

Probate for the will of George Hicks of Great Saling, Essex – Written 1837, proved in 1840

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Summary

He was a Farmer of Saling, Essex

Nephew Charles Hicks of Stansted Mountfitchet (farmer) and Joseph Sterry the younger of the Borough of Southwark (oilman) to get lands and property in Great Saling, Little Saling, and elsewhere, upon trust that they sell it and use the proceeds to provide an annuity of £50 for his wife Elizabeth Hicks

This annuity is intended to be in satisfaction of any claim she might have on his real estate.

£100 to be paid in weekly sums of 5s to his son Robert Hicks

After the death of Elizabeth the residue to go in equal shares to his sons George Hicks and Charles Hicks

Executor George Hicks (Son). Charles Hicks (Nephew), Joseph Sterry

Witnessed by Samuel Jesper, Joseph Whitehead, John Redgwell

Signed 17th September 1837

Proved 12th April 1840

Text

This is the last will and testament

of me George Hicks of Great Saling in the County of Essex Farmer ~

that is to say that I give and bequeath unto my **Nephew Charles Hicks of ~**

Stanstead Mountfitchet in the county of Essex Farmer and **Joseph Sterry ~~**

the younger of the Borough of Southwark Oilman and their

heirs all my Freehold Messuages or Tenements Lands Hereditis ~~

estate and premises situate and being in the Parishes of **Great**

Saling and **Little Saling** in the said County of Essex or elsewhere to hold

the same unto the said **Charles Hicks** and **Joseph Sterry** and their ~~

heirs upon trust to sell the same as soon as conveniently may be after

my decease by public auction or private contract for the most money ~

that can be obtained for the same and I order direct authorise and ~

empower the said **Charles Hicks** and **Joseph Sterry** or their heirs to ~
bargain sell and dispose of all and every my copyhold messuages or ~
tenements lands hereditments and premises whatsoever and ~ ~ ~
wheresoever in **Great Saling** and **Little Saling** aforesaid or elsewhere
unto such person or persons who shall be willing to become the ~ ~ ~
purchaser or purchasers thereof for the best price or prices and I do ~
herby declare that the receipt or receipts of my said trustees or ~ ~
their heirs shall be good and sufficient discharge and discharges to ~
to the respective purchasers of my said Estates for their respective ~ ~ ~ ~
purchase monies without such purchasers being liable to see to the ~ ~
application or answerable or accountable for the misapplication or ~ ~ ~
nonapplication thereof or of any part thereof and as to the monies ~ ~ ~
arising from the said sales after deducting thereout all expenses ~ ~ ~
arising from the same and paying and discharging all mortgages and ~ ~
other incumberances effecting the same I direct the same to be ~ ~ ~ ~
considered as part of my personal estate Item I order and direct my ~
Executors hereinafter named to place out a sufficient sum of money ~
on Government or good Real Security to raise and to pay unto my dear
wife **Elizabeth Hicks** one annuity or yearly sum of fifty pounds ~ ~ ~
payable quarterly which I give and bequeath to her accordingly to ~
commence from the time of my decease free from all taxes and ~ ~ ~ ~
deductions whatsoever in lieu and satisfaction of all dower and thirds
which she might claim in or to my real estate Item I give and bequeath
unto my said wife so much and such part of my household furniture
plate linen china and glass and other household effects as my said ~
Executors shall think proper and necessary for her use Item I order
and direct my said Executors to set apart out of my Estate and ~
Effects the sum of one hundred pounds and to pay the same by weekly
sums of five shillings unto my **son Robert Hicks** as long as the ~ ~
will last out and until the said sum of one hundred pounds shall be ~
expended such weekly payments to commence at the end of the first ~
week after my decease Item I do hereby empower and direct my ~ ~ ~
Executors in their discretion to make sale and dispose of all of my farming
stock and crops stock in trade and the remaining part of my household
furniture and effects in such a way and manner as they may think most ~
beneficial and as to the produce thereafter arising and the money ~ ~ ~
arising from the sale of my said real estates and all the other my Personal
Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever (after and subject to the ~
payment of my just debts and funeral expenses and the above sum of
one hundred pounds and the sum to be appropriated for the said ~ ~ ~
annuity) I give and bequeath the same and also the sum invested to
secure the said annuity (after the decease of my said wife unto and
between my two **Sons George Hicks and Charles Hicks** to be equally
divided between them share and share alike And I nominate ~ ~ ~ ~
constitute and appoint my said **Son George Hicks** and my said ~ ~ ~
Nephew Charles Hicks and the said **Joseph Sterry** Executors of this ~
my Will and do declare that my said Executors and Trustees shall
not be charged or chargeable with or answerable or accountable for any more of my ~
estate and effects than they shall respectively actually receive or shall come to their

respective hands by virtue of this my Will or the trusts hereby exposed
in them nor with or for any loss which may happen to the same or ~ ~
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Any part thereof so as the same or happen without their wilful ~
Neglect or default nor shall they or either of be answerable or ~ ~ ~
Accountable for the others or other of them for himself
And his own acts receipts payments neglects and defaults only ~
And also that it shall be lawful to and for my said trustees and ~ ~ ~
Executors and every of them by and out of the monies which shall ~
Come to their hands under and by virtue of this my will to retain to ~
And reimburse themselves respectively all costs charges damages and
expenses which they or either of them shall or may bear sustain ~ ~
Incur or be put unto in or about the execution or the performance of the
trusts aforesaid I Witness whereof this said **George Hicks** the ~ ~ ~
Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two
sheets of paper set my hand to the first sheet thereof and to this second
and last sheet my hand and seal this seventeenth day of September
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven
George Hicks LS Signed Sealed published and declared by the ~ ~ ~
Said George Hicks the 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 hereunto subscribed our names ~ ~ ~
witnesses – **Sam^l Jesper – Joseph Whitehead – John Redgewell**

Proved at London 12th April 1840 before the Worshipful John
Danberry Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by Charles Hicks the ~ ~
Nephew and Joseph Sterry the younger two of the Executors to ~ ~ ~
Whom Admon was granted they having first made a solemn and ~ ~
Sincere declaration or affirmation according to Act of Parliament
Duly to administer. Power reserved of making the life grant to ~ ~ ~
George Hicks the Son the other Executor when he shall apply for the same.

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