

Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858, PROB 11/1091/104.

*The Will of Walter Stanbridge of the Parish of West Hoathly in the County of Sussex, Yeoman, written 10 Jun 1780, proved 20 May 1782.*

(Paragraphed)

This is the last Will and Testament of me Walter Stanbridge of Westhoathly in the County of Sussex Yeoman made this tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty in Manner and Form following

Whereas I have previous to the making hereof surrendered into the hands of the Lord of the Manor of Imberhorne in the County of Sussex all those three Prices or Parcels of Copyhold or Customary Land holden of the said Manor containing by Estimation ten acres more or less parcel of Land called Munkhill with the Appurtenances and which Premises are situate lying and being in East Grinstead in the said County to the use of my last Will and Testament. Now in pursuance thereof I do hereby give and devise all and singular the aforesaid Copyhold or Customary Premises with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my Brother Thomas Stanbridge of Ardingly in the said County Yeoman and John Comber of ----land in Westhoathly aforesaid Yeoman and their Heirs upon special Trust and Confidence nevertheless that they the said Thomas Stanbridge and John Comber or the survivor of them and the heirs of such Survivor do and shall as soon after my decease as possible sell all and singular the aforesaid Customary Premises for the best Price that can be got and hereby direct that the Monies arising by such Sale shall be by them or their Heirs Executors or Administrators put and placed out upon the best Securities that can be got for the same. And I do hereby will order and direct that the Interest and Produce thereof arising shall from time to time as the same becomes due be paid by my said Trustees unto my dear and loving Wife Mary during her Widowhood and from and after her decease or Marriage again which shall first happen I hereby order and direct my aforesaid Trustees to pay and apply the Monies arising by the aforesaid Sale in manner hereinafter directed. Also I give and bequeath unto the said Thomas Stanbridge and John Comber all and singular my personal Estate of what Nature or Kind soever or wheresoever upon this special Trust and Confidence nevertheless that they permit and suffer my said Wife Mary to carry forward the Farming Business which I now use for the Term of her Life or Marriage again which shall first happen towards her Maintenance and the Maintenance Education and Upbringing of my Children and from and after her Decease or Marriage again to pay and apply all and singular my personal Estate and Premises aforesaid in manner hereinafter directed that is to say

I give and bequeath unto my sons Thomas Stanbridge Walter Stanbridge Henry Stanbridge and John Stanbridge the Sum of two Hundred Pounds a piece of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid them by my Executors hereinafter mentioned in manner and Form following that is to say one Hundred Pounds a piece part of their said Legacies to be paid to such of them as shall have attained their Age of twenty one years within six Months next after my Decease and one Hundred Pounds a piece to the others as they shall respectively attain their Ages of twenty one years They my aforesaid Sons first giving proper Security to my aforesaid Trustees to pay

Interest for the same to my said Wife after the Rate of Four Pounds for every Hundred Pounds for a Year for and during the Term of her natural Life or Marriage again which shall first happen. And from and after her Decease or Marriage again I hereby will order and direct that my aforesaid Trustees shall and do pay the remainder or whole of the said Legacies to my said Sons within six Months next after either of the said Cases happening.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Mary Stanbridge Jane Stanbridge Susanna Stanbridge Elizabeth Stanbridge Ann Stanbridge Sarah Stanbridge Catherine Stanbridge and Hannah Stanbridge the Sum of Fifty Pounds a piece of like lawful Money to be paid them by my Trustees and Executors as they shall severally attain their Ages of twenty one years they and every of them first giving good Security to my said Trustees to my aforesaid Wife Mary Interest for the same after the Rate of Four Pounds per cent per Annum for and during the Term of her natural Life or Marriage again which shall first happen. And from and after her Decease or Marriage again which shall first happen I hereby give and bequeath unto each every of my aforesaid Daughters the further Sum of Fifty Pounds a piece of like lawful Money to be paid them by my Executors and Trustees within six Months next after the Death of my said Wife or her Marriage again. And in case of her Marriage again I give and bequeath to her the Sum of two Hundred Pounds only to be paid her by my Executors and Trustees six Months next after such her Marriage.

And as to the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattels Credits Ready Monies and Personal Estate of what Nature or Kind soever or wheresoever after Payment of my just Debts Legacies and Funeral Expences I give and dispose thereof as followeth that is to say I give and bequeath one fourth Part thereof unto my Son Thomas Stanbridge and the remainder thereof I give and bequeath unto the rest of my Children Sons and Daughters equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike and I do hereby make constitute and appoint my said Brother Thomas Stanbridge and the aforesaid John Comber Executors of this my last Will and Testament and request they will take upon them the Burthen and Execution thereof etc...

And lastly I hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and publish and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament being contained in two Sheets of Paper whereof I have to the first Sheet thereof set my Hand and to this second Sheet thereof my Hand and Seal also the Day and Year first written.

Walter Stanbridge

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Walter Stanbridge the Testator ....  
in the Presence of us who have subscribed our Names as Witnesses . . . . .

Codicil (abridged)

Whereas I Walter Stanbridge of Westhoathly in the County of Sussex Yeoman have made my last Will and Testament ... and did thereby make ... my brother Thomas Stanbridge of Ardingly in the said County Yeoman and John Comber of Stowland? in Westhoathly aforesaid Yeoman Executors and Trustees of my said Will.... And

whereas my said Brother since the making and executing my aforesaid Will hath departed this Life, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my respected friend of Ba-----ors in the Parish of Balcomb in the said County joint Executor and Trustee of my said Will together with the aforesaid John Comber of Westhoathly....

In Witness whereof I the said Walter Stanbridge have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty ninth day of December one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty one.

(Signed)

Witnesses: Sarah Tulley, Jane Hills, Ja: Waller