

## *Sinnock Family Wills*

I collected and transcribed wills of several Sinnock's and their kin, reproduced here. Most are from collections of wills from Sussex and Essex counties, England. For the most part, these wills confirm factual information from other sources and provide insight unavailable from other sources into the minds of individuals; this despite the obvious fact that lawyers had a standard commercial product they sold about God and King and "whereuntofor" lawyer-ese language that I seriously doubt reflected the way the testators talked or even wrote, if they could write, which most could not. These wills are commonly written by clerks, in excellent hand writing, based on standard legal contents at the time. They were probably dictated, perhaps to an attorney, then transcribed from the lawyers copies in books of wills by clerks. Anyway it seems to have been quite an industry in the 1700's and 1800's. I was sent xerographic copies of handwritten (by law clerks) wills of three of my Sinnock ancestors by John B. McKee, Sussex County genealogist in 1994 and 1995, then in 1995 I found three for my Kay ancestors at The Kay-Pendleton-Neel Families internet site and two for their Waggener and Garnett kin, in 2010 I received copies of three other wills for English Sinnocks from Mark Milton, and finally found William Sevenoke's will in *Calendar of Wills Proved and Enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, AD 1258 – 1688*. Finally, I had copies of my parents wills in my files. These wills commonly identify family members of the deceased and often list his (they are all he) possessions. The wills are transcribed in the same order as the following table.

<b>Person</b>	<b>Signed</b>	<b>Proved</b>	<b>Location</b>
Elias Sennocke	20 Mar 1688	01 Apr 1690	Eastbourne, ESX
Elias Sennocke	16 Jun 1717		Ninfield, ESX
James Kay	21 Aug 1835		Hopkinsville, KY
James Sinnock, the Elder	21 May 1830	18 Mar 1840	Hailsham, ESX
James Waggener	14 Jul 1821		Todd County, KY
Mary Hill Sinnock	1981	1993	Hoffman Estates, IL
Pomeroy Sinnock Jr.	1981	1994	Hoffman Estates, IL
Richard Sinnock	01 May 1827	07 Feb 1828	Battle, ESX
Robert R. Kay	05 Nov 1725		
Robert Kay Sr.	29 Dec 1821	03 Nov 1823	Hopkinsville, KY
Samuel Sinnock	12 Oct 1847	01 Mar 1856	from Hailsham, ESX
Thomas Garnett	20 Oct 1733	20 Dec 1743	St. Anne Parish, ESS
Thomas Sinnock	20 Feb 1749	23 Aug 1756	Bexhill, ESX
William Sevenoke	17 Jun 1432		London, GRL

## The Last Will and Testament of Elias Sennocke

*signed March 20, 1688, proved April 1, 1690*

*Eastbourne, Sussex County, England*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock

February 23, 1995

*from a copy of a handwritten will sent to Scott Sinnock  
by John B. McKee in a letter dated February 14, 1995*

This record is a copy of a handwritten will of Elias Sennocke, a yeoman of Eastbourne, East Sussex, England. The will was entered in the records of East Sussex County, England and indicates that Elias had seven children: William, Nicholas, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Richard, and Elias. In the will, Elias Sr. left a total of just over £120 in cash to his children, a significant sum in the late 1600's.

In the Name of God Amen, I Elias Sennocke of Eastborne in the County of Sussex, Yoeman being in good health and perfect Memory (Praise be to God for it,) and considering the Uncertainty of this Life, Do make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following, Commend my Soule to Almighty God my Maker in and by and Passion of Christ Jesus my Saviour and to have full Pardon and Remission of my Sinnes. My Body I Committ to the Earth from whence it came to be devoutly buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named.

- Item: I give unto William Sennocke and Nicholas Sennocke my two eldest sonnes twenty shillings to each of them, their Portione being already paid.
- Item I give unto Mary Baimo (sic) my Eldest Daughter the Summe of Thirty Pounds.
- Item: I give unto Elizabeth Sennocke my Youngest Daughter the like Summe of Thirty Pounds.
- Item: I give and devise to Elias Sennocke my Youngest Son the Summe of Sixty Pounds of Lawful Money of England which said severall Legacies my shall bee paid within Six Moneths after my Decease.
- Item: I give and devise to my Seven Children William, Nicholas, Richard, Thomas, Elias, Mary and Elizabeth Sennocke All my houshold stufte that I shall have at the time of my Decease to bee
- equally divided amongst them.
- Item: I doe Will and Devise to my said two sonnes Richard and Thomas Sennocke whom I make and Ordaine Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, All my Goods and personall Estate
- whatsoever not before herein given and devised) for the paying and Discharging of my Debts
- Legacies and Generall Expense and performance of this my Will.
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In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this twentieth Day of March 1688. Elias Sennock his Mark Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the presence of Thomas Gilbert, George Courthope Junr, John Collin Prima Die Mensis Aprilie Anno 1690 (followed by a paragraph of Latin

**The Last Will and Testament of Elias Sinnocke**  
*from Ninfield, Sussex, England*  
*signed June 16, 1717*

transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
April 6, 2011

*from an image of a handwritten will in the file*  
*"Elias Sinnocke Will 1717.pdf" from Mark Milton, September 2, 2010*

In the name of God Amen the sixteenth day of June in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Anne by the grace of God of Great Britaine \_\_\_\_\_ and Ireland Queen Defender of the faith et anno domini one thousand seven and ten I Elias Sinnocke of Ninfield in the county of Sussex may be going weak of Body but of a sound and perfect mind and memory (praised be to God therefore) do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in writing in manner and forme following (that is to say) first and principally I bequeath soul into the hands of almighty God my creator and my Body to the earth from which it came to be therein \_\_\_\_\_ buried with Christian burial at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named and for the Worldly Estate wherewith God in his mercy has been \_\_\_\_\_ to bestow upon upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth \_\_\_\_\_ I give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Katherine Anne Hannah and Elizabeth Sinnock one hundred pounds apiece to be paid to them as they shall attain the their severall and respective ages of one and twenty years or day or marriage which shall first happen and in case any of my said Daughters shall die before they attained to the age of one and twenty years or day of marriage as aforesaid then my Will and mind is that the legacy of one hundred pounds given by this my Will to her or them soe dying shall be equally divided share and share alike between my other Daughters who shall survive and outlive her or them soe dying as aforesaid All the rest and residue of my Goods Chattells Wards household stuffe plate and personal Estate whatsoever my Debts Legacys and ffunerall expenses being first paid and satisfied I wholly give unto my loving Wife Katherine who I make and ordain Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby nominate appoint my loving friend Bartholomew Walker of Ninfield aforesaid Gentleman Overseer of this my Will and doe earnestly entreat him to be aiding and assisting to my Executrix in the due performance and execution of the same and in token of my Love I give my said Overseer one Guinea and doe hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and to this my last Will and Testament have set my hand and seale and published and declared this to be my last Will and Testament the day and year above written by the said Elias Sinnock in the presence of John Philcox George Worge Sam. Brier

## **The Last Will and Testament of James Kay** *from Hopkinsville, Kentucky signed August 21, 1835*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
March 13, 1995

