
Will of Samuel Hearfield 1779 (Borthwick Institute)

Summary

Testator: Samuel Hearfield, Braham, Yorkshire, Farmer
Executrix: sons Samuel and Thomas Hearfield
Date: 14 March 1779, 24 May 1779
Witnesses: Henry Dickinson, Wm Metcalfe
Will: - £34 and silver pint to son Samuel of Braham
- 1s to son James
- £34 and bed to son Thomas of Braham, he to pay £1 to Mary daughter of son James
- interest on £34 yearly to daughter Ann wife of Thomas Dobson
- £34 to daughter Mary wife of John Greaves of Spofforth
- £34 to daughter Edith wife of David Bedford of Ribston
- rest to sons Samuel and Thomas

Text

In the name of God Amen

1. This 14th day of March in the year of our Lord 1779, I Samuel Hearfield the Elder of Braham in the County of York Farmer being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (That is to say)
2. Principally and first of all I give my soul into the hands of God hoping through my Saviour's merits to receive pardon for my sins and my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching such worldly goods and estate I leave I give and dispose of the same in the following manner, to wit
3. First I give to my son Samuel Hearfield of Braham the sum of thirty four pounds a part of fifty pounds he has of mine in his own hands & for which fifty pounds I have his note for I likewise give him my silver pint
4. Item I give to my son James Hearfield the sum of one shilling
5. Item I give to my son Thos Hearfield of Braham the sum of thirty four pounds apart of ninety pounds he has of mine in his own hands I likewise give him my bed and bedding and all things belonging it he my said son Thos Hearfield paying out of it the sum of one pound to Mary the daughter of my son James Hearfield
6. Item I give to my daughter Ann Dobson the wife of Thos Dobson of Spofforth the interest of thirty four pounds to be paid her yearly into her own hands at the discretion of my son-in-law John Greaves who I make executor in trust for my said daughter Ann Dobson and likewise my will is that my son John Greaves secure the said thirty four pounds to be put out to interest for her use but if my said daughter Ann Dobson should survive her husband Thomas Dobson that then at her husband's decease the said thirty four pounds to be paid into her hands but if her said husband should survive her that then the thirty four pounds be divided equally share and share alike amongst her children then living
7. Item I give to my daughter Mary Greaves the wife of John Greaves the sum of thirty four pounds part of forty pounds he has of mine in his own hands

8. Item I give to my daughter Edith Bedford the wife of David Bedford of Ribston the sum of thirty four pounds to be paid her twelve months after my decease
9. As to my other substance or effects whatsoever I have and can in any wise call my own and not before disposed of after my just debts, funeral expenses and legacies as before mentioned are fully paid and discharged I give them to my two sons Samuel Hearfield and Thomas Hearfield of Braham whom I constitute and appoint joint executors of this my last Will and Testament
10. And I do hereby disannul and make void all other former wills by me made confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Samuel Hearfield

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Samuel Hearfield as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, the word four being first interlined
Henry Dickinson, Wm Metcalfe

Know all Men by these presents that we **Samuel Hearfield of Braham in the parish of Spofforth in the County of York farmer Thomas Hearfield of the same place farmer and Henry Wilks of the City of York gentleman** do stand and are firmly bounden and obliged unto the Worshipful Peter Johnson Master of Arts Commissary of the Exchequer Court of the most reverend father in God William by divine providence Lord Arch-Bishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan lawfully constituted in the sum of **Two hundred** pounds of good and lawful money of Great-Britain to be paid to the said commissary or his true and lawful attorney, executors, administrators or assigns, to the which payment well and truly made. We bind us and every of us jointly and severally for and in the whole our and every of our heirs, executors and administrators and every of them firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals Dated the **twenty fourth** day of the month of **May** in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy **nine**

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Samuel Hearfield and Thomas Hearfield sons and joint executors named in the last Will and Testament of Samuel Hearfield the elder late of Braham in the parish of Spofforth aforesaid in the Diocese of York farmer deceased Do well and truly execute and fulfill the said will

And do pay his debts and legacies so far as his goods will extend and law shall bind them if also they exhibit into the exchequer court at York a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, rights, credits, cattle and chattels of the said deceased, and do make a true and just account of the same when they shall be thereunto lawfully called And moreover, if need require enter into further Bond, with more sufficient sureties for the performance of the premises as the Judge of the said Court, for the time being shall think requisite and needful. And lastly, do save, defend, and harmless keep the above named Judge, and all his officers, and ministers, against all persons by reason of the premises, Then this present obligation to be void, and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Samuel Hearfield,
Thomas Hearfield his mark
Henry Wilks

Sealed and delivered in the presence of