

Samuel William Cardinal Wade, will – 1847/48

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel William Cardinal Wade of Wivenhoe in the County of Essex, Mariner being sick and weak of body but sound mind memory and understanding and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executrix and Executor herein after named.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, that is to say

First, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my dearly beloved wife all my Household furniture Linnen China and plate

Also I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid dearly beloved wife all my part of that fishing smack known and called by the name of the Prosperous together with my part of all the sails and all other things whatsoever thereunto belonging

And also I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid dearly beloved wife all the rest, residue and Remainder of Estate both personal and real whatsoever and wheresoever and of what kind or nature soever the same may be.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my aforesaid deadly beloved wife Executrix and Samuel Catt of Wivenhoe aforesaid Blacksmith Executor of this my last will and testament

And I do hereby disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former testaments, Wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise beforenamed, willed, and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other, to be my last will and testament.

Signed: Samuel William Cardinal Wade, 04 Oct 1847.

Witnesses: Thomas J Howard, William Jolliff, Edmund Catt

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