
Will of Thomas Higgs 1768 (TNA, PROB 11/937/181)

Summary

Testator: Thomas Higgs, St. Michael Cornhill, London, Citizen and Clothworker
Executors: wife Catherine Higgs
Date: 18 March 1767, proved 14 March 1768
Witnesses: William Rutland & Samuel Norton
Will: - all possessions to wife Catherine

Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. I Thomas Higgs of Newmans Court in the parish of Saint Michael Cornhill in the city of London Citizen and Clothworker considering the brevity and uncertainty of life do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament
2. First and above all things I resign my soul into the hands of God that gave it me humbly hoping that through his free mercy and the infinite merits of Jesus Christ it may be received into the number of the spirits of just men made perfect and for my body I I desire I may be decently interred according to the discretion of my executrix hereafter named
3. First I order that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied
4. Also I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my goods chattels and real and personal estate of what kind or nature so ever unto my loving wife Catherine Higgs her heirs executors and administrators to her and their own absolute use
5. And I do constitute and appoint my said loving wife Catherine Higgs sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament
6. And I do hereby revoke all former wills to be by me made and I declare this to be my last Will and Testament
7. In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Higgs the testator have hereunto set my hand and seal In Witness whereof this eighteenth Day of March in the seventh year of our Lord George the third one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven

Thomas Higgs

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Higgs the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and also in the presence of each other have subscriber our names as witnesses

William Rutland Samuel Norton

This Will was proved at London on the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight before the Worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful George Hay Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Catherine Higgs widow the relict of the deceased and sole executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.