

Will of Andrew Prowse of Loddiswell, Devon, Taylor 1815¹

In the Name of God, Amen. I Andrew Prowse of Loddiswell in the County of Devon, Taylor, being of a weak Body but of a sound mind memory and understanding, Blessed be God for it, do publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) I appoint my sons Andrew Prowse and John Prowse to be Executors and to settle my affairs after my Decease being allowed all reasonable Expences out of my Landed property should there not be money sufficient without it and to pay my Funeral Expences out of the money which is at Interest, and I do also give my Dwelling House in which I reside in to my Eldest Son Andrew Prowse and that part of the Garden which doth belong to it with the Hog's Sty which belongs to it and I also give him my bell metal Crock, and I give the House which was called the Cellar to my Son John Prowse with that part of the Garden which belongs to it and I give him my Clock, and I also give the House which is called the weaving House to my daughter Catherine Gay² with the Hog's Sty and that part of the Garden which doth belong to it during her natural Life and after her Death for her Son John Gay³ to have it, but in case the said John Gay should not out live his Mother or she the said Catherine Gay should not have neither Child more then my Will is that her House is to come to my Son John Prowse to his Heirs and Assigns, and also I give the House which is called the Butcher's House with the Hog's Sty and that part of the Garden which doth belong to it to my daughter Grace Pepperal⁴ and also give the said Grace Pepperal all my Household Furniture of what sort soever, Except the before mentioned Goods. My daughter Ann Bowden⁵ I have no House for but I give her £30 to be paid by my Executors, but should not my Executors not be able to get any of my Debts then my Will is that she shall have but £10 to be paid her in manner following (that is to say) Andrew Prowse shall pay her £4 and John Prowse to pay her £2 Catherine Gay to pay her £2 and Grace Pepperal to pay her £2 to be paid from my Houses of Land, and I give my house of Lease to my Grand Daughter Susanna Williams⁶ but if she the said Susanna Williams should happen die without Child or Children then I give the House to my Executors to share and share alike, but should not my Executors not be able to get any part of my money which is now at Interest then my Will is that Andrew Prowse, John Prowse, Catherine Gay, Grace Pepperal and Susanna Williams as one to pay my Funeral Expences and the proving of the Will equal alike, but should they recover Debts to the amount of £30 then my Will is that Ann Bowden shall have as first mentioned for her, but should they recover all my money then my Will is that John Prowse shall have £20 besides his House and the Money that remains after all Expences are paid is to be divided amongst all my Children to share

¹ Died 28 Dec 1815, buried 31 Dec 1815 at Loddiswell.

² Catherine Prowse married 1) James Coles 23 Sep 1791 at Loddiswell, 2) Andrew Gay 2 Feb 1803 at Loddiswell. In the record of the second marriage her surname is spelt Cowles.

³ Age 35 in 1841 census so date of birth c. 1806.

⁴ Grace Prowse married Matthew Pepperell 25 June 1805 at Loddiswell.

⁵ Ann Prowse married 14 Feb 1804 at Loddiswell. They were first cousins. The marriage is definitely recorded at Loddiswell and not East Allington.

⁶ Daughter of Catherine Prowse and James Coles. Susanna Ann Cowles married Thomas Williams 31 May 1814 at Loddiswell. Their eldest child, baptised 9 Oct 1814 at Loddiswell, was James Cole Williams.

and share alike.

Signed and sealed this 26th Day of [*missing*] in the year of our Lord 1815 in the presence [*missing*] are now Witnesses to it

+ Mark of Andrew Prowse

Nicholas Adams Moysey
Richard Kennard
Joseph Bowden⁷

Proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 23rd March 1816

Effects sworn under £200

⁷ Probably the father of John Bowden who married Ann Prowse (above). Joseph married Catherine Prowse, sister of the Andrew whose Will this is.