*from The Kay-Pendleton-Neel Families by George and Margaret Rose, 1969*

In the name of God amen -- I James Kay of the Town of Hopkinsville County of Christian and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory & knowing the certainty of death & the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore by me made. I will that .all my just debts be paid, and that all y landed estate negroes be sold and converted into money at such times and such manner as my Executors hereinafter named may deem most prudent & most advisable for the interest of my children, and the money coming from the sale of land & my negroes & such other sums as may be collected that is now due maybe put out on interest at a safe way at the discretion of my Executors. I will further that my wife Sarah & my three daughters to wit, Helen, Lucy Ann & Mary Frances live together & receive their support & education out of my estate raised as above stated, the education of my tree daughters to be under the direction of my said wife, and that all of the money arising from the sales & collections above named remain untouched except such sums as may be necessary for the support & education before stated, that is to say, for the support of my wife \$ children & the education of my three daughters above named, until the death or marriage of my said wife Sarah in the event her marriage or death then a division is to take place & my executors shall then pay to the said Helen eleven hundred dollars at the arrival of the age of twenty-one years or marriage with any person, and Lucy Ann eleven hundred dollars when she arrives of the age of twenty-one years or marriage with any person and to Mary Frances eleven hundred dollars on her arriving at the age of twenty-one years or marriage with any person - and all the remainder of my estate after payment of the aforesaid legacies to he equally divided between my children Robert G. Kay William G. Kay, Gabriel Kay, James Kay, Thirza Bowmand wife of James C Bomand of Illinois, Helen Kay, Lucy Ann Kay, Mary Frances Kay, & Mariam Cornelius Ingram infant daughter of Jesse Ingram and Margaret Ingram his wife (who before marriage was my daughter & who is now dead) of Stewart County Tennessee. But in the event of said Mariam C. Ingram dying without issue it is my will and desire that her part of my estate above allotted to her go to and be divided equally amongst all my children then living & the heirs of those that may be dead should any of them not be living the heir or heirs of the deceased representing only one equal share. Lastly I constitute and appoint my two sons Robert Kay of Illinois and William Kay of Tennessee Executors to this my last will and testament hereby vesting them with full powers to sell & convey the landed estate & slaves named or intended to be sold by this will and execute any and every part of this will. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 21st day of August 1.835. James Kay (seal). In the presence of Richard Gwyn, A Webber, John Phelps. August 22nd 1\$35 I make this as a codicil to the foregoing by way of explanation and in order to give my wife Sarah Kay the powers o f giving to my daughters the legacies of \$1100 as named in my will, that is to say to Helen, Lucy Ann, & Mary Frances. I will and bequeath that the sum of eleven hundred dollars to be paid to Helen, Lucy Ann, & Mary Frances as stated in my will be paid to them at such time & in such manner as my wife Sarah Kay may direct during her life - that is to say during the life of my wife she is to direct the payment sooner than named if she thinks it prudent for them to have it. I have heretofore made advances to my six oldest children which is in fact to all except my children Helen, Lucy Ann, & Mary Frances - witness my hand and seal the date first written James Kay (seal) In the presence of Richard Gwynn, A. Webber, John Phelps

**The Last Will and Testament of James Sinnock, the Elder**  
*Of Hailsham, Sussex, England*  
*signed May 21, 1830, proved March 18, 1840*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
March 13, 1995

*from a copy of a handwritten will sent to Scott Sinnock  
by John B. McKee in a letter dated November 1, 1994*

This record is a copy of a handwritten will of James Sinnock. The will is entered in the records of East Sussex County, England. It indicates that James had as children: Thomas, James, Samuel, Charles, and Elizabeth.

This is the last will and testament of one James Sinnock the Elder of Hailsham in the County of Sussex Labourer touching the disposition of such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God of his Goodness to bestow upon me, that is to say I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Sinnock All that my Customary or Copyhold Messuage or Tenement Garden piece or parcel of land and premises with their Appurtenances situate lying and being on Hailsham Commons in the Parish of Hailsham aforesaid now in my own occupation and held of the Manor of Michelham Park Gale in said County. And also all my Household Goods Beds Bedding Plate Linen and China whatsoever and wheresoever To Hold the same unto my said son Thomas Sinnock his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever. Subject nevertheless to and charged with the Payment within six Calendar months next after my decease of the sum of eighty three pounds six shillings and eight pence unto my Sons and Daughter, James Sinnock William Sinnock Samuel Sinnock Charles Sinnock and Elizabeth Spruceton or their respective Executors Administrators or Assigns in equal shares and proportions to and for their several and respective Use and Uses. And after payment of all such Debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease my Funeral Expenses and the Costs and Charges of Proving this my Will I give and bequeath all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Goods Chattels Effects Monies Securities for Money Rights Credits and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever (not by me hereinbefore otherwise disposed of) unto my said Sons and Daughter Thomas Sinnock James Sinnock William Sinnock Samuel Sinnock Charles Sinnock and Elizabeth Spruceton in equal shares and proportions to and for their several and respective Use and Uses. Provided nevertheless and my will is that the Part or Share of my said Daughter Elizabeth Spruceton of the said Sum of eighty three pounds six shillings and eight pence hereinbefore directed to be paid by my said Son Thomas Sinnock from and out of my said Messuage or Tenement Garden piece or parcel of Land and Premises with their Appurtenances unto my said Sons and Daughter James Sinnock William Sinnock Samuel Sinnock Charles Sinnock and Elizabeth Spruceton. And also of such part or parts of the said Residuum of my personal estate as shall consist of Debts or Monies due owing or belonging to me shall be paid unto the proper Hands of my said Daughter Elizabeth Spruceton whether she shall be then sole or Covert to and for her own sole and separate Use and Benefit to the Extent that the same may not be at the disposal of or subjected liable to the Controul Debts of Engagements of her present or any future Husband and her Receipt (James Sinnock) alone for the same

whether she shall be then sole or Covert shall be a good and sufficient discharge for the same to my Executors hereinafter named in anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And I nominate constitute and appoint Thomas White of Hailsham aforesaid shopkeeper and William Goldsmith of the same place Blacksmith joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby expressly declare and direct that they my said Executors or their Executors or Administrators shall not be charged or chargeable with or accountable for any more of my Monies Estate or Effects than they shall respectively and actually receive or shall come to their respective Hands by virtue of this my will nor with or for any loss that may happen of the Monies Estate or Effects or any part thereof so as such loss do not happen by or through their or either of their wilful default or neglect nor shall either of them my said Executors be answerable or accountable for the other of them or for the Acts Deeds Receipts Defaults or Disbursements of the other of them but each of them for himself and for his own Acts Deeds Receipts Defaults and Disbursements only. And further that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Executors and their respective Executors and Administrators to retain to and reimburse themselves respectively from and out of my said Monies Estate and Effects all such Loss Costs Charges Damages and Expenses as they shall respectively sustain bear pay expend or be put unto in the Execution of this my Will or in or about any other matter or Thing in any wise relating thereunto. And lastly I hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this only to be my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said James Sinnock the Testator have to the first Sheet of this my Will contained in two Sheets of paper set my Hand and to this the second and last Sheet thereof my Hand and Seal the twenty first day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty. James Sinnock (seal here). Signed sealed published and declared by the above named James Sinnock Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunder subscribed our names as Witness thereto. Henry C. Sinnock James Reed. Saml Sinnock. The Will of James Sinnock the Elder late of Hailsham within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Labourer deceased was proved the eighteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty Before the Reverend Anthony Nott Clerk surrogate and so forth upon the oath of Thomas White one of the Executors in the said Will named To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods & He being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth (Power being reserved for granting the like Commission to William Goldsmith the other Executor therein named when &) Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased do not amount in value unto the Sum of Fifty Pounds

## **Last Will and Testament of James Waggener** *from Todd County, Kentucky, Signed July 14, 1821*

Transcribed from the internet by Scott Sinnock  
April 23, 2011

*from Todd County, Kentucky Wills, Will Book A, page 44*

I James Waggener Sr of the County of Todd and State of Kentucky, do make and ordain this as my last will and Testament in manner and from following, hereby revoking all former will or wills made by me let these be found wheresoever they may.

- Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Waggener , during her life, all the property of every description in my possession at the time of my death, after paying my just debts.
- Item 2nd Whereas I have given unto my daughters Sarah Kay, Fanny Kay, and Polly Manifee each at the time of marriage, a negro girl. Together with a bed and furniture of the value of Three hundred and forty dollars; and whereas, I have also given unto my son Richard J Waggener, a mare worth fifty dollars, to James Waggener Jr a horse worth thirty dollars, and to Stokeley Waggener a bed and furniture (the sted excepted) worth Thirty Six dollars and it being my wish, that they shall each account for the same at the time of a general division of my estate, it is, therefore my will and desire, at the death of wife, after first allowing my sons Robert, James, Richard, Reuben, Stokely, Armstead and my daughter Eliza Waggener, such a portion of my Estate as will make their property equal in value with the legacies heretofore given to my daughters Sarah Kay, Fanny Kay, and Polly Menifee, that the residue of my property, of every description, be equally divided among all my children. namely Fanny, Sarah, Polly, Robert, James, Richard, Reuben, Stokely, Armstead and Eliza Waggener,
- Item 3rd I hereby constitute and appoint my friends Wm Daniel, and Thomas Jeffries executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourteenth day of July 1821. James Waggener Sr . Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us. Jno S. Anderson Nathl Burrus Roger Burrus

**Last Will and Testament of Mary Hill Sinnock**  
*Of Hoffman Estates, Illinois*  
*signed 1981, proved 1993*

I, Mary Hill Sinnock, of the City of New Castle, Henry County, State of Indiana, do hereby revoke all former wills and codicils by me made and do now hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

ITEM I

I hereby nominate and appoint my husband, Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr., as Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, but in the event he should predecease me, then I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint H. Terrill Harvey, as Executor of this, my Last Will and Testament.

