

Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers, PROB 11/1475/48.

*Abstract of the Will of John Diggins of the City of Chichester in the County of Sussex, Merchant, written 22 Jun 1804, proved 3 Mar 1808.*

Gives and bequeaths £300 to **his wife Elizabeth**.

Gives and bequeaths to his said wife the use of all his household goods for the term of her natural life, and after her decease he gives & bequeaths the same to **his sons Francis Diggins and John Diggins**.

Gives and bequeaths all his freehold messuage or tenements, barns, stables, buildings, farm lands and hereditaments in South Mundham in the parish of Pagham in county Sussex to **his eldest son Francis Diggins**, as well as all his fields or closes of meadow or pasture in the parish of St Bartholomew in the said county and on the north side of the Turnpike Road leading from Chichester to New Fishborne and held by lease for twenty-one years under the Dean of the cathedral church of Chichester, as well as all his fields or closes of meadow or pasture in the parish of New Fishborne aforesaid.

Gives and bequeaths to **his youngest son John Diggins** all his fields or closes of meadow in the parish of St Bartholomew named Cupper's held by lease of twenty-one years under the Dean of the cathedral church of Chichester aforesaid, along with his messuage or tenement with the garden in the parish of St Bartholomew held by a lease of ten thousand years, as well as his undivided third part of a house at Dell Quay held by lease for forty years under the Corporation of Chichester.

Gives and bequeaths £5,000 in Trust to **his son Francis Diggins** and his good friends John Peachey of Rumboldswick, Esquire, and William Peachey of the parish of Pagham, Gentleman, to invest the said sum in public stocks or in government or real security at interest, and to pay the annual to his said wife.

Gives and bequeaths £3,000 to **his youngest daughter Charlotte Diggins**, to be paid to her once she attains the age of twenty-one years or on the day of her marriage, whichever comes first. And if Charlotte should die in the meantime, then the said legacy is to be divided equally between **his sons Francis Diggins and John Diggins**, and **his daughters Sophia the wife of the Reverend John Gratwick Challen and Harriet the wife of John Thruston Esquire**.

All the rest and residue of his leasehold lands, tenements, property, goods, chattels, rights, credits and personal estate he gives and bequeaths equally to **his sons Francis and John**.

Gives and bequeaths £500 each to **his daughters Sophia and Harriet**.

Appoints **his sons Francis and John** co-executors of his last will and testament.

Witnesses: W. Johnson, John Price, William Pledger