
Will of Abel Whitehead 1777 (TNA, PROB 11/1028/345)

Summary

Testator: Abel Whitehead of Edmonton, Middlesex, Gentleman
Executors: wife Elizabeth Whitehead, son Edmund Whitehead
Date: 20 September 1773, Codicil 11 January 1777, proved 28 February 1777
Will: - Income from properties to wife for her lifetime, thereafter
- at least 12 houses or buildings to son Edmund Whitehead
- 11 houses to daughter Elizabeth Smith
- 1 house to grandson William Smith
- 7 houses to daughter Mary Higgs
- rest to son Edmund Whitehead and daughter Mary Higgs equally
- codicil: 2 houses in Edmonton to son Edmund Whitehead

Text

In the Name of God Amen

1. I Abel Whitehead of Edmonton in the County of Middlesex Gentleman being in good health of body and sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life do make this my last Will
2. but before all things I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God the creator of it most humbly imploring his mercy through the merits and intercession of our blessed Lord and saviour Jesus Christ my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor and executrix hereinafter named and as touching my temporal estate whereof I shall die seized or possessed I give devise bequeath and dispose thereof as follows
3. First I order and direct that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my Will be paid and satisfied
4. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Whitehead all the rents issues and profits of my several houses tenements grounds and buildings freehold leasehold and copyhold in the county of Middlesex the City of London or elsewhere during the term of her natural Life if she so long continue a widow subject to deductions there out to wit for the ground rents taxes repairs trouble of collecting and managing my said estates and all other charges to become due and payable for my said estates and every part thereof and from and
5. after the decease of my said wife or her marriage as aforesaid I give devise bequeath and dispose of my said several estates in manner following to such person and persons and in such parts as are hereinafter mentioned to wit
6. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son Edmund Whitehead and to his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to my right and interest therein my two freehold houses or tenements with their appurtenances situate in Webb Square in the parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch in the county of Middlesex adjoining together the one being brick and the other timber and now or late in the several occupations of Peter? Bence and John Kiff? and also all those my two freehold houses with the yards gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Hoxton Square in the county of Middlesex now or late in the several occupations of Guy and Cook being No ? and No 50 also one freehold house with the appurtenances situate at the Dog Row near Bethnal Green in the county of Middlesex now

- or late in the occupation of Sandewall? also my two leasehold houses with the appurtenances situate at Bethnal Green aforesaid now or late in the occupation of Constable and Peter Tooly also my leasehold houses buildings and ground situate in or near three?ton? Alley and Wentworth Street in the said county of Middlesex now or late in the several occupations of Whitemarsh Edward Atkinson and John Brown and others also my freehold house with the yard garden and appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Edmonton aforesaid now or late in my own occupation Also my leasehold ground and buildings situate in Church Street in Edmonton aforesaid now or late in the several occupations of Deerman? and Richardson Also my copyhold house and ground situate at Routhmow? Hill in the county of Middlesex and which I have surrendered to the use of my ? now or late in the occupation of Neal to have and to hold my said several messuages or tenements ground buildings and premises with their appurtenances unto said son Edmund Whitehead his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to my several rights titles estates and interests I have therein
7. Item I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Smith and to her heirs executors administrators and assigns according to my right and interest therein all those my four freehold messuages or tenements with the grounds and appurtenances thereunto belonging adjoining together situate and being in Webb Square aforesaid in the parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch now or late in the several occupations of the said Elizabeth Smith and her family ? and Briggs also my five? leasehold houses with their appurtenances situate at Fleet? Street South? in the said Parish of St. Matthew at Bethnal Green in the county of Middlesex now or late in the several occupations of Shelton Smith? Roby? and Porter Also my leasehold house with the appurtenances in Chequer Alley in the Parish of St. Luke in the county of Middlesex now or late in the occupation of Roberts Also my leasehold tenement with the garden ground thereunto belonging situate at the back of Wheeler Street in Spitalfields in the county of Middlesex now or late in the occupation of Wley? to have and to hold my several messuages or tenements ground buildings and premises with their appurtenances unto said daughter Elizabeth Smith her heirs executors administrators and assigns according to my several rights titles estates and interests I have therein
 8. Item I give and devise unto my grandson William Smith and to his heirs and assigns for ever my freehold house with the appurtenances situate in Philip Lane in the City of London nor or late in the occupation of Job
 9. Item I give and devise unto my daughter Mary Higgs and to her heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever my according to my right and interest therein my freehold house with the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Webb Square aforesaid now or late in the occupation of Dixon Also my two new built houses with their appurtenances situate at the Dog Row near Bethnal Green aforesaid in the several occupations of Higley and Blast Also my two leasehold houses with their appurtenances situate at Farthing? Hill in the said Parish of St. Matthew Bethnal Green now or late in the several occupations of Phipps and Dyer also my leasehold house in Brick Lane in the parish of Christ Church in the county of Middlesex now or late in the occupation of Denni? Also my leasehold house and stable with their appurtenances situate in Crown? Street at Hoxton in the parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch aforesaid now or late in the several occupations of Beton? and Morrison
 10. and it is my will and I do hereby order and appoint that my said son Edmund Whitehead shall be allowed and paid out of the rents and profits of my said freehold leasehold and

