

WILL OF JOHN WOOD OF BLATCHINGTON, SUSSEX, YEOMAN

MADE : 28 MAY 1701

PROBATE : 14 JUNE 1701

ARCHDEACONRY OF LEWES

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In the Name of God Amen I John Wood of Bletchington in the County of Sussex Yeoman being weak of Body but of a sound and perfect mind and memory doe Recommend my Soul unto Gods mercy thro' the alone meritts of Jesus Christ the Saviour of All mankind And my body to be buried In hopes of a Resurrection to Eternal Life by the discretion of my Executor hereafter named I doe dispose of my Temporall Estate as followeth Imprimis I give to my Eldest Son John Wood All that my House that my Son George dwells in in Seaford to him and to his Heirs for Ever Item I give to his sonn Thomas the summe of Forty Shillings Item I give to my wife Mary my youngest Red Cow and Twelve bushells of wheat and a Pigg Item I give to my daughter Jane the summe of Three pound to be paid by my Executor hereafter named within a Quarter of a year after my decease Item I give to my Son in law Richard Dunston one shilling Item I give to his said wife Thirty Shillings Item I give to Richard Woolger the summe of One shilling And I bequeath to his wife Mary my Daughter the summe of Forty Shillings Item I give unto my wife Mary All that my House and A stable in Seaford now in the Occupation of John Hunt Item I give unto my said wife the house no longer than she shall keep herselfe a widow And if she marry or when she diee I give and bequeath the said house and stable to my youngest daughter Anne and her heirs for Ever Item I give to my said youngest daughter Anne Wood All that my three Acres of land that holdeth of the Manor of Alciston that I purchased heretofore of one Hollibone to her and her heirs for Ever Item I give unto my daughter Anne the Moiety or halfe part of All my household goods (Except it be two bede which I have in my now dwelling house []) Item I give unto my said Daughter Anne a Bed as it stande at my Son George Woods at Seaford Item I give to my Son George Wood All that my Messuage and tenemt. and Eleven Acres of land in Bletchington which I purchased heretofore of one Copper Item I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my Son George All my Goods and Chattells Except it be such goods as I have given by this my will to my Daughter Anne my youngest Child And I doe hereby nominate and appoint my said Son George to be sole Executor of this my last will and Testament provided that he doe pay unto Thomas Boyes of Westfierle the summe of Eight pound between this and the Twentieth day of July next

John Wood, my eldest son
George, my son
Thomas, son of John Wood
Mary, my wife
Jane, my daughter

Richard Dubston, my son-in-law
Richard Woolgar
Mary Woolgar, my daughter
John Hunt

Anne, my youngest daughter

Thomas Boyes

being heretofore lent by him to me upon my said Three Acres of Land which I have now given to my daughter Anne And I doe appoint the said George my son to pay and discharge All my Funerall Expenses first And to pay All my legacys within a whole year after my decease Unless it be one Legacy And other Debts sooner and the Cow and pigg my wife shall have at my decease And halfe a bushell of wheat a week every week from and imediatly after my Decease till the said Twelve bushells shall be out Thus Revoking All former wills I doe declare this to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have Signed and Sealed it the Eight and Twentieth day of May 1701 (The mark of the said John Wood). Signed Sealed published and declared to be my last Will and Testament in the presence of us Thomas Alce The marke of Samu^{el} Page: Edwd Boyes

Thomas Alce, Samuel
Page, Edwd Boyes

PROBATE dated 14 June 1701

Probatum fuit Testamentum Johannis Wood nuper de Bletchington defunct Decimo quarto die mensis Junii Anno Domini Milesimo Septuingesimo primo Coram Thomae Whalley surrogato Juramento Georgii Wood filii naturalis et legitimo Defuncti predicto et Executoris in eodem testamento nominat Cui Commissa fuit Administratio bonorum &c de bene &c ad Sancta &c Jurat

SUGGESTED TRANSLATION

The Will of John Wood late of Bletchington deceased was proved on the fourteenth day of the month of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and one before Thomas Walley Surrogate by the oath of George Wood the natural and legitimate son of the deceased aforesaid and one of the Executors named in the said will to whom was given administration of the goods etc to well etc the Holy Gospels etc Sworn