

Joseph Sorrell, will – 03 May 1792

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Sorrel of Weeks in the County of Essex, Higler, being (tho weak of Body) of perfect mind and memory do constitute ordain and appoint this to be my last Will and testament, hereby revoking & disannulling all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, do constitute this as my last Will and Testament; And as to my Worldly Estate I dispose of in manner and form as follows (First I will that all just debts and funeral expences be first discharg'd, by Executors herein after named, and my Body to be decently inter'd according to their discretion)

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Dorcas Sorrell if she should survive me for so long time only as She continues Widow, a bed & other sufficient furniture for one Room and likewise the living rent free in the Bric't end of that my Copyhold Cottage hereafter Will'd to my Son Nathl. Sorrel, & likewise the sum of six shillings a month & to be paid her monthly (from the day of my decease, for so long time as she live & continue a Widow) by my son Joseph Sorrel out of the effects hereafter Will'd to him.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph Sorrel & his Heirs forever never to sell the same, all that my Copy-hold Messuage or Tenement which I built with yards stable & all other appurtenance whatever thereto belonging and holden of the Manor of Park Hall, situate lying and being in Weeks aforesaid and on the righthand side of the road leading from Weeks Cross to Colchester & on a Green call'd Goose Green, I likewise give unto my son Joseph Sorrell all my Book Debts that shall be owen to me at the hour of my Decease and all other Effects whatever (except what is herein otherways disposed of) be the same real or Personal He paying his step Mother according to this my Will, and all other Legacies by him required to be paid, and likewise to provide for & maintain all my Legitimate Children I leave under the age of fourteen years until they arrive at the age of fourteen years & not longer.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son John Sorrel the sum of twelve Pounds, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years to be paid him by my son Joseph Sorrell out of the effects bequeath'd to him, but if the said John Sorrel should happen to die before he is twenty one years of age, then this said sum of twelve pounds I give to my two daughters Margaret and Susan Sorrel, share and share alike, within one year after the said John Sorrels Decease, to be paid them.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Son Nathaniel Sorrell that house I purchas'd of William Carrington known by no certain name, but is holden of the Manor of Park Hall, being on Goose green in Weeks aforesaid to hold to him & his Heirs for ever, he paying his half Brother Robert Sorrel as hereafter requested, my said Son Nathaniel Sorrel is to have the yard & corts & all other appurtenances thereto belonging, at the Hour of my Decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert Sorrell the sum of ten Pounds to be paid him when he is twenty years of age out the premises will'd to my Son Nathl. Sorrel if the said Robert shall so long live, if not the said ten pounds is the property of my son Nathaniel Sorrell.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son William Sorrell, when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, that pightle or piece of land, containing one acre more or less, which I purchas'd of John Elmer, lying & being in Great Oakley in the County of Essex & holden of the manor of Skeig Hall in Oakley aforesaid to hold to him & his Heirs for ever, he paying his half sisters Margaret Sorrell &

Susan Sorrel five Pounds each, within one year after my Decease to be paid them, but if the said William Sorrell should die before he arrive at the age of twenty one years, then for the said land to be sold for the most money that can be gotten for the same, and after deducting all reasonable charges attending the selling of the same, the money so arising from the sale thereof to be immediately equally parted share & share alike between my two Daughters Margaret & Susan Sorrel, And further my Will and desire is that if either of these my Daughters die before any of the aforesaid Legacies are paid to them, then for the Survivor to have her Sisters Part of all and every of the aforesaid Legacies to them bequeath'd.

I do constitute and appoint My two Sons Joseph Sorrel and Nathaniel Sorrell to be the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all former Wills by me heretofore made do declare this to be my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this third day of May & in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety two.

[Joseph makes his mark]

Witnesses: Joseph Harris, Isaac Haward, Mary Wright.

The Testator died at Wicks the 29th of May 1792.

The will was proved 02 July 1792.

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