

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL
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SECTION C

ANDREWS

William Andrews, of Deptford
P.C.C. Will dated 30th June 1828

Appoints sons George of Deptford, Grocer, William of Upchurch, Farmer and Robert of Upchurch, Schoolmaster, executors and trustees. To them, upon trust, all his estate and effects, real and personal, including that shared with Mrs Margaret Cooper of Walworth, Widow, and Mrs Ann Read of Hollingbourne and other relatives, which by the decease of Mrs Mary Kemp, he is entitled to in right of his late wife, formerly Elizabeth Long. This property consists of houses and lands, freehold and copyhold, in Essex and Suffolk; also shares of money in the Public Funds, and other property formerly belonging to Mrs Elizabeth Thompson, then of Croydon.

His funeral to be modest and paid for from his furniture, plate, etc.; his headstone is to be the same as that of his wife. Trustees to allow son William to have his clothes, daughter Jane, wife of Albermarle Tracy of Brompton, to have his watch, and daughter Cordelia, wife of John Waters of Newington, to have his mangle.

Trustees to pay Cordelia £100; also to pay daughter Deliah wife of Robert Harrison of Charing, £100; the last two legacies paid from property once belonging to Mrs Elizabeth Thompson. This property is given to his sons in lieu of their share of £800 left by their grandmother to his 9 youngest children. Trustees to divide residue into 11 parts; 1/11 to son William; 1/11 to son George and 1/11 to son Robert. The remaining 8/11 to be invested in Public Funds, from the interest, 1/8 each to daughters, Deliah, Cordelia, Jane, Matilda Hayzelden, widow, Amelia wife of John Trest of Northfleet* and Sophia. The interest to be paid for their lives. 1/8 of the interest is for the support and education of late daughter Elizabeth Ann wife of John Grace of Newington, until youngest is 21. Remaining 1/8 for support and education of children of late daughter Eliza wife of Robert Elliott of Newington, as above. After the deaths of any of his 6 daughters, their share to their children. When the youngest child is 21, the principal to be shared equally among them. If they die pre 21 with lawful children, their money to those children. If any die with no heirs, legacy shared by survivors. If Matilda, Amelia and Sophia died without heirs, their share goes to surviving grandchildren.

Witnesses: William Peckham, Schoolmaster, Harrietsham, John Mitchell and John Murton, Farriers, Harrietsham.

Proved 10th May 1834 Power reserved to William Andrews

* William Andrews died at Northfleet (Parish Register)

BECKINGHAM

John Beckingham, Melville's Directory 1858, "Old Beefsteak House"; 1881 Census, "Duke of York", London Road, and Farmer of 19 acres, employing 1 man.

The "Old Beefsteak House" became the "Duke of York", now (2013) the "Copperfield"

Appears in Parliamentary Poll Book 1857

"Gravesend Reporter", October 24th 1896

"DEATH OF AN OCTOGENARIAN

There died at Higham, on Tuesday, John Beckingham (sic), at the age of 88 years. For 37 years he lived at the "Duke of York" public house, commonly known as the Beef -steak house. His faculties remained unimpaired to the end, and he could remember the Battle of Waterloo and the Great Frost of 1815."

BENNETT

George Bennett, the England Cricketer, was a Bricklayer, near the Post Office, 1881 Census

“History of Kent County Cricket”, 1907

“One of the best all rounders Kent has produced..... employed by Lord Darnley for over 25 years. He scored 160 in 1861, Gentlemen v Players of Kent; 82 for Kent v M.C.C. In 1859. As a bowler , 5 for 9 runs in 1857, Kent v Sussex; 14 for 82 in 1858, Kent v Sussex; 8 for 60 in 1865, North v South; 8 for 25 in 1866, North v South; 9 for 113 in 1871, Kent v Sussex.

In 1875 a benefit match was held at Gravesend for him. Kent v W.G. Grace's XI.”

Thomas Bennett, 1901 Census, Agricultural Labourer at 2 Park Pale

BODKIN

John Bodkin, of Shorne, Husbandman
P.C.C. Will dated 4th November 1811

Everything to his wife, Ellen, for ever; she is executor.
Witnesses: John Mills Evans and Fra. Southgate
Proved 17th May 1827

Appears in Parliamentary Poll Book 1790 and 1803

Ellen Bodkin, of Shorne, Widow
P.C.C. Will dated 16th May 1830

All her estate, (subject to payment of legacies of £20), to her sisters, Charlotte Pratten of Rochester, Alice Seamark of Gillingham and Elizabeth Hursey of Gillingham. Elizabeth's share not to be subject to the “control, management or intermeddling” of her husband.

