

WILL OF ROBERT HAKE (born c1757, died 20 Sep 1813)

Signed 25 July 1808.

For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of

Robert Hake

of Exeter Salesman

Executor

(who proved the Will)

Robert Hake of same Son

(power reserved to Samuel

Mortimer of same Solicitor

the other Executor)

Proved in the Registry of

the Archdeaconry of

Exeter

the 12th April

1814

Effects sworn under £1500

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Hake of the City of Exeter Salesman being in perfect health and of a sound and disposing Mind, Memory and Understanding Thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I will and direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be paid out of my personal Estate hereinafter bequeathed I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Hake and to Samuel Mortimer of the City of Exeter Attorney at Law all that my Messuage Tenement or Dwelling House wherein I now live together with the Tenements or Dwellings behind the same situate in the parish of Allhallows on the Walls in the said City also all and singular my Household Goods and Furniture Stock in Trade Goods Wares and Merchandise Debts to me due and owing and all other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever To hold the same unto the said Robert Hake and Samuel Mortimer and the survivor of them his Executors and Administrators upon the trusts and to and for the Ends Intents and Purposes hereinafter employed and declared of an concerning the same (that is to say) Upon Trust that they the said Robert Hake and Samuel Mortimer or the survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell in and impel payment of all such Money as shall be owing to me and also with the Consent and Concurrence of Ann my now wife but not otherwise sell and dispose of and convert into Money in such way as my said Trustees think fit but subject to the proviso hereinafter contained the said Messuage, Tenement and Dwellings and such part or parts of my said Personal Estate as shall not consist of Money and also do and shall pay and apply the purchase thereof or as component part thereof for the maintenance and support of my said Wife as long as she shall remain my Widow but no longer and for the Maintenance Support and Education of all and every my Children now born or hereafter to be born in such way and manner as my said Wife shall direct or think proper It being my Wish Will and Intention that the Management and Apportionment of my personal estate and effects among my children shall be left to her sole discretion And from and after the decease or second marriage of my said wife then I direct that they my said Trustees and the survivor of them his

Executors and Administrators do and shall stand possessed of the said produce of my said personal estate and effects or such part thereof as shall be then applied Upon Trust for all and every of my said Children as shall be living at the time of the decease or second marriage of my said wife and to be paid to and divided between them in such way and manner and in such part shares and proportions as my said wife by any writing under her hand and seal shall direct and appoint and for want of such direction and appointment then equally between them share and share alike Provided always and it is my Wish Will and Intention that my said Trustees and the survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall as long as my said wife shall think proper continue and carry on the business of a Broker which I now follow in the same or a more extended or limited manner, as she shall think expedient and for that purpose to make use of the Dwelling House Shop and premises wherein I now reside as well as my said household goods and furniture stock in trade goods wares and merchandise And I do hereby direct and empower my said Trustees and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators with the concurrence of my said Wife to apply any sum or sums of Money arising from the produce of my said Personal Estate in and towards and for the purposes of carrying on and continuing the said Trade or Business and to dispose of or discontinue the said Business and in all other respects to manage the same from time to time as my said Trustees with the Concurrence of my said wife shall think proper and I do hereby direct that the Gains and Profits from time to time arising from the said Business and all the Stock which shall from time to time be in the said Business and other Goods and Effects to be purchased or used in and about the same shall be deemed a part of my said Personal Estate and Effects and be applied accordingly Provided further and I do hereby direct that in case my said wife shall marry again then she shall be dispossessed of every provision made for her by this my Will and receive or derive no benefit or advantage therefrom but it is my Will and Testament that notwithstanding such second marriage my said Trustees are entirely guided by her in the Management of my said affairs and that they do pay apply and divide my said Personal Estate and Effects between and among my said children or continue to carry on the said Business as aforesaid in such way and manner as she shall direct as aforesaid And I do by this my Will forgive my son Thomas whatever Money he may owe me at the time of my Decease And it is my Will and I do hereby direct and declare that all and every Purchaser and Purchasers of my said Messuage Tenement or Dwelling house together with the said Tenements or Dwellings behind the same shall be absolutely exonerated and discharged of and from the respective purchase Monies on payment thereof respectively to the said Robert Hake and Samuel Mortimer or the survivor of them his Executors or Administrators and shall not in any manner be obliged or compellable to see to the application of his her or their respective purchase Money nor be in any manner answerable for the Misapplication or Non application thereof And Lastly it is my Will that my said Trustees and Executors and each of them shall be charged and chargeable only for such Money as they shall actually receive by Virtue of the Trusts aforesaid notwithstanding his or their signing any Receipt or Receipts for the sake of Conformity and that neither of them shall be answerable for the other of them nor for the Acts Deeds Receipts or Payments of the other of them but each of them for himself only and I do hereby make constitute and appoint the said Robert Hake and Samuel Mortimer Executors and Trustees of this my last Will and Testament for the purposes aforesaid Hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I the said Robert Hake the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper set my hand to the two first sheets thereof and my hand and seal to this the last sheet thereof this twenty fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request have inscribed our names as Witnesses hereto.

Wm Mortimer
Chas Brutton

Each sheet signed by Robert Hake.

Married to Ann BEDFORD (1760-1844). She did not marry again after his death.

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