

Will of Ralph Bull of Wix, farmer 1778/9

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ralph Bull of Wix in the County of Essex Farmer being of Sound Mind and understanding (Praised be God for the same) made in manner following (that is to say)

First I Give and Bequeath unto my Natural Daughter Mary Bull Cutter whom I do hereby own to have Begotten on the Body of Mary Cutter my Housekeeper The sum of Twenty shillings a month to be paid her my said Daughter Mary Bull Cutter Monthly and every Month for and during her Natural Life by my son Ralph Bull his Executors Administrators or Assigns.

I Give and Bequeath unto Mary Cutter my Housekeeper Mother of the said Mary Bull Cutter the sum of £100 lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid her the said Mary Cutter by my Executor hereafter Named out of my Effects within Six Months after my Decease.

And after all my Just Debts Funeral Charges and probate of this my Last Will and Testament are all paid Then all the rest residue and Remainder of my Estates and Effects both Real and personal that I shall Die possessed of I Give and Bequeath and Devise unto my Son Ralph Bull from and Immediately after my Decease.

And lastly I do Nominate Constitute and appoint my said son Ralph Bull my son Executor to this my Last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me at any Time heretofore made I do Declare this my Last.

In Witness whereof I the said Ralph Bull have to this my Last Will and Testament Set my Hand and Seal this 27th March 1778.

Ralph Bull x

Witnesses: William Spencer, Edward Harwood, Edwd. Keeble

The within mentioned Ralph Bull died in the parish of Weeks in on the 18th Febry last.

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