To her sister Mary Mc Donald of Gravesend, £20; to cousin John Tomlin of Shorne, Tanner, “for his services”, £20. John Tomlin and brother in law Thomas Seamark are executors.

Witnesses: William French, David French and Jarvis Noakes
Proved 19th July 1830

John Bodkin and Ellen Cadwell were married at Shorne in January 1809

BOTTING

William Botting, died 1815, married Sarah Solly at St. Margaret, Rochester, August 1813 ?; Sarah Botting married James Noakes at Shorne, October 1826.

William Botting, died 1857, 1851 Census, at Lambeth, a Butcher

Stephen Botting, 1881 Census, a Gardener.

Peter Botting, Kelly's Directory, 1891 and 1903, a Carpenter at the Ridgeway; 1901 Census, at 1 Park Cottages, Builder and Undertaker.

William Botting, died 1905, 1881 Census, a Carpenter

BROWN

William Brown, of Chalk, Yeoman. Mentioned on wife Ann's headstone.
Archdeaconry Court of Rochester Will dated 3rd September 1784

To his “honoured” mother Sarah Batt, an annuity of £10 for life, from his real and personal estate. His houses, farms, gardens, orchard and land purchased from Henry Watson and the heirs of Sir William Milman, in Chalk and Shorne, now in his own use, also all other property which he or any trustee holds, to wife Sarah, for life. After her death, then to Benjamin Hubble of Shinglewell in Ifield, Yeoman for a term of 500 years, upon trust. After the end, sooner or later, of the term, then to his son William (subject to the annuity and other legacies). If son William has no heirs, then to son

Thomas, on same conditions, in default of heirs of Thomas, then to first son his wife may yet have, in default then to 2nd, 3rd or 4th son, and so on. In default of sons, then to daughter Elizabeth and all other daughters living or expected, shared equally, for ever.

The above 500 year term to Benjamin Hubble is limited upon special trust, that Hubble and his executors shall by sale or mortgage of the term of and in the property and from rents, etc., raise enough money at interest to pay legacies; after these legacies are paid the term of 500 years will be void and cease.

To Thomas Rickman and Christian Rickman, son and daughter of the late Thomas Rickman, of Shorne, Yeoman, £100 each at 21. To wife Sarah, for life, the free use of his money, investments, debts, household goods, leases and stock of farms, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, corn, implements, etc. After her death, to son in law Townsend Gladdish, £550 and to daughter in law Sarah Gladdish and children Elizabeth and Thomas Brown, and any children yet to be born, (except an eldest son not yet born), £800 each at 21. The legacies from his personal estate, with any shortfall made up from his real estate.

Executors can, in wife's lifetime, advance money to Townsend and Sarah Gladdish, Elizabeth and Thomas Brown, to help set them up in business or on day of marriage, with wife's consent. The sums not to exceed £450 for Townsend or £800 for the others; the sums advanced are deducted from legacies, or if full sum then legacy discharged. If any of the legatees make any claim, when they are 21, against the estate or the estate of the Gladdishes father, William, or testators marriage settlement, or refuse to sign a release, then their legacy is void.

Benjamin Hubble and wife Sarah Brown are executors and guardians of children during minority. To Hubble 5 guineas for mourning.

Witnesses: C. ? Mitchin ?, John Wyburn and J.W. Evans

Proved 27th November 1787

William Brown married Ann Kempton at Chalk in January 1764

BURR

Cornelius Burr, 1881 census Wheelwright at Ridgeway; 1901 Census, Wheelwright, 1 Ivy Cottage

CHIPPS

John Chipps, of Shorne, Gentleman

P.C.C. Will dated 6th April 1829

Money in Bank of England, with interest, other money, debts due on bond or mortgage, to George Wilkinson of Cobham, Gardener and William Stevenson of Thong, Gentleman, upon trust.

They to pay interest to his wife Fanny, for life. After her death, the interest of £600 4% annuities, part of the above funds, to be paid to daughter Mary Clarke wife of John Clarke of Limehouse, Caulker, until grandson, Charles Clarke, their son is 21, he then has interest of the £600, until he is 25, when he is 25 the principal is to be paid to him.

After death of wife, trustees to take the profits of £400, part of the above funds, and pay to daughter Mary Clarke, for life. After her death, they are to pay £200 of the £400 to grandson John Clarke; the other £200 to grandson George Clarke.

After death of his wife, they are to pay profits of £400 another part of funds and pay daughter Mary Clarke, for life; after her death, the £400 shared equally amongst the Clarke grandsons.

