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This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the thirty first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven before the Reverend William Balthus Doctor of Laws Barrister of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert also Doctor of Laws Master of Requests or Commissioner of the prerogative Court of Chancery lawfully constituted by the Oath of William Rufus Esquire the son of the deceased and one of the surviving Executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased leaving the first sume duly to Administration <sup>power reserved of making the bequest to Daniel Russell Esquire</sup> the other of the Executors named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same. / s/

In the Name of God Amen David Simpson

This is the last will and Testament of me David Simpson of Brook Street in the Parish of Saint Andrew Holborn in the County of Middlesex Gentleman Whereas I am seized in fee Simple of certain well certified unto a fourth part or share of Divers Messuages Lands Tenements houses and Hereditaments in the several parishes of Graybrook and Fittardre or elsewhere in the County of Kent together with a fourth part of the manor or reputed manor of Bradridge in the said County which I hold as tenant in Common with Jane Weston George Weston and William Weston against whom I did in Easter term last past file a Bill in Equity for a partition of the said Estates and manor the whole into four equal parts to be divided and also for an account the same against them their heirs and profits thereof received by them or one of them and also for an account of Timber Cut and sold from the said Estates by them or one of them and which said cause is yet depending now my will is and I give devise and bequeath all that my aforesaid Messuages Lands Tenements houses Hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances thereto respectively belonging situate in the said County of Kent unto my Dear wife Margaret Simpson Richard Franklin of Walling Street in the City of London Gentleman and John Bolton of Shotmehr Row Blackfriars in the City of London Taylor and to their heirs and assigns to hold to the said Margaret Simpson, Richard Franklin and John Bolton and to the survivors and survivor of them and their heirs and assigns forever notwithstanding upon the trusts hereinafter mentioned and demands of and concerning the same and to for and upon no other use trust intent or purpose whatsoever that is to say) In trust in the first place to hold the same to them and the survivor or survivors of them until a partition of the said Estates be made and the account taken respecting the same in the Court of Chancery unless they shall dispose thereof to advantage paying the said suit and as soon as such suit is at an end and partition



made as aforesaid except as before directed then upon trust  
to sell and dispose of my said Estate by public auction  
or otherwise for the most money that can be procured for the  
same and the proceeds thereof after deducting all expenses  
I direct my said trusts and the Survivors or Survivor of  
them to place in the public funds or on some other  
good security for the benefit of my wife Margaret  
Simpsou and my five Infant Children namely my  
Daughter Margaret Jane Simpsou and my four Sons David,  
William, James and Thomas subject to their respective  
bequests therein as hereinafter is mentioned, but in first  
place subject to my Debts legacies and all testamentary  
expenses I do hereby declare my will is and I hereby order and  
direct that all my just Debts funeral expenses the expense  
of proving this my will and any reasonable sum my  
Executors may think proper to lay out for my wife and  
Children in Mourning or otherwise and also any expense that  
they or either of them may be put unto travelling or returning  
the trusts in them reposed shall be paid and satisfied I do  
give to my said Dear wife the sum of one hundred  
pounds Sterling for her sole and separate use to be paid her  
within three months next after my Death and also all my  
Goods Linnens China Plate and all other my Household  
Effects in my House in Brook Street Stoolborn I give to her  
for and during the term of her natural life of which I  
desire my Executors may have an inventory to be taken  
with all due conveniences after my Death to the end that my  
said effects may be equally distributed to and amongst my  
Dear Children by the Survivor of them at my said wife's  
Death or sold for their benefit I also give to my said wife  
the sum of forty five pounds a year for and during the  
term of her natural life to be paid her in equal half-  
yearly proportions out of my General Assets that is to say  
on the fifteenth day of January and fifteenth day of July in  
every year the first payment whereof is to begin and be  
made on the fifteenth day of either of the said months  
which shall first happen next after my Death I do give  
and bequeath to my Executors the sum of sixty pounds to be  
retained by them out of my General Assets for the purpose of  
paying out my two youngest Children James and Thomas  
Apprentices where they shall arrive at their proper  
ages to be placed out respectively and in case either of them  
die before he shall be placed out this bequest as to sixty  
pounds part thereof shall be void and in case of the  
Death of both before such event happens then the whole  
to be void and the sixty pounds be considered as part of  
my residuary Estate and as to all the rest residue and  
remainder of my said Estate and effects moveable Debts  
Goods Chattels or Securities whatsoever or whatsoever situate  
and not hereinbefore disposed of my will is and I give  
devise and bequeath the same unto my said wife, the said  
Richard Franklin and John Stoborn and to the Survivor and



