

Will of Abraham Bullock 1847

This is the Last Will and Testament of me **Abraham Bullock** of Stafford in the County of Stafford Basket Maker. First I direct that all my first debts funeral and Testamentary Expences and the Costs and charges of proving and executing this my will be first paid and satisfied and I subject and charge all my Estate and Effects with and to the payment of the same accordingly. I give and bequeath to my dear wife **Elizabeth** all my household goods and furniture and book debts for her own use benefit and disposal. I give and devise to my Trustee hereinafter named and to his heirs executors and administrators All that my house and Premises in which I now dwell situate in the Back Walls in Stafford aforesaid. And also all that Ozier bed piece or parcel of land called or known by the name of the Withies situate and being by the river side in the Parish of Saint Mary in Stafford aforesaid in the County of Stafford and now in my own occupation with the rights easements and appurtenances belonging to the same respectively Upon the trusts and for the purposes following that is to say To permit and suffer my said dear wife to occupy and enjoy or to let the said housed premises in which I now dwell for and during the term of her natural life. And after her decease to permit and suffer my two brothers and the survivor of them to have and enjoy the same for their and each of their natural lives and from and after their decease I direct the same to be sold and the produce and proceeds of such sale to fall into and become part of the residue of my Estate and Effects. And I also give to my said two brothers **Richard Bullock** and **James Bullock** and their assigns for and during the term of their and each of their natural lives all that Ozier bed piece or parcel of land aforesaid commonly called or known by the name of the Withies for their and each of their use and benefit and from and after their decease I direct the same to be sold either by Public Auction or Private Contract as to my said trustee shall seem most advisable and the produce and proceeds of such sale to fall into and become part of the residue of my Estate and Effects. And I subject the said Ozier bed piece or parcel of land called or known by the name of the Withies with and to the payment of twenty pounds to my dear wife for the first year after my decease and with and to the payment of ten pounds per year for the second and third years after my decease. I give and bequeath the stock in trade equally between my said two brothers **Richard Bullock** and **James Bullock**. And the receipt and receipts of my said wife and of the trustee hereinafter appointed his heirs executors and administrators shall be good and sufficient discharge and discharges in the law for any debt due to me at my decease or for the purchase money of all or any part of my real Estate hereby devised to any purchaser or purchasers thereof. And I direct whatever expence or cost my trustee may be put to or sustain in the execution of the trusts hereby in him exposed shall be paid and payable out of my Estate that I may be possessed of or entitled unto at the time of my decease. And I give and bequeath the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects to my trustee hereinafter named and to his heirs executors and administrators in trust to divide the same equally between my three sisters namely Helen Bott, Susannah Betteley and Elizabeth Bullock Spinster or such of them as shall be living at my decease and their receipt

and receipts respectively shall be good and sufficient discharges to my trustee for their respective shares and in the event all my said sisters dying in my lifetime I then give and bequeath their share and shares respectively to the child or children of such of them respectively to be equally and rateably divided as shall be living at my decease. And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint Mr John Keen of Hammerhouse Farmer Trustee and my dear wife **Elizabeth Bullock** sole Executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other will and wills codicil and codicils by me at any time heretofore made and do publish and declare this and this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed published and declared by
the above named Testator
Abraham Bullock as and for his
last Will and Testament who in his
presence at his request and in the
presence of each other being
present at the same time have
hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses thereof.

Abraham Bullock

R Whorley - clerk to C B Passman

C B Passman

... Stafford

WILL

In the Bishops Court of Lichfield

In the Goods of **Abraham Bullock**, deceased

Appeared personally **Elizabeth Bullock** of the Borough of Stafford Widow the sole Executrix named in the last Will and Testament of the said **Abraham Bullock** late of Stafford in the County of Stafford Basket Maker Deceased; who died on or about the twenty eighth day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty eight and made Oath, that the Estate and Effects of the said Deceased, for, or in respect of which, a Probate of the said Will is to be granted, exclusive of what the said Deceased may have been possessed of, or entitled to, as a Trustee for any other person or persons, and not beneficially but including the Leasehold Estate or Estates for Years of the Deceased if any, whether absolute or determinable on Lives, and without deducting anything on account of the Debts, due and owing from the said Deceased, are under the value of Four hundred and fifty Pounds, to the best of this Deponent's knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn on the 17th day of April
1848 before me

Elizabeth Bullock

Joseph Taylor

Surrogate

At Lichfield 17 April 1848

Let a probate of this Will be made to **Elizabeth Bullock** Widow the sole Executrix named therein.

Testator died 28th February 1848

She being first duly sworn and also that the personal Estate will not amount to the sum of 450£.

Before me

Joseph Taylor

Surrogate

Notes:

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Expence(s) - for expense(s) - as written

Ozier - for osier - as written

... - indecipherable