

• This is the Last Will and Testament of me John Ashbee of Dowle Street in the Parish of Pluckley in the County of Kent, Gentleman. First I hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills, testaments or codicil made by me at anytime heretofore and I declare this only to be and contain my whole and only Last Will and Testament. And as to my temporal estate it hath pleased me God to bestow upon me I give and dispose whereof as follows that is to say In the first place I will and direct that my own just debts the expenses of my Funeral which I desire may be as private as decency will permit of costs of proving this my Will and other incidental ch___? be fully paid and satisfied . And I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife **Susannah Ashby** and her assigns for and during the time of her natural life One annuity or clear yearly rent of Twenty four pounds of lawful money current in Great Britain to be paid to her and her assigns by my Eldest son **Richard Ashbee** his heirs the executors or administrator and I do hereby Ch___? the same on the heirs ___? hereinafter devised by may said son **Richard Ashbee** and his heirs by equal quarterly payments on the four most usual feast days of payments of rents in the year, that is to say the anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary , Saint John the Baptist, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Michael the Archangel and the Nativity of our Lord Christ the first payment thereof to begin and be made on each of the said feast days as shall next happen after my decease, and I give and bequeath to my said wife the bed in which we usually sleep with the ___? changings, pillows, bolsters and blankets, quilts, sheets and other furnishings thereto belonging. And I give and devise to my son Richard Ashbee his heirs and assigns for ___? all that my mesuages or tenants with the barns, stables outhouses ___? and buildings and a ___? piece or parcels of land arable meadow pasture and wood thereunto belonging containing together by estimation sixty one acres three woods and thirty four P___ for the same more or less with the appointments commonly called or known by the name of the Grove Farm is situate and laying in the Parish of Pluckley aforesaid in the said County at or near certain place called the Thorne and now in the ___> T___? PP ___? Richard Buss and Thomas York or one of them there or one of their assigns or ___? And also all that my ___? assigns or ___? with the orchard gardens of lands and premises thereto belonging with the apertures commonly called Copp Harts? situate lying and being in the parish of Pluckley in the said County of Kent at or as near a certain place there called Picon? Street late in the occupancy of John Pile and his assigns and now of my son **John Ashbee** the younger his assigns or under___? And also all that one lots of land wherein a messaguge or tenant lately stood on with the ___? and buildings and one piece or parcel of land formerly the piece hereunto belonging to containing by estimation four acres more or less

with the appurtenances situate lying and being in the Parish of Bethersden in the said County of Kent and now in my own occupation And also all those two pieces or parcels of Land meadow and pasture formerly in four pieces commonly called or known by the name of Charity? Reid containing in the whole by estimation twenty acres more or less with the appurtenances lying and being in the Parish of Bethersden aforesaid in the said County of Kent and now in my own occupation which said ____? lands and premises last above mentioned are commonly called or known by the name of ____? Anne? Lands and I give and devise all that my Manor of Barling with the rights royalties members and appurtenances thereto belonging and also my ____? that the mansion mesuages or dwelling house called or known by the name of the Manor of Barling situate lying and being in the parish of Egerton in the said County of Kent and all the barns stables stalls outhouses edifices buildings closes orchard gardens and ten pieces or parcels of Land arable meadow pasture and wood with the appurtenances thereunto belonging containing by estimate fifty acres more or less situate lying and being in the parish of Egerton aforesaid in the County of Kent and now in the tenure of or occupation of Benjamin Inge or his assigns And also all that my messuage in tenant formerly called or known by the name or sign of the Man with the Barn stable outhouses edifices buildings yards closes gardens orchards (seem to be missing some pages.) in the said County of Kent which said mesuages or Tenants lands and premises last above mentioned are now in the occupation of the said Benjamin Ingelus his assigns or under tenants unto my said son John Ashbee and his assigns for and during the sum of his natural life without in ____? of waste and from and immediate after the decease of my said son John Ashbee I give and devise the same manor mesuages land and tenements and ____? and premises with the appurtenances hereunto by me given and devised to my son John Ashbee and his assigns for and during the term of his natural life unto my Grandson Richard Ashby only son of my son John Ashbee his heirs and assigns forever. Also I give and bequeath to my daughters Margaret Goble widow and Ann the wife of Jesse Spicer and my son in law, John Ashbee son of my late brother Joseph Ashbee the sum of three hundred pounds apiece of like money. Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Charlotte the wife of John Edwards the sum of one hundred pounds of like money and also the principal sum of two hundred pounds secured to use on a mortgage of the Tolls arising from the Turnpike Road leading from Biddenden in the Weald of Kent to a certain place called Boundgate with the said indenture of mortgage and all such arrears of interest as shall be due to me here on at the time of my decease. Also I give and bequeath unto my said son John Ashbee the younger the sum of Two hundred pounds of like money the bed in the middle chamber over the pantry with