Survivor of them In trust that they or the survivor of them  
do and shall in the first place with all convenient speed after  
my Death convert the whole thereof into money and thereout  
pay and discharge all my Debts Legacies and other the matters  
herein before directed. Secondly upon trust to lay out the residue  
thereof together with the Monies to be received by sale of my  
said freehold Estates in their joint names in the public funds  
or other good security subject to the payment to my said wife in  
the first place of her annuity of forty five pounds a year for  
her natural life in manner here directed and during the  
minority of all my said Children to permit and suffer my said  
wife to receive and take all the Interest and Dividends to  
arise from the sum or sums so to be laid out as aforesaid for  
the purpose of maintaining Educating and Educating all my  
Children as she best approves of and when my Daughter  
Margaret Jane shall have attained her age of twenty one  
years to pay to her a fifth part of the principal money so  
invested (first deducting and leaving a sufficient sum to cover my  
said wife's annuity of forty five pounds a year) and to pay to each  
of my said Children an equal fifth part as they respectively  
attain their ages of twenty one years nevertheless my will is  
that my said wife in the mean time be permitted to receive  
the Dividends or Interests as they become due for the purposes  
aforesaid and in case any or either of my said Children should  
die under twenty one years of age the share or shares of  
his or her sum or sums so dying shall go and belong to the survivor  
or survivors and my will further is that the sum set apart for  
the purpose of paying my said wife's annuity for and during  
the term of her natural life and also all my Goods  
Furniture China Plate Jewels and Effects which I have  
given to her for the term aforesaid shall immediately on the  
Death of my said wife become the property of and I hereby  
give and bequeath the same to each of my said Children  
that shall then be living to be divided between them in equal  
proportions and my will further is that neither of my  
Executors or Trustees shall be answerable but only for his or  
her own act or acts default or Defaults and not for the acts  
or Defaults of the other of them and I hereby appoint  
my said wife Margaret Simpson the said Richard Franklin  
and John Bolton and the survivors and survivor of them  
Guardians to all my said Children, and do also by these  
presents nominate and appoint them Executors of this my will  
I hereby revoking annulling and making void all and every  
will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do  
publish and declare this to be my only last will and  
testament which is written on two sheets of paper the first  
whereof I the said Testator David Simpson have to the first  
sheet set my name only and to the last sheet thereof I  
have set my name and put my seal the eighth day  
of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and eighty seven D. Simpson



Declared by the said Testator David Simpson as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses unto the alteration being first made as to Mr. Frauphills addition W. Browne 32 Airby Street Tho. Swain, J. Eleno Elk to Mr. Browne.

**This Will** was proved at London the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven before the worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Justice Doctor of Laws Master Justice or a Justice of the Court of Exchequer and the Right Worshipful Commissioners of the Exchequer Court of Exchequer lawfully authorized by the Oath of Margaret Simpson widow the Relict of the deceased Richard Frauphill and John Bolton the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.

Mary Showing

## In the Name of God Amen

I Mary Showing late of Wandsworth but now of Brunswick Court near Saint John's Church in the Parish of Saint Mary Magdalen Bermondsey Southwark in the County of Surrey do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I order and direct that all my just debts if any funeral Charges and the Expence of proving this my Will be in the first place paid and discharged and as for and concerning all my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever while I may die possessed of whether in or out of the Kingdom and I do hereby nominate and appoint unto my loving Sister in Law Elizabeth Lathow to and for her own proper use and benefit but in case the said Elizabeth Lathow shall happen to die in my life time then and in that case I give and bequeath the said and every part thereof to my Daughter Sarah Lathow the Daughter of my said Sister Elizabeth Lathow for her own use and benefit and I do hereby nominate and appoint my said Sister in Law Elizabeth Lathow and my said Daughter Sarah Lathow Executors of this my Will and Testament in witness whereof I have to this my Will contained in one Sheet of Paper set my mark and Seal this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six the mark of Mary Showing signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Showing as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence