

Will of John Filbee 1789, died 1794.

In the name of God Amen. I John Filbee of West Dereham in the county of Norfolk, farmer, revoking all Wills by me at any time heretofore made, do make, publish, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say). First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator, hoping through the merits and intercession of my beloved lord and saviour Jesus Christ, to obtain full and free pardon of my sins, and as to such temporal estate, as it have pleased God to bestow me with in this life, I give and bequeath the same as follows (that is to say). I give and bequeath all and singular my goods, cattle, chattels, personal estate, and effects, of all kind whatsoever and wheresoever (for I have no real estate) unto my dear wife Martha Filbee and my daughter and sons; Elizubeth Filbee of the age of eight years, John Filbee of the age of four years, and Robert Filbee of the age of three years or thereabouts, for the support and maintenance of my said loving wife, and my said three children, until my said daughter and two sons shall respectively attain their several ages of twenty four years; and it is my mind and Will, and I do hereby declare, that my said personal estate; with the addition and increase they and every of them shall have then made, from the produce of every species and kind thereof, I do hereby direct and desire, shall be sold, either by private sale or public auction, for the best price or prices can be got for the same. And the moneys arising from the sale or sales thereof, (after deducting the inst debts I shall owe at the time of my decease, and other necessary charges and expenses which shall have been paid by my Executors hereafter named), I do, by this my last Will, give and bequeath, order and direct, the same shall be equally divided between the said Martha my loving wife and the said Elizabeth, John, and Robert, my said daughter and sons, share and share alike, and if any or either of them,

my said wife, daughter, and sons, shall depart this life before they, any, or either of them, my said daughter and sons, shall attain their respective ages of twenty four years as aforesaid, that then and in such case, I do hereby desire the survivors or survivor shall have the part or parts of her or him so dying, and if but one of them shall survivor and be living at that time, I do hereby give the whole to such survivor. Also I do constitute and appoint my dear wife Martha Filbee Executrix of this my said Will. And also I do constitute and appoint William Filbee of Bridgham in the said county, farmer, my brother, and Thomas Tingey of Werekham Tenn house in the said county, farmer, guardians of my said three children until they shall attain their respective ages of twenty four years, also Executors with my said wife if they or either of them shall chose to act. And I desire they will superintend the proper business relative to the due execution of this my Will, in conjunction with my said wife, for the benefit of my said wife and children. And for their trouble therein I give and bequeath to the said William Filbee and Thomas Tingey the respective sums of five pounds apiece, to be paid out of my personal estate when the same shall be sold as aforesaid.

In witness whereof I, the said John Filbee, have hereunto set and put my hand and seal, the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

John Fenn.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said John Filbee the testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who, in his presence and at his request, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. In the presence of each other.

John Gilbert.

Thomas Ellener, his

mark.

George Hattengrey.

Proved by the Executors 24th Nov 1794.