

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/690/472.

The Will of William Sanders of the Parish of East Grinstead in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, written 1 Dec 1729, proved 28 Jul 1738.

(Paragraphed for easier reading; names of family members are underlined.)

In the Name of God Amen I William Sanders the elder of East Grinstead in the County of Sussex Yeoman being in good health of Body and of sound and disposing mind and understanding thanks be given to Almighty God for the same doe make and Ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to say

I first give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator and I my Body I recommend to the Earth to be decently buried by my Executor hereafter named and as to my Worldly Estate I give and dispose of the same as followeth...

Imprimis I give Devise and Bequeath unto my eldest Son William Sanders all those my freehold Messuages or Tenements Lands Hereditaments and Premises with their Appurtenances whatsoever called or known by the name of Picketts or how otherwise called or known & Situate lying and being in Horley or elsewhere in the County of Surrey To have and to hold the same unto my said Son William and to his Heires and Assignes for ever subject nevertheless to and with the Payment of the severall Summes of Money hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) to my Daughter Anne the Summe of Twenty Pounds to my Daughter Katherine the Summe of Thirty Pounds and two Daughters Grace and Elizabeth the severall Summes of Fifty Pounds a peece all which said severall Legacies I order shall be paid by my said Son William within twelve Months next after my decease out of the Lands and Premises by me before to him given as aforesaid.

Also I order and appoint that my Executor hereafter named do and shall pay unto my two Sons Thomas and James the Summes of Twenty Pounds a peece according and at such time as the same is mentioned in a certain Bond by him to them given bearing the date herewith but in case any of my said Children dye before their Legacie or Legacies become payable that then I give order and appoint the Legacy or Legacies of either of them soe dieing as aforesaid shall goe and be paid to the Survivor or Survivors of them.

Also I give order and appoint that all my Coppyhold Lands and Premises shall descend and goe to my said Son James and his Heires as the Law directs.

And lastly after my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expences are paid and discharged all the rest and residue of my Goods Chattels and Personall Estate whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my Son John Sanders whom I make and appoint Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby ordering that my said Executor shall maynteyne and bring up all my younger Children untill their severall and respective Legacies shall become payable for the Interest of their said severall Legacies and not deduct any of their Principle sume or Summes towards the same.

And I order and appoint my said Son William Sanders Trustee of this my Will In
Witnesse whereof I the said William Sanders the elder have to this my last Will and
Testament sett my hand and Seale this first day of December in the third year of King
George the Second Anno Dni 1729.

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of us who subscribed our
names as Witnesses: Mich: Wood, John Butcher, John Creasy

December 9, 1737 (codicil)

I doe hereby order appoint and give to my Son James Sanders all that my Feather
Bed Stedle Curtaines Vallance and all things thereto belong and the heeling and
covering thereof on which I do now lay on and doe order this to be taken as part of
my Will as Witnesse my hand and Seale the day and year abovementioned ...
Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Fran: Green.