

Will of Elizabeth Fabes

This is the last Will and Testament of me Elizabeth Fabes¹ of Plymouth Dock² in the County of Devon, widow. In the first place I direct that my just debts and my funeral and Testamentary expenses and the cost of proving this my Will be fully paid by my Executor hereinafter named as soon as conveniently may be after my decease. I give and bequeath unto Sibella the wife of Roger Prowse otherwise Prouse of Plymouth Dock aforesaid Pawnbroker and Polly the wife of John Greet³ of the same place Boatswain in His Majesty's Navy All that my undivided Moiety or half part of and in all that Messuage or Dwelling house with the appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Pembroke Street in Plymouth Dock aforesaid and held for a term of ninety-nine years determinable on lives and now in the occupation of ----- Radford -- Baker as Tenant thereof To hold the same to them the said Sibella Prowse and Polly Greet their Executors Administrators and Assigns as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants for such term and interest as I shall have therein at the time of my decease for their own use and benefit absolutely, free from the debts control or management of their present or any future husbands. And I likewise give unto the said Sibella Prowse and Polly Greet the sum of twenty-five pounds of lawful money to be paid to them within one calendar month next after my decease to be held by them respectively upon trusts hereinafter declared (that is to say) Upon Trust that they or the survivor of them or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do and shall forthwith lay out and expend the sum of Ten pounds or part thereof in such articles of wearing apparel or otherwise as they shall think fit, for the equal benefit of my two Granddaughters Sarah Glanville and Charlotte Glanville children of my late daughter Charlotte Glanville⁴ deceased. And as to the remaining sum of Fifteen pounds other [?] part thereof Upon Trust to place out the same at Interest in their names or name in some or one of the Savings Banks within the County of Devon with power to call in and again invest the same from time to time whenever they shall think proper and stand possessed thereof and the Interest and accumulations from time to time to grow due thereon Upon Trust for my three Grandsons, namely John Anstey Glanville, William Glanville and Henry Glanville, the other children of my said late daughter Charlotte Glanville deceased to be equally divided between them share and share alike and to be paid to them when and as they shall achieve their respective ages of Twenty one years but so that the Interest which shall grow ??? thereon in the mean time shall be added to the principal and accumulate in the nature of compound interest with benefit of survivorship between them as to the shares both original and accruing of such of them as shall die under that age. Provided nevertheless and I do hereby declare that notwithstanding the aforesaid clauses for accumulating the ??? Shares of my said Grandsons it shall be lawful for the said Sibella Prowse and Polly Greet during their minorities to advance all or any part of such shares towards placing them out apprentices in case the said Sibella Prowse and Polly Greet shall consider it more to the advantage of my said Grandsons, but not otherwise. And as concerning all my wearing apparel of every description which I may die

¹ Nee Cole. Second wife of Francis Fabes.

² Plymouth Dock was officially renamed Devonport on 1 January 1824.

³ Polly Fabes married John Greet 12 Sept 1808 at St Thomas, Portsmouth, Hants.

⁴ Charlotte Fabes married William Granville or Glanville 14 Dec 1800 at Stoke Damerel. She was buried 6 July 1820 at the same place.

possessed of, I direct the same shall be sold by my Executor hereinafter named immediately after my decease (except such part thereof as my said Daughters Sibella Prowse and Polly Greet shall think proper to retain for themselves) and the proceeds [?] arising therefrom to be divided equally amongst them my said two daughters for their own benefit. And I give and bequeath the following articles of Furniture and Legacies that is to say unto the said Sibella Prowse my Silver Tankard and Mahogany Claw Table - unto the said Polly Greet my Mahogany Chest of Drawers and Silver Gravy Spoon - unto Elizabeth Searle⁵ wife of Zachariah Searle of Plymouth Dock aforesaid labourer my Mahogany Pembroke Table together with the sum of Five pounds which is to be paid to her within one calendar month next after my decease - Unto Betty Hellyer, widow of Joseph Hellyer Broker deceased the sum of one pound to be paid to her within one calendar month next after my decease. And unto William Glanville late of the Boot Inn in Plymouth Victualler the sum of one shilling⁶. And as to and concerning all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattels Monies and Securities for

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And every part thereof (subject and charged with the payment of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the aforesaid legacies) unto the said Sibella Prowse and Polly Greet their Executors Administrators and Assigns for their absolute use and benefit separate and apart from their present or any future husbands. And I nominate and appoint the said Roger Prowse otherwise Prouse sole Executor of this my Will thereby revoking all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written on four sheets of paper set my hand and seal (that is to say) my hand to the three first sheets thereof and my hand and seal to this fourth and last sheet thereof this Eleventh day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Elizabeth Fabes

Names of witnesses partly missing:

[Poss. Samuel] Rowse of Plymouth

[Poss. Thomas] Rendell or Kendell of Plymouth Dock

Proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 24 June 1824

⁵ Daughter of Francis Fabes by his first wife, Mary Perratten. She married Zachariah Searle 11 Oct 1791 at Stoke Damerel.

⁶ Elizabeth's opinion of her son-in-law seems to have been pretty low!