

## Will of Joseph Allston of West Bergholt, wheelwright, 1839

- To Thomas Hayward, my son-in-law: all my messuage cottage with the yard in West Bergholt, which has for sometime been in his occupation
- To my daughter Mary Johnson, widow: all my messuage or tenement in West Bergholt, a few years since built with a yard, late in the occupation of my son-in-law Thomas Johnson, deceased, and now in the occupation of Isaac Drane, for her natural life. After her death, to Mary's three children:
  - Sarah Lilley (late Johnson)
  - Thomas Johnson
  - Henry Johnson
- To my said three grandchildren: my two cottages (formerly a workshop) in occupations of Ann Sheldrick, widow and John Lilley, and all my other real estate not otherwise disposed of.
- All household goods and furniture to my daughter Mary Johnson.
- My executors to convert all my other personal estate into money and to be divided as follows:
  - One fourth to my daughter Mary Johnson
  - Three fourths to be divided between my said three grandchildren, to be paid to them when they reach 21. It might be necessary that, before they reach 21, part of their money be paid to them (eg. For apprenticeship).
- Executors: my nephew Richard Allston of West Bergholt, brickmaker and my friend James Dennis of Colchester, shopkeeper

He signs "Alston", but his surname is spelt throughout as "Allston"

Written: 21<sup>st</sup> April 1831

Witnesses: Peter Ingram, Sarah Dennis x, Daniel Stock

He died in West Bergholt on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1839

Proved: 8<sup>th</sup> May 1839

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