

Last Will & Testament of Richard Frewin Proved 1818

This is the last Will and Testament of me Richard Frewin of Reading in the County of Berks Victualler I desire to be buried in the Church Yard of the Parish of Saint Lawrence in Reading aforesaid as near as can be to my late Wife and Child there in a plain and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after named I direct all my just Debts ffuneral and Testamentary Expences to be duly paid and satisfied by my said Executors as soon as conveniently can be after my decease I give and bequeath unto my Brother William ffrewin the sum of forty Pounds Sterling I give and bequeath unto all and every the Children of my Brother Humphrey ffrewin the sum of five Pounds each I give and bequeath unto friend John Butler the Elder of the Lower Ship Reading the sum of ten Pounds I give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary ffrewin Spinster the sum of three hundred pounds Sterling to and for her own use and benefit and I also desire and direct that my said Sister Mary ffrewin shall have the choice of either of the three ffreehold Houses situate in the front of West Street in the Parish of Saint Lawrence in Reading aforesaid to reside in during the Term of her natural life without paying any Rent for the same she being at the expence of keeping the said House in good and Tenantable repair and from and after her decease I direct that the said ffreehold House to sink into and be considered as Part of my Residuary Estate I also give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary ffrewin my best patchwork Quilt made by my late Wife I give devise and bequeath unto my dear Wife Mary Brown ffrewin all those my five ffreehold Messuages or Dwelling Houses two whereof are part of my said three ffreehold Houses in the front of West Street aforesaid (the other front House being to be made choice of my said Sister Mary ffrewin to reside in during her life as aforesaid) and the other three Houses are situate behind and adjoining to the said three last mentioned Dwellinghouses To hold the same unto my said Wife Mary Brown ffrewin for and during the Term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease of her my said Sister Mary ffrewin then I direct the said ffive ffreehold Houses to be sold either by Public Sale or Private Contract and the Money arising therefrom I desire and direct may be equally divided between all and every the Child and Children my Brother William ffrewin and my Sister in Law Susan ffrewin share and share alike on their attaining their respective ages of twenty one years the Interest of their respective shares to be in the mean time applied towards their maintenance education and bringing up and I will and direct that the Yard and Appurtenances now used by the Tenants of my six Houses respectively shall at all times hereafter be continued to be used and enjoyed by the several Tenants or Occupiers thereof with free Egress and Regress thereto and therefrom in like manner as they have heretofore been accustomed to use and enjoy the same I give and bequeath unto my said dear Wife Mary Brown ffrewin all my Household Goods and ffurniture Plate Linen and China Stock in Trade and Book Debts Horses chaises and all other Effects and things in and about my Dwellinghouse Yard and Premises at the time of my decease to and for her own use and benefit absolutely I give and bequeath my Wearing Apparel of every description unto and equally between my Brother William ffrewin and my Nephews the Children of my Brothers Humphrey and William ffrewin share and share alike All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever both Real and Personal not hereinbefore given and disposed of I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Wife Mary Brown ffrewin to and for her own use and benefit absolutely and it is my Will and meaning that my said Executors or either of them their Heirs Exors or Admors shall not be liable to answer or make good loss or losses that shall or may happen to my said Trust Monies Estate and Effects or in transacting any Money Affairs or otherwise relating to or concerning this my Will unless the same shall happen by or through their or either of their wilful neglect or default nor shall either of them my said Executors be answerable or accountable for the acts deeds receipts or disbursements of the other of them but each of them shall be answerable only for his own separate acts deeds receipts and disbursements and I do hereby direct that each of them my said Executors shall and may pay and reimburse themselves and each other all reasonable and necessary costs charges and expences which they or either of them shall or may be put unto in or about the execution of this my Will And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint John Burgis or Reading aforesaid Grocer Michael Watson of the Oxford Road Reading Timber Dealer and my said Wife Mary Brown ffrewin joint

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Executors and Executrix of this my Will hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this alone to be and contain my last Will and Testament and I do give and bequeath unto each of them my said Executors John Burgis and Michael Watson the sum of five Pounds for the trouble they may have in the execution of this my Will In Witness whereof I the said Richard ffrewin the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament in three sheets of paper contained set my hand and seal this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen Richard ffrewin

(Attestation Clause)

Joseph West Oxford Road Reading Jno Hoffman Solr Reading

(Codicil reducing the Legacies dated 9 January 1818 witnessed by James Humphris Reading Jno Hoffman Atty Reading Thomas Cottrell his Clerk

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