ITEM II

I will and direct that the cost and expense of the administration of my estate, all of my just debts that are due and payable and the cost and expense of my last illness, funeral and burial be first paid. I specifically direct that all inheritance, transfer, succession, estate and other such taxes or assessments levied or assessed against my estate or against the beneficiaries under this will shall be paid out of my residuary estate and not charged against any particular beneficiary, including insurance beneficiaries, surviving co-owners or owner of any properties included in my estate for tax purposes.

ITEM III

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to my husband, Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr., if he be living at my death, all the residue of my property, both real and personal, and wheresoever situate, absolutely and in fee simple.

ITEM IV

In the event my husband, Pomeroy Sinnock Jr., does not survive me, then I give devise and bequeath all of my property equally to my children, Pomeroy Sinnock III, Scott Sinnock, and Jean Guy, or to their issue per stirpes; provided, if either dies and none of his issue survives me, then his share shall be distributed to the survivor of my children or his issue per stirpes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this, my Last Will and Testament, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 1981.

Signed  
Mary Hill Sinnock

This instrument, consisting of two typewritten pages and each bearing the signature of the above named Mary Hill Sinnock, was by her, on the date hereof, signed, published and declared by her to be her Last Will and Testament, in our presence, who, at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, we believing her to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

**Declaration of Intent of Mary Hill Sinnock  
August 28, 1989**

JEWELRY TO:

JEAN SINNOCK GUY

1. Platinum ring with two large diamonds surrounded by circular smaller diamonds.
2. All of my gold bracelets excluding the stick pin charm bracelets.
3. One stick pin charm bracelet (which Jeannie already has).
4. The jade and gold bead bracelet.
5. A gold link necklace with 14K gold and pearl pendant.
6. A cameo pin -- gold with four blue stones.
7. A pair of large mobe pearl earrings.
8. My white gold and sapphire wedding ring.
9. My opal earrings set in gold.

POMEROY SINNOCK III

1. Platinum ring with diamonds and sapphires.
2. 14K gold opal ring surrounded with diamonds.
3. One stick pin charm bracelet.
4. One 24" white pearl necklace, 6.5mm size.
5. One jade bracelet.
6. Cameo pin.
7. Platinum bar pin with pearls.
8. 14K gold Seiko watch.
9. White gold filigree bar pin.
10. One "add-a-bead Gold Necklace. i

SCOTT SINNOCK

1. All of my Zuni Indian jewelry.
2. My liquid silver necklace.
3. One gold stick pin bracelet.
4. Platinum ring with 5 diamonds and 20 sapphires.
5. One jade bracelet and carved jade pin.
6. White gold Bucherer watch with square face.
7. Baroque pearl 16" necklace.
8. One "add-a-bead" gold necklace..
9. One aquamarine and diamond ring.
10. One 16" pearl necklace (graduated pearls).

My remaining jewelry, both real and costume is to be divided among my three children as they see fit.

OTHER POSSESSIONS TO

JEAN SINNOCK GUY

1. Pair of silver candelabra.
2. "Rambler Rose" sterling flatware.

3. "Buttercup" fruit knife and fork set.

POMEROY SINNOCK III

1. Silver tea service, consisting of 3 pots, sugar and creamer, "slop" jar, and tray with rim.
2. Silver platter -- grapeleaf with, 2 matching vegetable dishes.

SCOTT SINNOCK

1. Japanese netsuke collection.
2. Large grapeleaf patterned, footed silver tray with handles.

Signed

Mary Hill Sinnock

Date: September 19, 1989

Handwritten note: If possible I wish my body to be sent to the Indiana University Medical School to be used for "donor organs" – and then the remains to be cremated

### **Living Will Declaration**

*Mary Hill Sinnock, 1991*

DECLARATION made this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1991, I, MARY H. SINNOCK, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desires that my moment of death shall not be artificially postponed under the circumstances set forth below, and do hereby declare:

If at any time I should have an incurable injury, disease, or illness judged to be a terminal condition by my attending physician who has personally examined me, and has determined that my death is imminent except for life-sustaining procedures, I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication, sustenance, or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care. In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-sustaining procedures, it is my intention that this Declaration shall be honored by my family and physician as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences from such refusal. I understand the full import of this Declaration and I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this Declaration.

Mary H. Sinnock

Hoffman Estates, Cook County, IL

The Declarant has been personally known to me and I believe her to be of sound mind. I did not sign the Declarant's signature above, for or at the direction of the Declarant. I am not related to the Declarant by blood, or marriage, entitled to any portion of the estate of the Declarant according to the laws of intestate succession or under any will of Declarant or codicil thereto, or directly financially responsible for Declarant's medical care.

WITNESS

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**Last Will And Testament Of Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr.**  
*Of Hoffman Estates, Illinois*  
*Signed 1981, Proved 1994*

I, Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr., of the City of New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, State of Indiana, do hereby revoke all former wills and codicils by me made, and do now hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

ITEM I

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Mary Hill Sinnock, as Executor of this, my Last Will and Testament, and in the event she should predecease me, then I do hereby appoint H. Terrill Harvey, as Executor of this, my Last Will and Testament.

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I will and direct that the cost and expense of the administration of my estate, all of my just debts that are due and payable and the cost and expense of my last illness, funeral and burial be first paid. I specifically direct that all inheritance, transfer, succession, estate and other such taxes or assessments levied or assessed against my estate or against the beneficiaries under this will shall be paid out of my residuary estate and not charged against any particular beneficiary, including insurance beneficiaries, surviving co-owners or owner of any properties included in my estate for tax purposes.

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I hereby give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Mary Hill Sinnock, if she be living at my death, all of my property, both real and personal and wheresoever situate, absolutely and in fee simple.

ITEM IV

In the event my wife does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of my property, both real and personal and wheresoever situate to my children, Pomeroy Sinnock, III, Scott Sinnock and Jean Guy, or to their issue per stirpes, provided if either dies and none of his or her issue survives me then his or her share shall be distributed to the survivors of my children or his or her issue per stirpes.

ITEM V

In the event my wife and I die under such circumstances that there is no sufficient evidence to establish who survived the other, I hereby declare my wife shall be presumed to have survived me and that this will and all its provisions shall be construed upon that assumption and basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to this, my Last Will and Testament, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 1981.

Signed

Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr.

This instrument, consisting of two typewritten pages and each bearing the signature of the above named Pomeroy Sinnock, Jr., was by him, on the date hereof, signed, published and declared by him to be his Last Will and Testament, in our presence, who, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, we believing him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