copyhold estates a reasonable sum of money from time to time for and ? time and trouble in receiving the rents of my said estates taking care of the repairs thereof letting and managing the same estates during the life of my said wife Elizabeth Whitehead

11. Item I give unto my said wife Elizabeth Whitehead all my household good linen and furniture whatsoever except my china and plate which I give her the use of during her natural life and in case she shall think fit to give away any part of my said plate and china to my said son Edmund Whitehead and daughter Mary Higgs and daughter Elizabeth Smith or either of them it shall and may be lawful to and for my said wife so to do at any time during her lifetime
12. The rest and residue of my estate goods chattels whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my said son Edmund Whitehead and daughter Mary Higgs and their assigns for ever equally between them
13. and I do hereby make and appoint my said wife Elizabeth Whitehead and my said son Edmund Whitehead joint executrix and executor of this my Will revoking all former and other wills by me made and do make and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament
14. In Witness whereof I the said Abel Whitehead have to this my Will set my hand and seal the twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three

Abel Whitehead

Signed sealed published and declared by above named Abel Whitehead for and as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other the word "Goods" being first interlined and the words and daughter Elizth Smith being also interlined
? Jn Harding Atty Moorfields London Joseph Wood Mary Wood

Whereas I Abel Whitehead of the parish of Edmonton in the Count of Middlesex Gentleman about three years since made my last Will and Testament and whereas I have since making my said Will taken a Lease from Mr. Thos Porter of a piece of ground in the parish of Edmonton in the County of Middlesex for the term of fifty seven years whereon I have erected two messuages and other buildings Now I do by this present paper writing which I declare to be a codicil to my aforesaid Will and is to be taken as part thereof give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Elizabeth Whitehead the aforesaid two erected messuages and all other erections and buildings with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to hold to my said wife during so many years of the term therein now to come as she shall live and after her decease I give and bequeath the said two messuages erections and buildings with the appurtenances and also the aforesaid lease thereof unto my said son Edmund Whitehead to hold to him his executors administrators and assigns for and during the then remainder of the term in the said lease then to come subject to the rents and covenants therein contained

Also I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said son Edmund Whitehead after the decease of my said wife all my household goods whatsoever that shall be in my house at Edmonton at my decease

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of January 1777

the mark of Abell Whitehead

Signed sealed published and declared by the aforesaid Abell Whitehead as a Codicil to his above Will in the presence of us who in the presence of each other and of the said Abell Whitehead have subscribed our names as witnesses thereof

In Smart of Enfield E? Sommerville

This Will was proved at London with a codicil on the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven before the Worshipful Thomas B? Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Sir George ? Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Elizabeth Whitehead widow the relict and Edmund Whitehead the son of the deceased 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.