

The last will and testament of Edward Lacy

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The last will and testament of me, Edward Lacy, the Elder of Pirton in the County of Hertford Gentleman.

First I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah the wife of Thomas Wells one hundred pounds to be paid to her by my executor hereinafter named within six months next after my decease

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joyce Lacy two hundred pounds over and above what I am indebted to her to be paid to her by my executor hereinafter named within six months next after my decease

I give and bequeath unto my nephew Matthew Lacy of Apsley End within the Parish of Shitlington in the county of Bedford Gentleman and William Hanscombe of Pirton Farm in the Parish of Pirton aforesaid Gentleman two hundred pounds to be paid to them by my executor hereinafter named within six months next after my decease upon the several Trusts to and for the several intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned that is to say in trust that the said Matthew Lacy and William Hanscombe and the survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivor shall and do put forth the said sum of two hundred pounds at interest on such security as they shall think proper and shall and do during the life of my daughter Beatrice the wife of Edward Pillburrow pay and apply the interest and proceeds thereof to such person and persons only and to and for such uses interests and purposes only as my said daughter Beatrice alone without the order direction intermeddling or control of the said Edward Pillburrow her husband or of any other husband she shall hereinafter happen to marry by any writing or writings with or without power of Revocation to be signed by her the said Beatrice with her own proper handwriting shall from time to time direct or appoint for the private and personal use and expense of my said daughter Beatrice wherewith her said husband shall not nor my intermeddle in any wise nor have any power in any manner to incumber charge or release or otherwise dispose of the same and my Will is that in the meantime and with my said daughter Beatrice shall make such appointment as aforesaid of the said interest and proceeds of the said two hundred pounds or some part thereof the same shall be paid to her own proper hand and her receipt in writing under her hand shall from time to time nor withstanding her coverture be a sufficient discharge for such money she the said Beatrice shall receive in part or upon amount of such interest and from and immediately after the decease of my said daughter Beatrice upon further Trust that then the said Matthew Lacy and William Hanscombe their Executors and Administrators shall and do continue the same two hundred pounds at interest until the children of my said daughter Beatrice shall attain their respective ages of one and twenty years and pay and apply such interest for and towards their maintenance and education and when such children shall attain their said ages of one and twenty years then I direct and appoint the said Matthew Lacy and William Hanscombe to pay the said sum of two hundred pounds to such children of my said daughter Beatrice as shall live to attain that age equally to be divided among them share and share alike . And my will further is that in case all such children shall die in the life time of my said daughter Beatrice or before they shall attain their respective ages of one and twenty years as aforesaid then I do direct and appoint the said Matthew Lacy and William Hanscombe to pay the said principal sum of two

hundred pounds to my said daughters Sarah Wells and Joyce Lacy or to such of them as shall be then living.

And my will is that my said Trustees shall not be answerable for the acts receipts payments or defaults of the other of them but each of them for and with his own receipts and payments only and state not be answerable for the loss of any money that may happen without their wilfull neglect or default and that they shall be reimbursed out of the said Trust money. All such costs charges and expenses which they shall expend or be put into the execution of the Trust by this my Will in ????

And all the rest and residue of my goods chattels and personal Estate whatsoever after my debts legacies and funeral expenses shall be first thereout discharged and paid.

I give and bequeath unto my said daughters Sarah Wells, Joyce Lacy and Beatrice Pilburrow and to my son Edward Lacy the younger of Southill in the County of Bedford equally divided between among them share and share alike

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son, Edward Lacy sole executor of this my last will and testament and revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore

I declare this to be my last will and testament in witness thereof I the said Edward Lacy the Testator have to this my will contained in three sheets of paper set my hand to each of the said sheets and my seal to the first and last of them this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred thirty three

Edward Lacy signed sealed published and declared by the above named Edward Lacy the Testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence Robert Collison John Sheppard Purefory-Hunton

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