

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/1050/193.

*Abstract of the Will of Henry Isted the Elder of East Grinstead, Yeoman, written 18 Jun 1778, proved 18 Feb 1779.*

Gives, devises & bequeaths his estate both freehold and copyhold to his wife Mary for the term of her natural life.

After the death of his wife, he wills that his messuage and farm called Gothlands at Nutley in Maresfield, occupied by Vincent Care; and a messuage in East Grinstead borough occupied by John Hayward, collar-maker, go to his son James Isted and his heirs; his messuage and farm called Busseys at [West] Hoathly occupied by John Potter, goes to his son Edward Isted for the term of his natural life and afterwards to Edward's son Henry; his messuage and farm called Brookhouse and Brooklands in East Grinstead, copyhold of the manor of Imberhorne, goes to his son William Isted for the term of his natural life; a messuage, blacksmith's shop and garden near the street at [West] Hoathly, occupied by his son-in-law Michael Burgess, goes to his daughter Elizabeth the wife of the said Michael Burgess.

Notes that he has in his name in the books of the Four per Cent Consolidated Annuities at the Bank of England the sum of £1,200, and wills that the interest and dividends thereof go to his wife Mary during her life and, after her decease, the full sum is to be shared equally between his daughters Mary, Ann, Sarah, Susannah and Hannah.

Gives and bequeaths £100 to his son Edward Isted, to be paid out of his live and dead stock, in six months after the death of his wife, as well as half his furniture, linen and plate, and half of his wearing apparel.

Gives and bequeaths the other half of the furniture, linen and plate to his son William Isted.

Gives and bequeaths £100 to his daughter Elizabeth, to be paid out of his live and dead stock, in six months after the death of his wife.

Gives and bequeaths to his said wife the interest of £300 which he has upon bond for the term of her natural life, whereafter the principle is to be paid between his five said daughters Mary, Ann, Sarah, Susannah and Hannah.

All the rest, residue and remainder of his estate he gives and bequeaths to his said son William Isted whom he makes the sole executor of his last will and testament.

Requests that Mr. Thomas Wakeham and Mr. Robert Turner, both of East Grinstead, be overseers and trustees of his will.

Witnesses: Stephen Sawyer, Thomas Jenner, Wm. Jenner