
Will of William Prout 1823 (DevonRO)

Summary

Testator: William Prout, Barnstaple, Devon, Cooper
Executors: daughters Susannah Bevan, Elizabeth Skinner and son William Prout
Date: 6 May 1815, proved 21 July 1823
Witnesses: Hannah Hawkin, John Keate, Thos Brooke Keate
Will: - house at Hardaway Head to wife Jane for her lifetime, thereafter
- to daughters Susannah Bevan, wife of Thomas Bevan, Elizabeth Skinner widow
- £30 to wife Jane
- rest of possessions equally among daughters Susannah Bevan, Elizabeth Skinner and son William Prout

Text

1. This is the last Will and Testament of me William Prout of Barnstaple in the County of Devon, Cooper
2. First I give devise and bequeath unto my dear wife Jane Prout and her assigns all that my dwelling-house and garden situate at or near a place called Hardaway Head within the parish of Barnstaple aforesaid now in the several occupations of myself Nathaniel Blackwell and Philip Gilbert To hold the same with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto my said wife and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life she and they keeping the same in tenantable repair and from
3. and after the decease of my said wife I give devise and bequeath the said dwelling house garden and remises unto my two daughters Susannah the wife of Thomas Bevan and Elizabeth Skinner widow to hold the same unto my said two daughters Susannah Bevan and Elizabeth Skinner their heirs and assigns for ever as tenants in common and not as joint tenants
4. Also I give and bequeath unto my said wife the sum of thirty pounds to be paid her by my executor and executrixes hereinafter named written one calendar month next after my decease
5. Also I give unto my said wife during her life the use of one article of a sort of my Household Goods and Furniture of her own choice and after her decease such articles of my said Household goods and Furniture as she shall so make choice of shall sink into the Residue of my Effects
6. All the rest and residue of my personal and testamentary estate and effects whatsoever (subject to the payment of my just debts legacy and funeral expences) I give and bequeath unto my son William Prout and my said daughters Susannah Bevan and Elizabeth Skinner equally between them share and share alike
7. and I hereby appoint the said William Prout Susannah Bevan and Elizabeth Skinner Executor and Executrix jointly of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made
8. In Witness whereof I the said William Prout the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifteen

William Prout

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the above named William Prout the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other

Hannah Hawkin

John Keate

Thos Brooke Keate

This and the preceding sheet of paper contain a true copy of the last will and testament of William Prout late of Barnstaple, Devon Cooper deceased the same having been carefully compared with the original this first day of April One thousand eight hundred and twenty three

James Pearse Junr Regr

For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of William Prout late of Barnstaple, Devon Cooper deceased

Executors Susannah Bevan Wife of Thomas Bevan of Ystradgunlis Brecknock Wales Yeoman and William Prout and Elizabeth Skinner

Proved by the said Susannah Bevan in the Archdeacons Court of Barnstaple 21 July 1823 ? power assessed to William Prout & Elizabeth Skinner

Effects sworn under £450