## **The Last Will and Testament of Richard Sinnock** ***Of Battle, Sussex, England***

***signed May 1, 1827, proved February 7, 1828***

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock

April 6, 2011

*from a Microsoft Works file, "Richard Sinnock Will.wps"*

*from Mark Milton, September 2, 2010*

This is the last will and testament of me Richard Sinnock of Battle in the co of Sussex gentleman first I will and direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be fully paid and satisfied. I give and will all that freehold messuage or tenement wherein I now dwell with the garden and premises thereto belonging being in Battle which I purchased of Mr George Car..... and also all that freehold messuage tenement carthouse and buildings and premises being also in Battle aforesaid in the tenure or occupation of George Sargent Orange? Lendian? and John Grove some or one of them which I purchased of Mr William Fillmore Harvey and also all that freehold messuage or tenement formerly a snuff mill rack? the buildings or any thereto belonging being also in Battle afsd adjoining the last mentioned premises now in the several tenures or occupations of Mrs Blackman Mrs Russell Thomas Elphick and Orange Lannon some or all of them which I also purchased of the aforesaid William Fillmore Harvey with their and every of their rights members appurtenances unto and to the use of Elizabeth Sargent of Battle afsd widow (a sister of my deceased wife) during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I give and devise the said messuage hereditaments premises unto and equally between George Sargent of Battle afsd shopkeeper and Elizabeth Pain the wife of James Pain of Deptford in the county of Kent coal merchant the second daughter of the said Elizabeth Sargent their heirs and assigns for ever to take as tenants in ..... and not as joint tenants And I give and devise all that freehold messuage or tenement garden ground and premises being in the parish of St Clements in the town and port of Hastings in the said co of Sussex now in the occupation of Michael Martin with the rights members and appurtenances which I purchased of Mr George Tree unto John Williams the elder of Hastings, gentleman, (a brother of my said deceased wife) his heirs and assigns for ever And after the said John Williams the elder shall be in my lifetime I give and devise all the said messuage gardens grounds and premises unto John Williams the younger of Hastings afsd wine merchant son of the said John Williams afsd elder his heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and devise all those two messuage or dwelling houses or premises being near the Quaker public house in the parish of St Clements afsd now in the several tenancies or occupations of Mrs Baldock and Arthur Whybrow or some of them with their rights members and appurts which I purchased of Richard Rosse unto Elizabeth Bellamy of Hastings afsd dau of Edward Williams formerly of the same place ?coachman ? gardener deceased (a brother of my said deceased wife) and the assigns of the said Elizabeth Bellamy during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I give and devise the same two messuages or dwelling houses hereditaments and premises to Elizabeth Bennett the wife of John Bennett of Greenwich in the co of Kent watchmaker a daughter of the said John Williams the younger and her heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and devise all that customary or copyhold messuage or tenement with the garden ground premises thereto belonging commonly called by the name of Wattles ??ish in the parish of Battle in the several tenures or occupations of Edward Fuller and Mrs Ballard there or some or one of them And also all that customary or copyhold messuage or tenement with the garden or premises thereto belonging being below the ? Watch oak in the parish of Battle afsd now in the several tenures or occupations of Thomas Linden and Thomas Sinnock or one of them with the rights member and appurtenances unto the said George Sargent of Battle afsd shopkeeper his heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and devise all that customary or copyhold messuage or tenement in two dwellings yards gardens and premises being in Battle afsd now in the several tenures or occupations of William Eblier ? Mrs Emery and her dau Mrs Yates together with the rights members and appurtenances which said messuage I purchased of Thomas Noakes unto George Griffen late of Bodiam Street in the said county of Sussex innkeeper and now hostler of the George Inn in Battle afsd his heirs and assigns forever And I give and bequeath all and every the household and other goods furnityure pictures plate books china linen liquor & eatables which shall be in upon or about or considered as belonging to or to any part of my said dwelling house and premises herein before devised to Elizabeth Sargent for her life unto the said Elizabeth Sargent for her own proper benefit and use I give and bequeath unto William Miles of Guildford in the co of Surry hair dresser the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to him in six calendar months from my decease as a token of my esteem for him

Also I give and bequeath unto the said George Sargent , John Williams the younger , John Bennett thirty pounds for their own respective benefit Also I give and bequeath unto Samuel Robinson now or late of Albion St , Blackfriars, London esq and Thomas Wilson of Highbury Place Islington in the co of Mddx esq their heirs and assigns the sum of four hundred pounds now four per cent annuities of the bank of England now standing in my name upon trust that the said Samuel Robinson and Thomas Wilson and the survivor of them and their exors and admins of such survivor and their heirs and assigns shall stand possessed of the said sum of four hundred pounds and the dividends interest and annual income thereof but with the power from time to time as often as they or he shall think proper to sell and transfer the same or any part thereof and invest the produce arising therefrom in any other public funds or upon real security at interest in the name or names of them or him and stand possessed of such newly invested sum and the dividend or interest and annual income thereof and apply the said dividends interest and annual income as this shall become payable towards the maintenance for the Officiating minister for the time being of the Protestant Dissenting Chapel in the Croft in the parish of St Clements in Hastings afsd being a piece of ground given by me for that purpose, such officiating minister having been previously elected in the manner hitherto adopted for that purpose or hereafter to be adopted for the Election of an officiating minister in pursuance of any future organised meeting for Religious Worship in the said Chapel Also I give and bequeath unto the said George Sargent, John Williams the younger and John Bennett their heirs and assigns the several sums of four hundred pounds now four per cent annuities of the Bank of England and one thousand and six hundred pounds London Dock Stock now respectively standing in my name upon trust all that freehold messuage or tenement in two dwellings gardens grounds or premises being in the parish of Ore now in the occupation of John Stoo (Sloo?) or his under tenants And also all that messuage or tenement and premises being in the parish of St Clements in the town and port of Hastings afsd now in the tenure or occupation of my nephew Richard Sinnock Middlemass tailor and also all that two messuage of tenements one whereof is in the tenure or occupation of James Funnell and the other being in two dwellings is in the several tenures or occupations of William Mare and ..... Clark together with the grounds and premises to the same being in the Court formerly called Tripe Alley but now called Sinnock Alley in the parish of St Clements afsd and which the two last mentioned dwellings were purchased by me of the said George Tree and of Mr Robert Thatcher And all that customary messuage or tenement being near Rooe Green in the parish of Battle and in the Borough of Saligne Lake ..... now in the several tenures or occupations of Messrs Jones Bouce Cox and Preston and which I bought of Richard Ashby and to which my said nephew Richard Sinnock Middlemass was admitted on my purchase thereof ..... unto the said George Sargent John Williams the younger and John Bennett and their heirs and assigns for ever for the support of Ann the wife of my said nephew Richard Sinnock Middlemas during her life and after her death equally to the children of the said Middlemass both sons and daughters alike And I give and bequeath to George Sargent, John Williams the younger, and John Bennett a further sum of one thousand six hundred pounds in London Dock Stock upon trust that they the above said ..... will sell or transfer funds as necessary and the interest for the use and maintenance of Ann wife of the nephew Richard Sinnock Middlemas and their children George Sargent (to administer the property) in Battle and neighbourhood the said John Williams of Hastings and its neighbourhood and John Bennett of London or neighbourhood or that of Greenwich and Mr George Sargent to see that I am buried in the ground in the front of the Dissenting Meeting House called the Zion Chapel by my dwelling house in the Mount in Battle afsd. Dated 1st May 1827 witnesses Henry Funnell Battle, William Garner Battle, Benj Sargent do. Richard Sinnock requests that this be left in the hands of Mr Geo Sargent and his ..... as it is between Mr Pain and his wifes brother whereas for some years at Lent Mr Pain 200 pounds on acct to ..... of Land Interest to be paid half yearly and after the death of my wife who died 24th August 1817 my wifes sister mother to Mrs Pain was very fearful that if I dyed the money would be called in by my heir at large which would distress Mrs Pain therefore to make her easy I gave her thereto of land to take that burden from her mind but the debt on her ..... to stand good for Mr P to pay me the interest for as long as he lives which he ..... and as it was Sister Sargent I would advise Mr Sargent to buy Mr Pains part. dated my birthday Feby 6th 1823. marginal note: This paper to be in the hands of Mr Geo Sargent as its between Mr Paul Pain and himself dated Oct 16th 1827 R Sinnock Appeared personally Ebenezer Sargent of 2 to 3 Friday St Cheapside in the city of London gent and Henry Funnell of Battle grocer were severally acquainted with Richard Sinnock formerly of Hastings shoemaker and afterwards of Guildford Surrey ...( to the effect that they recognise the handwriting of Richard Sinnock in the marginal note ) signed Ebenr Sargent and Henry Funnell 28th Jan 1828 Will proved 7th Feb 1828 by the oaths of George Sargent John Williams the younger and John Bennett to whom administration was granted.

## **The Last Will and Testament of Robert R. Kay** *signed November 5, 1725*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
March 13, 1995

*from The Kay-Pendleton-Neel Families by George and Margaret Rose, 1969*

In the name of .God Amen: I Robert Kay, Sen; being very sick and weak but in perfect mind and memory praise be to God for it I do make this my last will and Testament in form & manner following. First of all I will and bequeave my soul to the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the Earth to be decently buried by the direction of my exrs. hereafter named. First it is my will that all my debts and funeral expenses be first paid & I will and bequeave unto my loving son Robert Key one trunk which: I brought of England and one brown table & my gun and my copers tools & I will and bequeave to my loving daughter Mary one negro man named Tom and one feather bed and furniture two cows and calves 2 sows and piggs to be delivered to her when she shall come of age. If my loving daughter shall die before she shall come of age It is my will that my loving daughter Sarah shall have it & I will and bequeave unto my loving daughter Sarah two cows and calves 2 sows & piggs and one negro woman & one feather bed & in case she should die before she comes of age then it is my will it shall return to the survivor. & I will and bequeath to my Loving wife one little gray horse and all the rest of my movables to her own disposal and one cask of sider & it is my will that my loving wife and my loving son shall be my executor of this my last will and Testament Lastly I constitute and anull all former wills mad by me to be void and of none effect as with my hand and Seal this fifth day of November 1725. His Mark, Robert R Kay

**The Last Will and Testament of Robert Kay Sr**  
*from Hopkinsville, Kentucky*  
*signed December 29, 1821, proved November 3, 1823*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
March 13, 1995

