

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of Michael Ansell 11th November 1687 PROB11/389

In the name of God Amen Michaell Ansell the elder of Pirton in the county of Hertford yeoman being weake of Body but of perfect memory blessed be God doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament as followeth

First I commend my soule unto the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting and assuredly believing by the sole meritts of Jesus Christ my Saviour to have all my sinnes remitted and to be made partaker of Eternall Life And for my Body I commit to the Earth whereof it was made to be buryed which seemly sort as my Executor hereafter namely shall think fit And as for those wordly goods which it has pleased God to blesse and withal I dispose thereof as followeth

Imprinis I give and devise unto my fower daughters Anne Sara Mary and Lyddia Ansell their heirs and assignes for ever all and every my Copyhold and Customary Messuges Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with the appurtenances holder of the Mannor of Rameriche in the County of Hertford by copy of Court Role of which premises I have made a Surrender thereof according to the use of my will provider alwares and upon Condition notwithstanding that of my Sonne Michaell Ansell or his heires doe and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Anne Sara Mary and Lyddia Ansell my daughters the full sum of thirty pounds a piece of currant English money to be paid unto them severally and respectively within one yeare next after my decease then this devise unto them shall be voyd

Item I give and devise unto the said Anne my daughter the Bedsteed in the Parlor

Item I give and devise unto the said Mary and Liddia my daughters the Feather bed Bolsers pillowe blankette coverlids curtains and Vallens belonging belonging to the Bedsteed in the Parlor equally to be divided betwixt them

Item I give to the said Sara my daughter the great Court Cubboard in the Parlor

Item I give and devise more unto the said Mary and Liddia my daughters the beesteed in the chamber over the Buttery equally to be divided them

Item I give to the said Michaell Ansell my Sonne one paire of good sheete

Item I give and devise more unto the said Mary and Liddia my daughters all and every my new Cloth which was lately made and whitened equally to be divided betweene them

Item I give and devise more unto the said Mary and Liddia all and every my Fowles in the yard equally to be divided between them

Item I give more unto the said Anne Sara Mary and Liddia my daughters all and every my Linnen and pewter whatsoever equally to be divided betwixt them

Item all the rest of my goods and chattels unbequeathed my debts and funeral discharged I give unto the said Michaell Ansell my sonne whome I doe make and appoint sole Executor of this my will revoking all former Wills by me make whatsoever In Witness whereof I thesaid Michaell the Testator have hereunto sett my hand and seale to this my Will conteyned in two sheets of paper this Five and Twentieth day of September Anno Domini 1680 And in the two and thirtieth yeare of the yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith signed Michaell Ansell Signed Sealed and published as the last Will and Testament of the said Michaell Ansell the Testator in the prescence of John Hammond William Hanscombe Richard Hammond