. And from and after her decease I give and bequeath all such sum and sums of money so placed out by the said Thomas Comber to all my said Children and Grandchildren before named in the same proportions as I have given the produce of the sale of my said household furniture &c...

And it is my express will and desire And I do hereby direct that in case any or either of them my said Daughters Son and Grandchildren shall depart this life before my decease or the decease of my said Wife that the several shares by me respectively given and bequeathed to Thomas aforesaid shall not lapse but in such case I do hereby give and bequeath the said share to the Executors or Administrators of such of Thomas &c...

And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said brother Thomas Comber full and sole Executor and trustee of this my Will And I further authorize and empower my said Executor and trustee his Executors and Administrators in the first place to deduct and retain to himself or themselves respectively out of the said trust premises all such costs charges or expences as he or they shall respectively pay or be at or put unto in and about the performance and execution of this my Will &c...

And Lastly I revoke all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this only to be and contain my last Will and testament in Witness whereof I the said John Comber the testator have to this my last Will and testament in two sheets of paper set my hand and seal etc... the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

(Signed)

Witnesses: Ann Marchant, Geo Bankin, Attorney, East Grinstead, Willm. Turner, West Hoathly.