After death of wife, trustees to interest from £600 part of same funds, and pay it to daughter Elizabeth Wilkinson wife of George Wilkinson, for life. After her death, the interest to be used for the support and education of her children, until they are 21, or day of marriage, if girls, then the £600 shared among them equally.

If Elizabeth leaves no children, the £600 to be shared equally among the Clarke grandsons.

To daughters Mary and Elizabeth, after mother's death, household furniture and goods, equally shared.

Immediately after his death, trustees to pay £197 10s from his investments to wife Fanny, and pay £50 of same funds to grand daughter Mary Ann Clarke. Residue, after death of wife, shared equally between daughters.

Witnesses: J. Stroud, Shorne and Jarvis Noakes, Shorne

Proved 1st August 1829. In October 1829 William Stevenson renounces as executor.

John Chipps married Fanny Griffiths at St. James, Piccadilly, in 1786

CLARK

John Clark, died 1890, Melville's Directory 1858, Wood Dealer; 1871 Census, Retired Wood Merchant at Ridgeway.

Erected Methodist Chapel and Ridgeway House, on Ridgeway (Allen's *History of Shorne*, p. 131. Parliamentary Poll Book 1857

DICKINS

John Dickins, of Shorne, Vintner
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 6th April 1782

To wife Frances and son John, all his household goods and furniture, plate, linen, china, stock of beer and other liquors, money, personal estate, equally shared, subject to payment of debts. Friend William Coper of Chatham, Victualler is executor.

Witnesses: Thomas Pattinson and John Pattinson

Proved 9th March 1791 William Cooper died before testator, administration granted to Frances

Administration Bond dated 31st March 1791

Frances Dickins, George Hulbert of Chatham, Gentleman (Wine Merchant) and James Barnes of Stood, Carpenter, are bound in sum of £600.

John Dickins is described as a Victualler, he died 12th February 1791, Value of goods not more than £600.

FINCH

Thomas Finch, Shopkeeper (Edward Oxe's will). In Registers described as Operii (Workman ?)

Married Frances Williams at Shorne June 1695, presumably a Widow and Edward Oxe's sister ? She was buried with her still born infant (Registers)

FROUD

Edward Froud, 1901 Census, Butcher at Hunton

GODDARD

Frederick Goddard, 1901 Census, Leather Cutter and Belt Maker in Mitcham, Surrey

GOWAR

Samuel and Caroline Gowar, 1882 Kelly's Directory, Baker; 1891 Kelly's, Grocer, Draper, Post Office; 1901 Census, Baker, Grocer and Post Office; 1903 Kelly's, Caroline, Grocer, Draper and Post Office; Kelly's 1913 Miss Caroline Gowar , as above.

HALLWARD

Reginald Hallward, 1901 Census, Sculptor, (and Designer, Stain Glass maker), lived at Woodlands

HOLLANDS

Hannah Hollands, 1901 Census, wife of William, Labourer of Homewood Cottages

William Hollands, 1881 Census, Agricultural Labourer

JACKSON

William Jackson, 1891 Census, Gardener of Ifield

JARRETT

Mary Ann Jarrett, 1871 Census, wife John agricultural Labourer at Cobham.

KEMSLEY

Susanna Kemsley appears to have been William and Ann Rawlings niece. William Kemsley married Susannah Kemp at Cobham in 1774. Susannah Kemp was likely Ann Rawlings sister (see Rawlings)

LIDWELL

Thomas Haines Lidwell, Farm Bailiff at Northfleet, in 1861 Census; born Cuxton, died at Epping (Registers) Married Eliza Solomon, daughter of James, a Farmer at Milton, Gravesend March 1855. Thomas is also a Farmer of Epping.

LOMAS

Henry Lomas, 1871 Census, Fruit Grower at Chalk.

MASTERS

Thomas Masters, of Shorne, Victualler. First wife Susan's headstone.
Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 14th May 1724

To cousin John French, 1 guinea; to cousin Robert French, his first wife's wedding ring; to cousin John Chambers*, 1/-; to wife, Anne all his goods, money, etc., she is executor and is to pay expenses and legacies.

