

Sussex Wills and Administrations in the District Probate Registry at Lewes, Register 3, chapter 40.

*The Will of Richard Standbridge the Younger of the Parish of Cuckfield in the County of Sussex, written 16 Dec 1603, proved 25 Apr 1604.*

(Paragraphed)

In the name of God Amen : the xvith day of December in the yeare of our Lord God 1603 : I Richard Standbridge the Younger of the parish of Cuckfeilde & diocesse of Chichester beinge sicke of body but of good & perfecte memorye I thanke god for it doe ordayne & make this my last will & Testament in manner & forme followeing :

First I give & bequeath my soule unto allmighty god my Creator & Redeemer & my body to be buried in the Churchyarde of Cuckfeild.

Item. I give unto the poore which shalbe at my buriall ten shillings to be distrubited amonge them.

Item. I give unto the Ringers . . . . . s.

Item. I give unto my sonne Roberte one Enborde the best bedstedle the best bed bolster & coverlett one table & forme with the benches in the Hahle the best brasse pott one litle counter table the best wyne Chest one Maulte Querne one maultinge Vante one Boultinge huch one knede trough one bedstedle standinge in the parlour.

Item. I give unto my sayd sonne xx*li* to be payde unto him at the age of Twenty & one yeares.

Item. I give unto every of my . . . . . children vi<sup>d</sup>.

Item. I give unto my man Thomas one browne Steere of thre yeares of age.

Item. I give unto my mayde Marye one red Hanked? Heiffer of the same age.

Item. I give unto my thre sisters unto every of them one lambe to be chosen by them presently? after my decease.

Item. I give unto my daughter Jane one new bedstedle.

All the residue of my goodes not before given my debts & legacyes payd my buriall & all things Dischardged I will shalbe equally devided betweene my twoo daughters Jane & Katherin at such tyme as they shall accomplish their severall ages Eightene yeares.

Item. My will is that if any of my twoo daughters shall happen to dye before she shall accomplish the sayde age of eightene yeares that then hir porcon soe dyinge shall remayne & be unto the survivor of them, to be payde as aforesayde : And allso if my sonne shall happen to dye before he shall accomplish the age of Twenty & one

yeares as aforesayde or have issue of his body lawefully begotten that then his porcon of mony & goodes before given unto him shall remayne & be unto Jane my Eldest Daughter.

Item. I doe [ordayn]e & make my trusty & welbeloved frindes Thomas Steere of . . . .  
. . . Edward Murton? of Hurst my brother in lawes my lawefull Executors as  
Executors in trust & I give unto my sayd Executors by vertue of this my last Will &  
testament full power & lawefull authoritye for to make sale of my goodes or otherwise  
as they shall thinke best & therewith to keepe & bringe up my sayd thre Children  
whome I put them in trust with all to be their governors in my steade to see them  
brought up in the feare of god good . . . . . & learninge untill such tyme as they  
shall accomplish their severall ages as aforesayde.

Item. My will is that my sayd Executors at such tyme as my sayde thre Children shall  
accomplish severall ages as aforesayd shall deliver & pay or cause to be delivered &  
payde unto them my sayd Children all such goodes & somes of mony as shalbe or  
remayne etc...

Item. I give unto my sayd Executors iiis. iiiid. and I will that my sayd . . . . .

And finally I make my deare & welbeloved frindes Roberte Cooper thelder of Horly  
William Burstowe of Slaugham & Richard Jenner of Cuckefeild overseers of this my  
last will & testament to se this my will in all poynts performed & I give unto everye of  
them for their paynes xviii<sup>d</sup>.

(his mark)

Witnesses: John Gaston, Richard Jenner, Robert Cooper, William Burstowe, Henry  
Younge