

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/223/187.

*The Will of Susanna Stanbridge of the Parish of Cuckfield in the County of Sussex, Widow, written 30 Jun 1652, proved 7 Sep 1652.*

(Paragraphed)

In the name of God Amen I Susanna Stanbridge of Cuckefilde in the Countie of Sussex widdowe beinge of good and perfect memorie I praise God therefore, doe make and ordaine my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge...

First and principally I committ and commend my soule into the merciefull hands of Almightye God etc... And as touchinge worldly goods I give and bequeath the same as followeth;

Item. I give and bequeath to Richard Stanbridge my sonne the summe of Fiftie pounds of lawfull money of England to bee paid unto him by my Executor hereafter named.

Item. I give unto Robert Stanbridge the like summe of Fifty pounds;

Item. I give unto Hanna Stanbridge the like summe of Fifty pounds to be paid as followeth, to my sonnes att their severall ages of one and twentie yeares, and to my daughter at her age of sixeteene yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen,

And itt is my mind and will that mine Executor shall pay Fiftie shillinges a yeare to my sonne Richard Stanbridge and to Robert Stanbridge and to my daughter Hanna Stanbridge or to their overseers, towards their bringinge upp till their portions shalbe due unto them. Moreover I give unto Hanna my daughter five pounds a yeare to bee paid out of my freehold land for two yeares to bee paid unto her Overseers to bringe her upp to schoole;

Item. I give unto my daughter Hanna one blacke stuffe suite and one blue? cloth suite and one red Cotten petticoate and one red stuffe petticoate, one coloured stuffe gowne, one holland sheete and three holland pillowe cases and one mantell and all other childbed linnen, and one trunke and a deske, and one muske-coloured ridinge suite.

Item. I give unto my sonne Thomas the best bedsteddle in the Parlour Chamber and the best ioyned chest there the best bedsteddle in hall-chamber, and the presse there to hange clothes in, the longe table in the Parlour and the formes and the benches there, the longe table in the hall and the forme to the same table; and the iron plate behind the fire there, the brand irons and the iron barre to hange the pot hookes on, and the cupboard there, the saltinge trough, the kneadinge trough, the buntinge hutch shel--- and benches in the milke house.

Item. I give unto Elizabeth Stanbridge one of the daughters of my deceased husband the summe of five pounds and to her two eldest children five shillinges a peice.

Item. I give unto Timothie Stanbridge five pounds. I give her one haire coloured suite of Apparrell and one work a dayes suite of Apparrell, and to her two eldest children five shillings a peice.

And itt is my intent and meaninge, That if all or any of my said children shall not be content herewith, but shall make question about any other part of the goods of my deceased husband, that then the gist herein to him or her so given shalbe voide and then I give onely to him or her or them that shall so in a be question or trouble the summe of five shillings.

Item. I give unto Elizabeth Carver my best work a dayes suite of Apparrell.

Item. I give unto Timothie Scrase five shillings.

All other my goods and Chattells whatsoever not given nor bequeathed my debts and Legacies paid I give unto John Stanbridge my eldest sonne whome I make the Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, Provided allwayes, and itt is my intent and meaninge that mine Executor shall give good securitie by bond with sufficient sureties to Allin Savidge of Cuckefeild and John Bechley of Cuckefeild for the true payment of all my debts and Legacies accordinge to the true meaninge of this my will, or if he shall refuse so to doe, then I give unto him the summe of five pounds and he my said Executor no further to meddle with Executorship And that then itt shalbe lawfull for the said Allin Savidge and John Bechly whome I appoint to have the whole and sole managinge of mine estate to rule upon my freehold lands lyinge in Warningled in the parish of Slaugham etc...

In witness that this is my last will and testament I have hereunto putt to my hand and seale the thirtieth day of June in the yeare of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred Fiftie two.

(Signed)

Witnesses: John Bechly, Nicholas Crips, John Scrase