*from The Kay-Pendleton-Neel Families by George and Margaret Rose, 1969*

In the name of God. Amen I Robert Kay Senr. of the County of Christian and state of Kentucky being of sound mind and memory for which thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous of disposing of all such worldly Estate as it both pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeth the same in the manner following that is to say I give and bequeath to my son James Kay the back of land adjoining and to the heirs of my deceased son Gabriel Kay the tract ref land adjoining the land of my son James Kay containing six hundred acres & it is my desire that the land. be equally divided according to quality and quantity between James Kay of the one part or his heirs and the heirs of Gabriel Kay of the other part the division to be so made as that my son James may have his lot adjoining his present tract of land. And it is my will and desire that the Lot falling to the heir of my deceased Son Gabriel be sold to the highest bidder and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided among the heirs of my deceased Son Gabriel. 2<sup>nd</sup> all the rest of my estate both real and personal of whatever nature or kind whatsoever it may be not herein before particularly disposed of I desire may be equally divided between my son James or his heirs on the one part & the before mentioned heirs of Gabriel Kay deceased of the other part which. I give to them and to their heirs forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son James Kay and James Woods Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness thereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of December in. the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. Robert Key (Seal) Signed Sealed & delivered to be the Last will & Testament of the above named Robert Kay Senr. in presence of us: Jno Pendleton, Francis J. Pendleton, Christian County Court. 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1823, The foregoing last will and Testament of Robert Kay deceased was this day proved in court by the several oaths of John Pendleton and Francis Pendleton subscribing witnesses thereto.

**The Last Will and Testament of Samuel Sinnock**  
*from Hailsham, Sussex, England*  
*signed October 12, 1847, proved March 1, 1856*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
April 6, 2011

*from a Microsoft Word file "Will of Samuel Sinnock1847.doc" from Mark Milton, September 2, 2010*

This is the last will and testament of me Samuel Sinnock of Hailsham in the county of Sussex Gentleman this to say I give, Devise and bequeath unto my Sister in law Henrietta Fenner and her assigns for and during the term of her Natural life one annuity in yearly Sum of sixty pounds clear of Property Tax and all other Deductions payments and the first Payment there of to begin and be made at the expiration of three Calendar (probably months) next after my Decease and I do hereby charge and subject my Rent as well as my Personal Estate with and to the payment of the said annuity a yearly Sum of sixty pounds accordingly and in case the said Annuity or yearly Sum of sixty Pounds shall be behind and unpaid for the space of twenty one days next after the same shall become due and payable then and in such case I do thereby authorize and empower the said Henrietta Fenner and her assigns to enter into and upon my Real Estate and distrain (?) for the said annuity in yearly sum of sixty pounds or for so much thereof as shall be in arrear and the costs and charges occasioned by Non Payment thereof and I give and bequeath unto the said Henrietta Fenner the Bed where on she usually sleeps and the Bolster pillow Bedstead and hanging \_\_\_\_\_ belonging and also such two pair of sheets pair of Blankets and Counterpane as she shall make choice of and the same to be delivered to her forthwith after my Decease clear of Leyney (?) Duty and as to the residue of my personal Estate and whole of my Rent Estate I give and devise and bequeath unto my son Henry Charles Sinnock forever Subject to and charged with the Payment of said annuity or \_\_\_\_\_ sum of sixty pounds and I appoint him my said son Executor of this my last will and Testament and I most for \_\_\_\_\_ trust that he will after my Decease treat the said Henrietta Fenner with great Kindness and not suffer his wife to \_\_\_\_\_ her as she \_\_\_\_\_ conducts herself with great propriety as my Housekeeper and is the last Friend I have on earth in fact if he my said Son has any regard for the memory of his late mother (?) her Sister he will not fail to treat her the said Henrietta Fenner with great kindness after my Decease and lastly I hereby revoke all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have here unto set my Hand this twelfth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. (signed) Saml Sinnock  
Signed Published and declared by the said Samuel Sinnock As and for his last will And Testament in the Presence of us who In his Presence at his request and in the Presence of each other have here under Subscribed our names as witnesses thereto: Stephen Breads Edgar Bread (?) On the first day of March 1856 Was sworn Henry Charles Sinnock Gentleman the sole executor in the \_\_\_\_\_ and whom has committed the \_\_\_\_\_ under the value of five thousand pounds.  
(Note from Mark Milton: I wasn't able to photocopy original as it came out too dark, and wasn't sure of my handwriting when I typed it. Should be close!)

**Last Will and Testament of Thomas Garnett**  
*from St. Anne Parish, Essex, England*  
*signed October 20, 1733, proved December 20, 1743*

Transcribed from the internet by Scott Sinnock  
April 23, 2011

*from the Will Book for the County of Essex, Book # 7, page 60*

In the Name of God, Amen, I, Thomas Garnett, of the Parish of St. Anne, in the County of Essex, being sick and weak, but of disposing memory, do make this my Last Will and Testament, breaking and dissolving of any Will and Testament heretofore by me made, and this and no other, to be taken for my Last Will of Testament ----- in a manner of form following Viz. Imp: It is my will and desire, having several small children, that my loving wife, Elizabeth, have the use of all my Estate, be it of what nature or kind soever, for and during her natural life, provided she remains so long my wife, for and towards her support and my eight children: John, Anne, Sarah, James, Joyce, Mary, and Avery Garnett and Thomas Garnett, but in case she should marry, then it is my will and desire that all my Estate be equally divided between my loving wife and my children above named, and it is further my will and desire that if my loving wife, Elizabeth, shall remain my widow during her natural life, that then, all my Estate is to be hers and the increase or decrease, at the time of her death, be equally divided between my above children: John, Anne, Sarah, James, Joyce, Mary, Avie and Thomas Garnett. And, it is my desire that my Estate be not appraised and I do appoint my loving wife, Elizabeth, Executrix of this, my Last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have set my hand of Seal this 20th day of October, 1733 Sealed and Delivered." Thos. Garnett (Seal) Witnesses: Salvator Muscoe Jas. Smith William Lenthen

## The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Sinnock

*from Bexhill, Sussex, England*

*signed February 20, 1749, proved August 23, 1756*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock

May 22, 1995

*from a copy of a handwritten will sent to Scott Sinnock*

*by John B. McKee in a letter dated May 16, 1995*

This record is a xerographic copy of a microfilm copy of a handwritten will of Thomas Sinnock, blacksmith of Bexhill, East Sussex, England sent to Scott Sinnock by John B. McKee as an enclosure in a letter dated May 16, 1995. The will is entered in the records of East Sussex County, England and indicates that James had as siblings Richard, Elias, and Elizabeth. A typed transcription by Scott Sinnock of the will is included with this record and is included in the Microsoft Word file, *Sinnock.Wills.doc*.

