

Original Wills for the Peculiar Court of the Dean of Chichester, 1704-1857.

*Abstract of the Will of Edward Diggens of the City of Chichester in the County of Sussex, Merchant, written 30 May 1767, proved 13 May 1780.*

Gives, devises and bequeaths all his freehold and copyhold estates, along with his personal estate, to his brother Mr. Francis Diggens and his cousin John Sone of Bedhampton in Hampshire, merchants, in trust, until his eldest son, Richard Diggens, shall reach the age of twenty-seven years. Wills that the said Francis Diggens and John Sone will permit his two sons Richard Diggens and John Diggens to receive in equal portions the rents, profits, proceeds and interest of all his real and personal estate, until his eldest son Richard Diggens reaches the age of twenty-seven years, at which time his said trustees are to surrender and divide his real and personal estate equally between his two sons Richard Diggens and John Diggens as tenants in common.

Gives and bequeaths an annuity of £126 to his wife Ann so long as she remains a widow. He also gives to his wife Ann £50 to be paid to her immediately after his decease.

Appoints his wife Ann and his trustees guardians of his said sons until they reach their respective ages of twenty-one years.

Makes his said sons Richard Diggens and John Diggens co-executors of his last will and testament.

(Signed)

Witnesses: William Milton, William Foster, William Willsher