

Isaac Lowdell

This is the last will and testament of me Isaac Lowdell now of Baldwyn Hill in the parish of Lingfield in the County of Surry Surgeon but late of Brighthelmstone in the County of Sussex I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal estates and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature and quality soever and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to my dear nephew George Lowdell Surgeon of Brighton and his wife Jessamine Lowdell to hold to them their heirs executors administrators and assignees absolutely and for ever according to the nature and quality of such estates respectively and I make my said nephew and his wife Jessamine my sole Executor and Executrix of this my Will.

In the Goods of Isaac Lowdell deceased
18th march 1831

Appeared Personally George Lowdell of Brighthelmstone in the County of Sussex Surgeon Charles Lawrence of Pinner in the County of Middlesex Gentleman and William Benson of St. John Street Clerkenwell in the same County Charcoal Dealer and jointly and severally made oath as follows and first the said George Lowdell for himself made oath that Isaac Lowdell late of Baldwyn Hill in the parish of Lingfield in the County of Surry Surgeon died on or about the eighteenth day of February last past a bachelor without a parent leaving surviving him this appears George Lowdell and Joseph Lowdell Stephen Lowdell and Mary Ann Lowdell spinster his lawful nephews and niece the only persons who would have been entitled in distribution to his personal estate and effects in case he had died intestate and that the said deceased at the time of his death was entitled to personal estate and effects amounting to value in between ten and eleven thousand pounds and he further made oath that the day after the death of the said deceased this appearer found deposited and locked up in a drawer in a Bureau in the deceased's house at Baldwyns Hill aforesaid with his ready money the paper writing hereunto annexed being the last Will and Testament of the said deceased and which is in the deceased own handwriting the same beginning thus: "This is the last Will and Testament of me Isaac Lowdell now of Baldwyn Hill in the parish of Lingfield in the County of Surrey Surgeon" and ending thus "and I make my said nephew and his wife Jessamine my sole Executor and Executrix of this my Will" and having the words "Surgeon of Brighton" strike through with a pen in the tenth line from the top thereof and being without date or subscription and he further made oath that the said Jessamine Lowdell the wife of this appearer was from her infancy brought up and educated by the said deceased and treated and considered by him as his adopted Daughter and he at all times entertained the greatest affection and regard for her that the marriage of the appearer with the said Jessamine Lowdell took place with the priority and entire approbation of the said deceased who at the marriage gave her away and he frequently afterwards intended and declared that the appearer and his said wife should inherit his

property at his decease that he the said appearer is unable to set forth particularly the time when the said will was written by the said deceased within the last four years and previous to the month of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight by reason that on or about the ninth day of the said month of June the appearer being at the deceased's house at Baldwyn Hill aforesaid when the said deceased intimated to him that he had settled his affairs and made his will and gave him to understand that he had made his will in his the appearers favour and he further said that about four years ago he the appearer first went to reside at Brighthelmstone and where he has ever since resided and that the words struck through with a pen in the tenth line of the said Will as aforesaid evidently has reference to the appearer's residence at that place and he further made oath that he hath made a careful and diligent search and enquiry to ascertain if the deceased made any other than the aforesaid Will as Testamentary disposition of his property but that he hath not discovered any and he verily believes that the said Will is the only testamentary disposition left by the said deceased and that he at all times meant and intended the same to operate and in take effect as his last Will and Testament and that the said Will is now in all respects in the same plight and condition as when found by him this Appearer as aforesaid and he lastly made oath that the said deceased was at all times before and down to the time of the death of perfect sound mind memory and understanding and fully capable of making his last Will and Testament and of doing any other serious or rational act of that nature requiring thought judgement and reflection and the said Charles Laurence and William Benson for themselves made oath that they know and were well acquainted with the said Isaac Lowdell deceased for a considerable time before and to the time of his death and that during such acquaintances with him have frequently seen him write and are thereby become well acquainted with his manner and character of handwriting and having the words "Surgeon of Bright" therein struck through with a pen as aforesaid they say they verily and in their conscience believe the whole body series and contents of the said Will and the said words so struck through to be of the proper handwriting of the said Isaac Lowdell deceased and the said William Benson for himself further saith that for many years before and to the time of the deceased's death he was in the constant habit of transacting business with him and that in the communications he had with him he had the *///* to understand his nephew George Lowdell would succeed him in business in case of his death § George Lowdell § Charles Laurence § William Benson § same day the said George Lowdell Charles Lawrence and William Benson were duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me J Haggard */// /// /// Wills /// ///*

Proved at Lewes 18th July 1831 before the worshipful John Laggard Doctor of Law and Surrogate by the oath of George Lowdell the nephew and of the executors to whom administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer power *///* of making the life grant to Jessamine Lowdell wife of the said George Lowdell the other executor for whom she shall apply for the same. Joseph Lowdell Stephen Lowdell and Mary Ann Lowdell spinster the nephews and

niece and with the said George Lowdell the only next of kin and the only persons who would have been entitled in distribution to the personal estate and effects of the said deceased had he died intestate having first consented as by acts of Court appears.

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