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Sinnock of the Parish of Bexhill in the County of Sussex Blacksmith being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following. First I will my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it me Hoping through the mercy and Intercession of my Saviour Jesus Christ so \_\_\_\_\_ everlasting life. And my body I will to be buried by my executrix and executor hereafter named. And as touching my worldly estate both Real and Personal that it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose of in the manner following. First I give and \_\_\_\_\_ to Elias Sinnock my brother all that my cobby hold Blacksmith Shop and a small warehouse near the same and that cobby hold part of the garden on which the said shop and workshope stand containing by Estimation three Rods to the same more or less hold on the Manor of Bexhill Situate at Bexhill hill, which said Shop warehouse and part of the garden I have \_\_\_\_\_ unto the hands of the Lord "of the Mannor" of Bexhill the \_\_\_\_\_ of my last Will and Testament: And also I give and \_\_\_\_\_ unto my said Brother Elias Sinnock my Dwelling house and the other part of the garden adjoining to the above mentioned with the appurtenances that is holdon of the mannor of Langley: Toghether with my Stock of Tools, Stock of Iron of all Sorts and Stock of Coals after my decease: and my wife Shall quit the said dwelling house the first-quarter day after my decease; observe I give the above mentioned house and Blacksmith shop with all their appurtenances to my said Brother Elias Sinnock and his heirs for ever: Him or his heirs paying five pounds a year to Elizabeth my loving wife during her natural life. I give unto my brother Richard Sinnock all that my House Stables and garden with the appurtenances situate at Bexhill hill, which I lately purchased of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Duke of S<sup>t</sup> Leonard in the county of Sussex, and now in the occupation of John Cruttendon and Thomas Garfield: which said house stables and garden with the appurtenances I give unto my said brother Richard Sinnock and his heirs for ever; Him or his heirs paying four pounds a year to Elizabeth my loving wife during the term of her natural life. I give unto my sister Elizabeth wife of Stephen Pettit of Bexhill one hundred pounds that I have upon Nicholas land in mortgages: but my wife shall have the Interest of it during her natural Life: and if my sister should not survive my wife: my will is that my niece Ann Sinnock, my nephew Abraham Young, my nephew Isaac Young, and my nephew Jacob Young or the survivors of them shall have the said hundred pounds equally between them. I also give unto my Brother Elias Sinnock or his heirs: and also to my Brother Richard Sinnock or his heirs: and also to my sister Pettit or her heirs twenty pounds to be paid then within two months after my decease all sixty pounds. The rest and Residue of all my goods and chattels my Debts and Legacies being first paid and discharged I give unto Elizabeth my loving wife whom I do appoint Executrix of this my last Will and Testament But my mind and will is that is my wife shall marry again she shall within one week pay to my two Brothers and my Sister twenty pounds more apiece or the their heirs in all sixty pounds more. I also appoint my Brother Elias Sinnock Executor of this my last Will and Testament but he shall not Receive anything more than is given him. I will to be buried sex foot deep and have a tomb of over five pounds value to be paid Equally between my wife, my two Brothers, and my Sister. (signed) Thomas Sinnock. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of February One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty nine. Signed, Sealed, Published, and Declared to be the last Will and Testament of the Testator Thomas Sinnock In the presence of us Rich<sup>d</sup> Goodwin, Nich Sinnock, J<sup>n</sup> Cooper. The twenty third Day of August Anno Domini 1756 then was sworn Elizabeth Sinnock Executrix of this will to whom was Committed the administration of the Goods: and the Brother execution of the same (reserved nevertheless a Power of granting the like Commission to Elias Sinnock the other Executor in this will named when he shall \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## The Last Will and Testament of William Sevenoke *signed June 17 and July 5, 1432*

Transcribed by Scott Sinnock  
July 12, 1995

*from preserved among the Archives of the Corporation of the City of London at the Guildhall, Part II, 1358 - 1686, edited by Reginald R. Sharpe, Published by the City of London, Printed by John C. Francis, Took's Court, London, England, 924p.*

This record consists of xerographic copies of three published wills of William Sevenoke, Mayor of London. The wills from the early 1432 are published in the Calendar of Wills, Court of Husting, London, 1258 - 1686. The wills refer to William as a grocer. Another will of Walter Caketon, friend and executor of William Sevenoke, details some of the disposition of William's property as does a will of Alice Lynne, relict of William. These wills document the founding of Sevenoaks School by William. They also establish that John Sevenoaks was a likely son of William.

1. Will 1: signed June 17, 1432, page 462  
To be buried according to directions contained in his testament touching his movable goods. To William Doune, the rector, and churchwardens of the church of S. Martin within Ludgate, a certain quitrent of five marks, charged on a tenement called "le Cowpe on the hoop," &c., in Fletestrete in the parish of S. Martin aforesaid, in aid of a chantry in the said church for the good of his soul, the souls of John Flete, capper, John Shawe, vintner, and others, the said quitrent being parcel of six marks six shillings and eightpence annual rent left by the said John Flete to John his son by will proved, proclaimed, and enrolled in the Husting of London, anno 8 Edward I (A.D. 1279-80). London.
2. Will 2: signed July 5, 1432, page 466  
Testament touching certain lands and tenements and a wharf called "Asselyneswharf" in the parish of S. Dunstan towards the Tower, formerly belonging to John Cherteseye, draper, the reversion of which he leaves to the Prior and Convent of the Church or House of H. Trinity the Great within Algate. London.
3. Will 3: signed July 5, 1432, page 467  
Testament touching his tenement in the lane called "Botulpheslane" in the parish of S. George near Estchepe, which he leaves to Sir Roger Jurdon, Prior of the New Hospital of S. Mary without Bisshopesgate, and convent of the same, charged with the maintenance of a chantry in the church of S. George aforesaid for the souls of Roger de la Bere and others. London.
4. January 4, 1437 (Will of unknown), page 484  
This will of unknown person documents Williams founding of the Sevenoaks School for the poor. (first part missing) ..... formerly belonging to Dame Margery Welton, widow, and afterwards to William Sevenok, grocer, and one of the Aldermen' of the City, which he leaves to the rector, vicar, churchwardens, and parishioners of the church of S. Nicholas de Sevenok, co. Kent, charged with the payment of five marks annually to some honest man, not in holy orders, to teach poor children of the parish in the messuage formerly belonging to William Sevenok, according 'to the terms of the will of the said William; and also with the payment of ten shillings yearly to each of thirteen poor men and women, at the discretion of the said rector, vicar, and wardens, living in cottages formerly belonging to the said William. The surplus of the issues and profits of the property to be kept in a box within the said church for any emergency that may arise touching the tenements. In default the property to go over to the next heir male of the said William Sevenok. London.
5. Will of Alice Lynn, relict of William, grocer, June 22, 1458, page 580  
To be buried according to directions contained in her testament touching her movables. To Robert Kirkeham, the rector, and churchwardens of the church of S. Dunstan in the East and their successors, certain tenements acquired by her jointly with others from William Sevenok, grocer, in the parish of S. Dunstan aforesaid, charged with the observance of her obit for the good of her soul, the souls of her late husband, John Maykyn and Johanna his wife, and others in manner as directed; remainder in case of default to the Mayor or Warden and Commonalty of the City of London for the time being to the use and maintenance of London Bridge, subject to the above charges. London

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my said son John, and I doe hereby recommend her to the  
 care of my Executrix herein after named Item all the rest  
 residue and Remainder of my money Goods Chattells and  
 Estate whatsoever and whosoever that I am or shall any  
 ways be interested in or Intitled unto at the time of my  
 decease I doe wholly give and bequeath the same unto my  
 loving Wife Anne Stylos to her own proper use and disposall  
 And I doe hereby nominate and appoint my said Wife Anne  
 Stylos full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and lastly  
 I doe hereby Revoke all former and other Wills whatsoever by me  
 made or spoken and none of them to stand in force but this  
 my last Will and Testament only In Witness whereof I the  
 said John Stylos the Testator have herunto sett my hand and  
 Seale the Twelvty second day of January Anno Domini 1716.  
 and in the Third year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord  
 George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and  
 Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. John Stylos Senr. / Signed Sealed  
 published and declared by the said John Stylos the Testator as  
 and for his last Will and Testament in our sight and presence and  
 subscribed and attested in his presence by us Thomas Mapson  
 Thomas Fellow Natl<sup>l</sup> Hale Ser.

**Probatum** fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud  
 London<sup>am</sup> coram vovrabili viro Carolo Pinfold Legum Doctore  
 Surrogato vovrabilis et egregij viri Johannis Botosworth Legum  
 etiam Doctoris Curie prerogative Cantuariensis Magistri Custodis  
 sive Commissarij legitimo constituti sexto die mensis Februarij  
 Anno Domini millesimo septingentesimo octimo sexto sursum  
 Anna Stylos Relicta dicti defuncti et Executrix in dicto Testamento  
 nominat Cui commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum  
 bonorum iurium et reddituum dicti defuncti De bono et fideliter  
 Administranda eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia Jurat. Exam<sup>o</sup>

**In the Name of God Amen**

The Sixteenth day of June in the ninth year of the Reigne of our  
 Sovereigne Lady Anne by the Grace of God of Great Britain &c  
 France and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c Anno  
 Domini One thousand seven and ten I Elias Simothke of London  
 in the County of Sussex Morte being weak in Body But of  
 a sound and perfect mind and memory (praised be God therefore)  
 doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in writing  
 in manner and forme following (that is to say) first and principally  
 I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God my Creator and  
 my Body to the Earth from whence it came to be therein devoutly  
 buried with Christian buriall at the discretion of my Executrix herein  
 after named and for the worldly Estate wherewith God in his  
 Morty hath been pleased to bestow upon upon me I give and dispose  
 thereof as followeth Inprimis I give and bequeath unto my four  
 Daughters Katharine Anne Hannah and Elizabeth Simothke one hundred

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 Elias Simothke.