Signs with mark

Witnesses: William Warren, James Hone and Elizabeth Hone

Proved 1st June 1724

* Thomas Masters married Anne Chambers at Chalk, April 1722

MUMFORD

William Mumford, was a Timber Merchant in partnership with Easdown of Higham. He was declared bankrupt in 1813 ("The Times" and "Hants. Chronicle"). He married Hester Sidwell at Strood in October 1782

OXE

Edward Oxe, of Shorne, Shopkeeper

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 9th January 1695 (96)

To John Rose of Shorne, 1/-; to cousin Sarah Withers, 1/-; to cousin Jane Withers, 1/-; to cousin Elizabeth Withers, 1/-.
Residue of real and personal estate to Frances, "the now wife of Thomas Finch of Shorne"; she is also executor. House and garden with outhouse, in Shorne Street, also to Frances Finch, for life; after her death to her husband Thomas, for ever.

Witnesses: William Cottmar, Ellinor Cottmar and Henry Cottmar

Proved 8th March 1699 (1700)

RAWLINGS

William Rawlings, of Higham, Grocer

Consistory Court of Rochester Will dated 3rd June 1820

He desires to be buried in Shorne Churchyard, (the original line says "Higham", this was crossed out and Shorne substituted). A tombstone to be erected to his memory.

To wife Ann, all his household furniture, stock in trade in his house and premises in Higham, and book debts owed, subject to the following legacies. £5 each to his brothers in law, John Kemp of Higham, Yeoman and George Kemp of Cobham, Yeoman. All sums owed to him upon mortgage or bond, to George French of Shorne, Yeoman and James French of Shorne, Yeoman, upon trust. They to pay interest from these sums to his wife for life. After her death, they are to pay the principal sum, equally shared, to Samuel Bassett of Greenwich, Wheelwright; George and James French, Richard French of Strood, Fisherman and Dredgerman, John Hollands of Perry Street, near Cobham, Labourer and Susannah Hollands wife of William Hollands of Shorne, Labourer.

Wife Ann, George and James French, executors.

Signs with a mark

Witnesses: Michael Woollett and John Smith

Proved 24th October. 1823 Value of goods under £800. George and James French described as Labourers and nephews of Rawlings.

William Rawlings married Ann Kemp at Cobham in October 1772.

RHODES

William Rhodes, of Shorne, Blacksmith
P.C.C. Will dated 12th May 1846

Appoints Jarvis Noakes of Shorne, Labourer and Mary Rhodes of East Peckham, Widow, executors.

To housekeeper, Elizabeth Sharpe, Spinster, an annuity of £25, for life, This to be paid from profits of his freeholds at Shorne, occupied by himself, John Parker, William Shaw and George Webster, and blacksmith's forge, barn, stables, 8 acres of land at Shorne in his occupation; 2 freehold cottages and gardens in Cooling occupied by John Cooper and William Edmunds; all his other real estate. Half share in these properties to such persons as his niece Fanny Louisa Rhodes, daughter of his late brother, John Rhodes, shall devise by deed or will. In default, then to Fanny Louisa Rhodes and her heirs for ever. The other half to such persons as niece Cecelia Rhodes, another daughter of brother John, shall devise by deed or will, in default then to Cecelia and her heirs for ever.

If these two nieces are under 21 at testator's death, then executors to receive rents and profits for not more than 7 years. This money is to go towards the nieces support and education until they are 21. Surplus to be invested in Public Funds. Income for benefit of nieces and their advancement in the world. Principal sums to nieces at 21.

Residue of estate to the above nieces equally shared, provided that if one dies before 21 with no lawful heirs, the whole goes to the survivor.

Witnesses: John Monckton, Solicitor, Maidstone and William Few ?, his Clerk

Codicil dated 8th July 1847

He had appointed Jarvis Noakes and Mary Rhodes executors, and given certain powers. Mary has since married Joseph Wells of Penshurst, Gardener. He now revokes appointment of Noakes and appoints John Brooker of Higham, Farmer in his place as executor with Mary Wells. Rest of will confirmed.

Witnesses: Edward Giles, Clerk to Mr Monckton, Solicitor, Maidstone and William Quaife, Schoolmaster, Shorne.

Proved 29th December 1847

William Rhodes married Amelia Simmons at Christchurch, Southwark in October 1828

SOLOMON

Walter Solomon, Farmer of 300 acres, employing 12 men in 1881 (Census)

STEVENS

George Stevens, Senior, Farm Bailiff of Thong Cottage, 1881 Census

TUFF

Henry Tuff, Railway Labourer of Garden Row, 1901 Census (First wife in Section D ?)

VITLER

George Vitler, Agricultural Labourer, 1881 Census; Sexton, Kelly's Directory 1913

WATERMAN

Charles Waterman, Bricklayer lodging at 2 Ivy Cottages in 1901, (Census)

WHIFFEN

Richard Whiffen, Parish Clerk at Vicarage House, 1861 Census, 1865 Post Office Directory

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