

Church of England Wills, Peculiar Court (Deanery of South Malling), ESRO
reference: PBT 2/1/12/179.

Abstract of the Will of Thomas Gower of the Parish of Lindfield in the County of Sussex, Cordwainer, written 5 Mar 1823, proved 21 Aug 1828.

Gives, devises and bequeaths in trust to his friend Henry Morley of Lindfield, yeoman, and to his son Abraham Gower of Bighthelmston, cordwainer, all his freehold tenements, buildings, gardens, plots of land on the east side of the town of Lindfield and adjoining the Red Lion Inn on the south, in order that his wife Sarah may enjoy the rents, issues and profits of the said real and personal estate for the term of her natural life, along with the use of all his household goods, furniture, plate, linen and china. And after her death he directs his said trustees to sell his real and personal estate and distribute the proceeds to his children, namely one quarter to his son Thomas Gower, one quarter to his son Abraham Gower, one quarter to his son John Gower, and one quarter to his daughter Sarah the wife of William Russell.

Gives, devises and bequeaths to his son John Gower all his working tools and implements, and his stock of leather.

Appoints his wife Sarah and his son Abraham Gower joint executors of his last will and testament.

Witnesses: John Tye, John Elliott, John Brown