

Charles Cowley 1879

On the sixteenth day of April 1880 the Will of Charles Cowley late of the Wick Farm Hove in the County of Sussex Farmer deceased who died on the twenty eighth day of January 1880 at the Wick Farm aforesaid was proved in Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in the District Registry attached to the Probate division thereof at Lewes by the Oaths of Charles Cowley of Bear Farm Preston in the said County Farmer the Son of the said Deceased Henry Cowley of Black Rock Farm Rottingdean in the said County Dairyman the Nephew of the said Deceased and Christopher Wren of Brighton in the said County Estate Agent the Executors named (in the said Will) they having been first sworn duly to administer

Personal Estate under £8,000 including Leaseholds

This is the Last Will and Testament of me Charles Cowley of the Wick Farm Hove in the County of Sussex Farmer I appoint my Son Charles Cowley of Bear Farm Preston in the said County Farmer Henry Cowley of Black Rock Farm Rottingdean in the said County Dairyman and Christopher Wren of Brighton in the said County Estate Agent Executors and Trustees thereof And I request the said Henry Cowley and Christopher Wren to accept a legacy of Twenty five pounds apiece as an acknowledgement for the trouble which they will have in the execution thereof And I declare that the said Christopher Wren shall notwithstanding his acceptance of the office of Trustee and Executor be entitled to make the same charges and to receive the same pecuniary remuneration for all business done by him and all time and trouble given or bestowed by him in or about the execution of the trusts of this my Will as if he were employed by the Trustees and executors not being himself a Trustee and Executor I bequeath to my wife Kezia Cowley such of my furniture and household effects as belonged to her previously to our marriage And if any question should arise as to such furniture the same shall be settled by my Executors whose decision shall be final And I bequeath to my said Wife the use and enjoyment during her life of all my silver plate furniture and household effects (except as aforesaid) And after her decease I bequeath all my said silver plate furniture and household effects except as aforesaid unto my daughters Betsy Cobb and Louisa Souch and my two Granddaughters Kate Maddams and Miriam Cowley the daughters of my late son Jesse Cowley the said Betsy Cobb and Louisa Souch each taking one third part and the said Kate Maddams and Miriam Cowley taking the remaining one third equally between them And I declare that the division of such last mentioned Silver plate furniture and household effects shall be made by and at the discretion of my Executors I bequeath to my daughter in law Ann Street Twenty pounds to my daughter in law Rhoda Uwins Seventy five pounds and to my daughter in law Kezia Uwins Twenty pounds I bequeath all my Estate and interest in the several farms now in my occupation and respectively known as Bear Farm Roedale Farm and Harrington Farm together with all my horses sheep live and dead stock and crops of every description thereon save and except my Steam threshing Machine and appurtenances if the same shall be on either of my said farms at the time of my decease And also all monies owing to me except such as are secured by way of Mortgage unto my said Son Charles Cowley subject nevertheless to the payment of all my debts except any debt which may be due from me to my Bankers but including a debt of Four hundred pounds with interest thereon due from me to James Packham and a debt of one thousand pounds with interest thereon due from me to the said Christopher Wren and of my funeral and testamentary expenses I bequeath to my said Wife an annuity of Fifty pounds for her life to be payable half yearly without deductions and the first payment to be made at the end of six calendar months computed from my decease and a proportionate part to be paid to the day of her death I bequeath all the estate and interest which at the time of my decease I shall have on the Wick Farm which I now occupy Together with the live and dead stock then being thereon to the said Charles Cowley Henry Cowley and Christopher Wren who are hereinafter referred to as my Trustees Upon trust to carry on my farming business thereon and for that purpose to continue tenants thereof and to sue and employ such part of my personal estate as shall be then used or employed therein and for such period as my Trustees shall think it desirable to do so And subject thereto to sell the same and after payment of all expenses attending such management and conversion respectively to pay out of the clear proceeds arising from such carrying on of the said business and from such sale respectively to each of my said two children Betsy Cobb and Louisa Souch and annuity of One hundred and four pounds during their respective lives by quarterly

payments of Twenty six pounds each and to each of my said Grandchildren Kate Cowley and Miriam Cowley an annuity of Fifty two pounds during their respective lives by quarterly payments of Thirteen pounds each clear of all deductions the first of such payments respectively to be made at the end of three calendar months from my decease And subject also at their absolute discretion to the payment to each of my said Granddaughters of a legacy of Fifty Pounds to be paid to them respectively if an in such manner and at such times as my said Executors shall think fit I devise my Messuage and premises situate at Ditchling Hill now in the occupation of the said Betsy Cobb with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Betsy Cobb so long as she shall occupy the same as her usual residence and keep the same in good and sufficient repair and insured against fire in the names of and in some office to be approved of by my Trustees for the time being in the full value thereof And I devise my Messuage and premises Number 25 George Street Gardens in Brighton aforesaid now in the occupation of the said Louisa Souch with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Louisa Souch so long as she shall occupy the same as her usual residence and keep the same repaired and insured as hereinbefore directed with regard to my Messuage and premises situate at Ditchling Hill And subject as aforesaid I devise all my real Estate and bequeath all the residue of my personal Estate to my Trustees upon trust to sell and convert the same into money and to pay the proceeds arising from such sale or conversion after deducting all expences attending the same and any monies which may be due to my Bankers at the time of my decease unto and equally between such of my Grandchildren except the children of my said son Charles Cowley as shall be then living who being a male or Males shall attain the age of twenty one years or being a female or females shall attain that age or be married to take if more than one as tenants in common in a course of distribution according to the stocks and not to the number of individuals I declare that all legacies whether specific or pecuniary herein contained and which shall be receivable by or payable to married women shall be delivered and paid respectively into their respective own hands or to such person or persons as they respectively shall be writing under their respective hands direct but not by way of anticipation to be enjoyed by them respectively as an inalienable personal provision free whensoever they shall respectively be covert from the control and engagements of their respective husbands and for which their respective receipts shall alone be sufficient discharges to my Trustees And I declare that my Trustees and Executors if they shall so think fit may pay any portion of the several legacies hereinbefore given to the several legatees thereof immediately after my decease I authorize my Trustees to apply the interest of each Minors expectant or presumptive or vested portion in the maintenance and education of such Child And I also authorize my Trustees if they shall think fit to apply not more than one half of any minors expectant or presumptive or vested portion towards such Minors advancement in life or otherwise for his or her benefit I devise all Real estates which at the time of my decease shall be vested in me upon trust or by way of mortgage unto my Trustees subject to the trusts and equities affecting the same Estate respectively In witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper set my hand the fourteenth day of October One thousand eight hundred and seventy nine **Charles Cowley** Signed and Declared by the said Charles Cowley the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were together present at such signing and who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses Algernon Gower Wren 2 Duke Street Brighton Alfred James Hutson 4 Duke Street Brighton

Proved at Lewes the 16th day of April 1880 by the Oaths of Charles Cowley the Son Henry Cowley the Nephew and Christopher Wren the Executors to whom administration was granted

The Testator Charles Cowley was late of the Wick Farm Hove in the County of Sussex Farmer and died on the twenty eighth day of January 1880 at the Wick Farm aforesaid

Under £8,000.

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