

The Will of John BRIGHTRIDGE (c1595-1668)

The last Will and Testament of me John Brightridge of Warbleton in the County of Sussex yeoman made the thirteenth day of August in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Sixty and Eight and in the Twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our [??] Lord King Charles the Second [??] being [??] in body but of good and perfect mind and memory (prayed be God for the same) first I give to the poore of the parish of Herstmonceux fifteen shillings and to the poore of the parish of Warbleton five shillings to be distributed to them within one month next after my decease Item I give to my daughter Susan Wilmsherst the wife of Stephen Wilmsherst of Warbleton the sume of forty pounds of lawfull money of England to bee paid unto her within three months next after my decease Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Johnson the wife of Thomas Johnson the summe of five and twenty pounds of lawful money of England to bee paid to her within three months next after my decease Item I give to my daughter Joane Classen ten shillings and to my daughter Mary Baldy tenn shillings Item I comit unto my sonne in law George Baker one debt of twenty pounds which hee owed mee upon Bond or Bill And also one other debt of six pounds which hee also owed mee upon Bond or Bill Item I give to my daughter Anne the wife of the said George Baker the sume of fifteen pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within three months next after my decease Item I give to my daughter Hester Brightridge the sume of [??] pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid unto her within four months next after my decease Item I give all my linnen equally to be divided between my sonne Johne Brightridge and my daughters Item I give to my said sonne John Brightridge my silver howle and to my daughter Hester Brightridge one gold ring Item I give all my household stuffe unto my said sonne John and all my daughters equally to be divided between them my feather bedd only excepted which I give to my sonne John Item I give to my cosen Richard Brightridge the summe of three pounds and all my woollen apparrell Item I give to Elizabeth Brightridge his sister the sume of four pounds Item I make my said sonne John Brightridge executor of this my last will and testament renouncing all former wills by mee made requiring him hereby to pay all my debts and legacies and faithfully to perform this my last will to whome I give all the rest of my personall estate whatsoever unbequeathed and I [??] my brother William Hollick and my sonne in law Stephen Wilmsherst to be the overseers of this my last will requiring them to assist my said executor in the [??] thereof to whom I give tenn shillings a piece over and above their charges and expenses laid out therein In witness whereof I the said John Brightridge have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare further above written John Brightridge Read published sealed and [??] to bee the last will of the said John Brightridge in the presence of Henry ?aby ~ Thomas fray his marke

This to be added to my last will that my will and mind is that if my sonne in lawe George Baker shall refuse to seale and [??] as his [??] and deed unto my executor one [??] [??] of all [??] promises and engagements whatsoever then the legacie of

fifteen pounds hereby given unto my daughter Anne wife of the said George shall not be paid nor the said debts and twenty pounds and six pounds shall not be committed Also I give to my daughter Joane wife of Nicholas Classen the [] of a [] which I had from Mr Barton called Little (?heroin?) also foram during all the terme of yeares therein yet to [] John Brightridge

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