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pounds apaire to be paid to them as they shall attaine to  
 their severall and respective ages of one and twenty years or  
 day of marriage whith shall first happon and in case any  
 of my said Daughters shall dye before they attaine to the  
 age of one and twenty years or day of marriage as aforesaid  
 Then my Will and ~~my~~ mind is that the Legaty of One xxx  
 hundred pounds given by this my Will to her or them soe  
 dying shall be equally divided share and share alike  
 betwoun my other Daughters who shall survive and outlive  
 her or them soe dying as aforesaid all the rest and Residue  
 of my Goods Chattels Wares Householdstuffs plate and personall  
 Estate whatsoever my Debts Legatys and ffunorall Expentes  
 being first paid and satisfyed I wholly give unto my loving  
 Wife Katharine who I make and Ordaine Executrix of this  
 my last Will and Testament and I doe hereby nominate  
 and appoint my loving friend Bartholomew Walker of Housfield  
 aforesaid Gentleman Overseer of this my Will and doe earnestly  
 entreat him to be aiding and assisting to my Executrix in the  
 due performante and execution of the same and in token of  
 my love I give my said Overseer one Guinea and I doe hereby  
 revoke all former Wills by me made and to this my last Will  
 and Testament have sett my hand and seale and published  
 and declared this to be my last Will and Testament the day  
 and year above writton. Elias Simcock. / . Signed sealed published  
 and declared by the said Elias Simcock to be his last Will and  
 Testament (the word Wife being first interlined) in the presence  
 of the mark of John Philcox George Worge Sam. Brewer.

**Probatum** fuit huiusmodi Testamentum apud  
 London toram Venerabili et egregio viro Johanne Boffesworth  
 Legum Doctoro Curia prerogativa Cantuariensis Magistro Custode  
 sive Commissario legitimo Constituto Nono die mensis februarij  
 Anno Domini Millesimo Septingentesimo octavo sexto Juramento  
 Catharina Simcock Relicta dicti defuncti et executrix in dicto  
 Testamento nominal Cui commissa fuit administratio omnium  
 et Singulorum bonorum iurium et reddituum dicti defuncti De-  
 bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad Sancta Dei Evangelia vigore  
 Commissionis Jurat. Exam.

**In the Name of God Amen**

*In*  
 Roberti Steadman.

This twenty third day of December Annoq; Domini One thousand  
 seven hundred and ffourteen I Robert Steadman late of parroth  
 in the County of Cumberland Gentleman But now of the parish  
 of St Georges Southwarke being sick and weak of Body But of  
 perfect sound and disposing mind and memory (praised be God  
 for the same) doe hereby make Ordain and Declare this my last  
 Will and Testament in manner and forme following That is to  
 say First I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty  
 God who gave it, hoping through the merits of my Dear Saviour

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Sum in Dattle aforesaid his heirs assigns for ever And give and bequeath all and every the  
Aunt and brother goods furniture plate books & annuals liquors catables & other such  
be in up or about or remaining as belonging to or to any part of my said brother's estate and  
premises therein be devised to Elizabeth daughter for her life unto the said Elizabeth daughter  
for her life or up to her death to give and bequeath unto William Stiles of Guildford in the County  
of Surrey the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to him in the annual manner from my  
brother's estate of my estate for ever Also give and bequeath unto William Stiles of Guildford in  
the County of Surrey the sum of fifty pounds to be paid to him in the annual manner  
the said George Sargent John Willingham the younger John Darnley the sum of thirty  
pounds apiece for their own respective benefit Also give and bequeath unto Samuel Robinson  
now or late of Albion Street Blackfriars London Esquire and Thomas Wilson of Bigglesby  
platt Solingham in the County of Middlesex Esquire the sum of four hundred pounds now for ever  
four hundred pounds now for ever the sum of the said Bank of England now standing in  
my said trust that the said Samuel Robinson and Thomas Wilson and the or  
Survivor of them and the heirs assigns of our said Survivor and the heirs assigns shall  
have possession of the said sum of four hundred pounds and the dividends interest and annual  
interest thereof but not the full power from time to time as often as they or the shall think  
proper to sell and convey the said or any part thereof and in soot the proceeds arising  
thereof in any other thing or upon real security at discretion in the name or name of  
them or him and the heirs assigns of our said Survivor and the dividends interest  
and annual interest thereof and apply the said dividends interest and annual interest as the  
said shall be paid payable towards the maintenance of the said offering of the said  
being of the said Protestant disputing chapel in the Cross in the Parish of Saint Leonard in  
London aforesaid being an apiece of ground given by me for that purpose and offering  
of the said chapel being previously settled in the name of the said chapel and adopted for that purpose  
being also approved of by the said trustees or trustee for the time being or by such other persons as may  
hereafter be adopted for the election of an offering of the said chapel in pursuance of any future organized  
meeting for religious worship in the said chapel Also give and bequeath unto the said George  
Sargent John Willingham the younger and John Darnley the sum of three hundred and thirty  
pounds of four hundred pounds now for ever the sum of the said Bank of England and the  
the said and the said three hundred and thirty pounds now respectively standing in my name  
upon trust as aforesaid after my death or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be to  
transfer or pay the said three hundred and thirty pounds unto all the said children lawfully begotten of the said  
brother's estate as my daughter as well as daughters as sons equally to be divided between them  
share and share alike for their respective proper use and benefit provided always that if  
any of our said children shall die before his or her or their share or shares of the said trust money  
and securities shall be paid or transferable as aforesaid without leaving issue of  
his or her body or bodies lawfully begotten then the share or shares of him or her or  
children respectively shall arrive and be paid or transferred to the survivors of our  
children in equal proportions and so in case of the death of any of our children or children  
after the death of any before any other annuity share or shares shall be paid or  
transferable unto the said annuity share or shares of our children or children respectively  
and so on shall be subject to the like quality of annuity as the said or their respective original  
share or shares and the said shall go to the survivors or survivor of our children  
and shall be payable or transferable to them or her or her respectively at the said time  
as the original share or shares are or were made payable or transferable But in  
case any of the said children dying before his or her or their respective share or shares or  
shall be paid but shall leave issue of his or her body or bodies lawfully begotten  
then the said share or shares shall be paid to the said or their body or bodies lawfully begotten and  
issue respectively shall together and per stripes be entitled to and so to the by give and  
bequeath to the said issue respectively unto the said or shares of the said trust money  
as the parent or respective parent of our issue would have been entitled to if he  
or she or they had lived until the trust money had been payable or transferable And give  
and bequeath all that the said offering or offering in the dwelling garden ground and  
premises being in the Parish of Saint Leonard in the County of Surrey now in the tenure  
or occupation of John Stiles or his heirs assigns and also that the offering or offering

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and premises being in the parish of St Clements in the town and port of Hastings aforesaid  
 was in the town or occupation of my stepson Richard Dimock Middlemore a tailor and  
 also all the messuages or tenements out of the roof in the town or occupation of James  
 Hummel and the other being in two dwellings is in the several tenements or occupations  
 of William Mart and Clark together with the ground and premises to the same copy  
 let being in the court formerly called the Alley but now called Dimock's Alley  
 in the parish of Saint Clements aforesaid and the said two last mentioned messuages  
 and premises were respectively purchased by me of the said George and of Mr Robert  
 Cather and also all that messuage messuages or tenements back of the garden and  
 part of land being now part of the parish of St Andrew aforesaid and in the  
 borough of Saint Andrew and also all that other messuages or tenements or a  
 dwelling house bought out of the said premises the said last mentioned premises are  
 now in the several tenements or occupations of Messrs John Douro and John Preston and a  
 receipt bought of Richard Dimock and to the said Richard Dimock Middlemore  
 as admitted every purchase the receipt of the said George and of Mr Robert  
 Cather as written as known to the said and declaration that the said premises were  
 purchased by me with my own money and for my sole benefit and that I would in my  
 receipt surrender the same to any person or use I should appoint with the said copy of  
 the receipt and John Douro and John Preston and also the said George and William  
 following that is to say upon trust in the first place that the said George and  
 John William the younger and John Douro or the survivor of them or the  
 executor administrator or assigns of one survivor shall from time to time apply  
 for and bear annual proceeds of the said messuages and premises and premises  
 subject to the expenses of keeping the same in good tenable repair and inuring the  
 said messuages and buildings from damage by fire for the support of the said Richard Dimock  
 situation during his life and in payment of all necessary expenses to be incurred in respect  
 of such support for religious purposes I do hereby direct my said trustees or trustee for the  
 time being always to keep in the said or his disposition during his life out of the  
 in the public funds or in good real security as to the work of the said trustees or trustee  
 as sum of money to be paid yearly interest or proceeds shall be sufficient to satisfy such a  
 maintenance and expenses and apply the same accordingly and upon further trust that  
 my said trustees or trustee for the time being shall from time to time until all the  
 children of the said Richard Dimock Middlemore both sons and daughters by the  
 said Ann his wife as shall not have died in the meantime shall have attained the age  
 of twenty one years apply the product of the said rents and clear annual proceeds of the  
 said messuages and premises and premises for the maintenance and education of the  
 said children and in putting them out or appointing them to some useful trade business  
 or employment in such manner as shall appear to my trustees or trustee to be most  
 proper and advantageous and for this purpose I do hereby declare that it shall be lawful for  
 the said children or trustee to apply for the same in the name of the said trustees or trustee  
 property bequeathed to them as executor or administrator as by my said trustees or trustee shall  
 be deemed advisable provided always and I do hereby direct that the said Richard Dimock and  
 Middlemore shall not by any means be allowed to receive for the purpose of applying to the  
 will aforesaid any part of the said premises or the said trustees or trustee to be applied for  
 the maintenance and education and bringing up of the said children but that my said  
 trustees or trustee shall pay and apply the same money and unto the application in  
 the said will or in any other proper manner or manner whatsoever that they or any  
 deputy and allow any other person or persons whom they or any way think fit to take a  
 charge of and conduct the business affairs of the said will and children of the said Richard  
 Dimock Middlemore and may do all such things to be done to any person or persons  
 and sums of money as shall be necessary for that purpose and upon further trust until  
 all the said children of the said Richard Dimock Middlemore as shall not have attained the  
 age of twenty one years as aforesaid and my said trustees or trustee for  
 the time being shall invest the surplus (if any) of the said rents and clear annual  
 proceeds

