

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT John Kingsley 1837

The last Will and Testament of me John Kingsley of Pirton in the County of Hertford
Yeoman

I appoint my son Charles and my Friends William Cox and William Hanscombe
Executors of my Will and I devise to them and their heirs all my freehold messuages
cottages lands tenements and real Estate situate at Pirton or elsewhere Upon trust that
they or the survivors or survivor of them or his heirs do and shall as Soon as
conveniently may be after my decease sell and dispose thereof either together or in
parcels and by Public Sale or private contract as they in their discretion shall think fit
for the most money and best price that can be reasonably obtained for the same

And I authorise and direct my said Trustees and Executor's and the survivors and
survivor of them and his heirs in like manner to sell and dispose of all my Copyhold
Estates and to facilitate such sales I declare that the Conveyances and Receipt of my
said Trustees or of the survivors or survivor of them or his heirs shall be a good and
effectual assurances to the purchases or purchasers thereof and a sufficient discharge
for the purchase money

And that no purchaser taking such Conveyance and Receipts shall be bound to see to
the application of the purchase money or be in any wise answerable for the
misapplication or non application thereof

I declare that notwithstanding the appointment of my said son Charles as one of the
Trustees and Executors of this my Will it shall be lawful for him to bid for and
become the purchaser of my real estate or any part or parts thereof at any Public Sale
or to take the same or any part thereof at a Valuation to be made by the indifferent
persons one to be chosen by my said Son Charles and the other by the said William
Cox and William Hanscombe or their umpire

And I direct that the produce of such sales be added to my personal estate – I give to my Executors all my personal estate whatsoever and whosoever Upon trust to convert into money such parts thereof as shall not consist of money

And I direct my said Executor out of the produce of my real and personal estate in the first place to pay and discharge all my debts whether on Mortgage Bond or otherwise which may be due and owing at the time of my decease and my Funeral and Testamentary expences –

Having already advanced to my elder Son John Kingsley considerable sums of money I give to him the sum of Twenty Guineas Upon condition that he do if required join as my Heir at law in the Conveyance of my freehold and copyhold Estates to the respective Purchases thereof –

my Son Joseph having received from his mother about one hundred pounds I give to him the further sum of two hundred pounds And each of my other childred Except my Sons Charles and Jesse and my daughter Charlotte the Wife of John Griffin having also received considerable sums of money I give to each of them my said Son Charles and my said daughter Charlotte the sum of three hundred pounds and I direct my Executor to lay out and invest the sum of three hundred pounds in the purchase of an Annuity during the lives of my said Sons Jesse and Sarah his wife and the life of the longer liver of them and I direct that such Annuity shall be paid to my said son Jesse and to his assigns during his life and after his decease to the said Sarah if she should be then living and her assigns for the remainder of her life but so as not to give either of them a Power of anticipation over or of assigning or charging the payments thereafter to become due

I also give to my Grandson John Thrussell Nineteen Guineas

To my Granddaughter Peggy Kingsley now living with me Nineteen Guineas –

To my Housekeeper Sarah Reynolds Nineteen Guineas –

and to James Hanscombe a labourer in my employ Five pounds

And I direct that the residue of the produce of my real and personal estate be divided into eleven equal parts

And I give one of such parts unto and equally between all the childred of my late Son George who may live to be applied towards their maintenance and education

I give one other of such parts unto and equally between all the Children of my late Son William who may live to attain the age of twenty one years with interest in the meantime to be applied towards their maintenance and education

I give one other of such parts unto and equally between all the Children of my late daughter Frances who may live to attain the age of twenty one years with interest in the meantime to be applied towards their maintenance and education –

I give one other of such parts unto each of my Children James – Mary – Thomas – Sarah – Charles – Charlotte – Jesse and Joseph And in case of the death of any or either of them in my liefetime leaving issue I give the share of him her or their so dying and equally between all his or her children who may live to attain the age of twenty one years with interst to be applied in the meantime towards their maintenance and education

I declare that it shall be lawful for my said Executors and Trustees to deduct and retain and each to pay to the other all such costs charges and expences as they or they or he shall sustain or be put to in the execution or defence of this my Will or the trusts thereof And that one of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the other of them or for the acts receipts neglects or defaults of the other of them And that neither of them shall be responsible for any more money than shall actually come to his hands nor for any loss which may happen by placing the said trust money or any part

therefore in any Bank or Bankers hands for safe custody or otherwise without his neglect or wilful default In Witness where I the said John Kingsley the Testator have to each sheet of this my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper set my hand this sixteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

John Kingsley

Signed published and declared by the said John Kingsley the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other attest the same as Witnesses

John Hawkins

Williams Hawkins

Thos Widdons

A Codicil to the Will of me John Kinglsey

Having by my Will given to my Son Jesse one eleventh part of the residue of my personal Estate Now I hereby revoke such bequest and in lieu thereof I direct my Executors to lay out and invest such part or so much thereof as may be necessary in the purchase of an Annuity of so much as with the Annuity to be purchased with the three hundred pounds in the manner directed by my Will shall make up a yearly income of twenty six pounds during the lives of my said son Jesse and his wife Sarah to be aid to him and to his assigns for his life and after his decease for her and her assigns for her life but so as not to give either of them a power of anticipating or of assigning or charging the payments thereafter to become due in like manner as I have directed with regard to the Annuity to be purchased with the three hundred pounds by my Will bequeathed for that purpose – I give to my Grand daughter Clarissa Thrussell Nineteen Guineas – and I give the residue unto and equally between my children

James – Mary Thomas – Sarah – Charles – Charlotte & Joseph and the children of my deceased children George William and Frances such grand children to take between them the share to which their parent would have been entitled

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this second day of December 1837

John Kingsley

Signed published and declared by the
said Testator as a Codicil to his Will
in the presence of us

John Hawkins

William Hawkins

Thos. Widdons

A Codicil to the Will of me John Kingsley

I devise my two cottages with the Gardens Orchards and appurtenances which I purchased of George Arnold Hailey in Pirton aforesaid now in the occupation of David Button and Joseph Reynolds to my Son John Kingsley and to his assigns for his life and at his decease to Peggy Kingsley his wife and to her assigns for her life And after the decease of the survivor of them I devise the same to my said Executors their heirs and assigns Upon trust to sell the same in the manner directed by my said Will with regard to my other estates

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this fifteenth day of January 1839

John Kingsley

Signed published and declared –

By the said John Kinglsey as a Codicil

To his Will in the presence of us who

In his presence attest the same

John Hawkins

James Dawson

The 20th day of May 1775

On which day personally appeared Elizabeth Kingsley of Pirton in the County of Hertford and alledged she was the widow and Relict of John Kingsley late of Pirton aforesaid in the county of Hertford and Archdeaconary of Huntingdon Yeoman deceased and that the said John Kinsley lately died intestate Wherefore the said Elizabeth Kingsley prayed that administration of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased might be committed to her the said Elizabeth Kingsley as Widow and Relict of the said deceased

The mark of Elizabeth Kingsley

Sworn before me

J P Morgan Surrogate