proceeds in the public funds or upon good real security at interest in their or his name or  
name in order that the said surplus and the interest thereof may accumulate for the  
benefit of the said children of my said late wife as is herein after mentioned And upon further  
trust immediately upon all the said children shall have attained the age of twenty years  
years as herein before mentioned or as soon hereafter as conveniently may be that the  
said trustees or trustee for the time being shall sell convey purchase and assure the  
said Messuages or tenements hereditaments and premises either together or in parts  
by public Auction or private contract for the most money that can be reasonably obtained  
for the said and shall forthwith pay out all our said late wife's debts and  
as well as they or it shall think fit And I do hereby declare my will to be that upon a  
payment of the same to arise by any one or more of the said trustees or trustee may give any  
receipt for the same monies or any part thereof respectively received shall be a  
good discharge to any purchaser his or her Executors Administrators or Assigns and  
not afterwards for so much of the said purchase money as shall be shown or proved to be  
received And such purchaser his or her Executors Administrators or Assigns shall  
not afterwards be obliged to see to the application of such money or to be  
answerable for any loss and application or non application thereof or of any part  
thereof of gift and bequeath unto the said George Sargent John Williams the younger  
and John Bennett their Executors Administrators and Assigns the further sum of one thousand and  
six hundred pounds London Gold and Silver also standing in my name and all the rest and  
residue of my real and personal Estate whatsoever and  
wheresoever upon trust that they the said George Sargent John Williams the younger  
and John Bennett or their Survivors or Survivor of them their Executors Administrators or  
Assigns of such Survivor shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell and  
convey into ready money some part of my said residuary personal Estate as shall  
not consist of monies or securities for money and shall in and towards payment of  
such part thereof as shall be consist of monies out upon security or privity all or any  
of the said in their or his direction to remain upon such security And I do hereby direct  
that my said trustees or trustee for the time being shall stand possessed of the said sum of  
one thousand and six hundred pounds London Gold and Silver and the residue of my  
said residuary personal Estate upon trust that the monies arising from my said  
Estate in the public funds of Great Britain upon real security at interest in their or his  
name or name and pay and apply the dividends interest and annual proceeds arising thereupon  
and save the said sum of one thousand and six hundred pounds London Gold and Silver as  
to the said shall be received for the purposes in the manner with the powers and trusts  
the provisions herein before contained respecting the rents and annual proceeds of the said  
messuages hereditaments and premises lastly herein before devised to my said trustees  
as aforesaid And I do hereby direct and declare that upon all the said children of the said  
Andreas Juniors Middlemas by the said And his last as shall not have had their maintenance  
shall have attained the said age of twenty years hereafter and of the said George Sargent  
said George Sargent John Williams the younger and John Bennett or their Survivors  
or Survivor of them his Executors Administrators or Assigns shall stand possessed of the said monies and  
shall arise by sale of my said Messuages hereditaments and premises as aforesaid and the  
surplus rents and profits of the said premises from the time of the said children being living  
attaining the said age until the said shall be sold as also the said last mentioned sum of  
one thousand and six hundred pounds London Gold and Silver and the monies arising from my said  
residuary personal Estate and the accumulations if any of the said surplus of the rents and  
proceeds of the said real and personal Estate and the interest thereof as aforesaid and  
the securities on which the said shall be then invested respectively invested  
upon trust to pay the said respectively or transfer the securities received the said  
shall be respectively invested and converted as aforesaid subject nevertheless to the  
provisions herein before contained for continuing at interest a sufficient sum  
of money for the maintenance of the said Andreas Juniors Middlemas  
during their life unto all the said children of the said Andreas Juniors Middlemas  
equally to be divided between them their heirs and assigns for their respective proper  
use and benefit provided always that if any of the said children shall die before his

Age

-son or their estate or estate of the said trust monies and securities shall become payable  
 or transferrable as aforesaid without leaving issue of his or their body or bodies lawfully  
 begotten then the estate or estate of him or her respectively or dying shall annuit and  
 be paid or transferred to the survivors of our children in equal proportions and in case of  
 the death of any of our children or children after the death of any of our surviving  
 sons or daughters shall become payable or transferrable to the said surviving  
 estate or estate of our children or children respectively or dying shall be subject to the  
 like quality of annuity as his or her respective original estate or estate and  
 shall go to the survivors or survivor of our children and shall be payable or  
 transferrable to them or their respective estate or estate at the same time as the original  
 estate or estate of our children or children respectively or dying before his or her  
 body or bodies shall leave issue of his or her body or bodies lawfully  
 begotten our issue respectively shall together and in proportion be entitled to  
 and share by joint and several parts our issue respectively our estate or  
 estate of the said trust monies and securities as the parent or respective  
 parents of our issue would have been entitled to if he or she or they had  
 lived until the said trust monies had become payable or transferrable  
 provided also and my will is that the said George Sargent John  
 Williams the younger and John Bennett and the survivors and survivor  
 of them his Executors Administrators and Assigns may at any time in their  
 or his discretion sell and transfer all or any of the said trust monies and securities  
 aforesaid and invest the proceeds to arise therefrom in the public funds or in  
 upon real security at interest in their or his name or names and again at  
 any time sell and transfer the said funds and securities and invest  
 the monies arising therefrom in any other like funds or securities as they the  
 said trustees or trustee shall think fit all the said funds and securities  
 and the interest and annual income thereof respectively shall remain  
 upon the trusts for the purposes and uses the powers and under the provisions  
 hereinbefore expressed touching the said original trust monies and securities  
 and the interest and annual income thereof respectively or upon for the  
 and under our estate respectively as shall for the time be by a or  
 subsisting provided also that in case any of the said trustees or trustee  
 be appointed under this provision or shall succeed the last surviving  
 or acting trustee as his representative or representatives shall die or  
 or cease to be discharged from or be and incapable of acting in the  
 aforesaid trusts before they shall be fully executed then and as often  
 as that shall happen it is my will that the remaining acting  
 trustee or trustee or the Representative or representatives of the last  
 trustee may and shall by any deed or writing under their respective  
 hands and seals or seal and seal attested by two or more credible  
 witnesses appoint any other fit person or persons to be our trustee or  
 trustees of this my will and that immediately on our appointment all  
 the said trust estate monies funds securities and premises heretofore  
 or hereunto in our remaining trustee or trustee or his representative  
 or representatives of the last trustee shall be respectively conveyed or  
 assigned and transferred in one manner that the said may effectually  
 act in our trusts or trustee or trustee or jointly with the  
 said trustee or trustee as the trust may require and in his or her  
 name Executors Administrators and Assigns touching the said  
 of the said estate respectively upon the trusts for the purposes and uses the  
 powers and under the provisions hereinbefore expressed touching the said  
 respectively or upon for the and under our estate respectively  
 subsisting and our trusts or trustee and them or his respective  
 Executors Administrators and Assigns shall have the said powers  
 and privileges as if they or he had been appointed trustee or trustee