the ___? hangings pillows, bolster blankets, quilts sheets and the furniture thereto belonging and I give and bequeath unto my said son **Richard Ashbee** the remainder of the linen which may be on my beds at the time of my decease and as to all the rest and residue of my linen of every sort and kind not hereinbefore by me disposed I give and bequeath the same unto my said sons **Richard Ashbee and John Ashbee the younger my said son in laws John Ashbee and my said daughters Margaret Goble Charlotte Edwards and Ann Spicer equally to be divided between them**. _____? whereas previous to marriage to my present wife I entered into a bond of obligation conditioned for the payment by my heirs executors or administrators after my decease of an annuity or clear yearly sum of sixteen pounds of lawful money of Great Britain by quarterly payments unto my said wife during the term of her life in case she survived and as therein specified in ___? and B ___? of ___? dower. Now I do hereby will and direct that my said **son Richard Ashbee** his Heirs and executors and administrators shall pay to my said wife or her assigns the clear yearly sum of six pounds part of the said annuity of sixteen pounds and that my **son John Ashbee the younger** and his assigns during his life and after his decease my said **grandson Richard Ashbee** his heirs executors and Administrators shall pay to my said wife the clear yearly sum of Ten Pounds residue of the said annuity of Sixteen Pounds in manner as in the said Bond specified and I do hereby charge the _____? in H _____? hereby devised to my said son **Richard Ashbee and John Ashbee** the younger respectively with the respective payments of the said Annuities of Six Pounds and Ten Pounds Provided always _____? that in case my said wife shall neglect or refuse to sign seal and deliver one or more Release or Release to my said sons **Richard Ashbee and John Ashbee the younger** and my said **Grandson Richard Ashbee** respectively of all the Dower rights and wife of Dower under the custom of Gavelkind or Common Law of England of in or out of all my Manors mesuages lands Tenants and H _____? and the real estate by this my Will is given or devised to my said sons and grandson respectively after she shall be required so to do and in such deeds of release shall be tendered to her for executors Then and from thenceforth I will and direct that my said wife shall receive as benefit or advantage whatsoever from this my will but that the devises or bequests of the several annuities or yearly rents or Sums of Twenty Four Pounds and Sixteen Pounds hereinbefore given and bequeathed to my said wife shall be utterly void And I do hereby will and declare that in case the said several annuities or yearly rents or sums of Twenty four Pounds and Sixteen Pounds herein before by me given and bequeathed to my said wife or either of them or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of Twenty days next over or after any of the said days where on the same are hereinbefore

directed to be paid as aforesaid being lawfully demanded That then and so often as the same or either of them or any part thereof shall be in arrear it shall be lawful for my said wife and her assigns during her life to enter in upon the said premises especially charged therewith as aforesaid and dis ___? for the same or as much as thereof shall be then in arrears And the dishys? and dish __? there and here ___? to take lead drive and carry away and to impound detain or otherwise to sell and dispose of the same until therewith and thereby she and they shall be satisfied and paid the said ___ annuities or yearly rents or so much of their as shall be then in arrear together with the costs and charges assigned by such extra dis ___? and sale And in case the said several annuities or yearly rents or either of these or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of forty days next after any of the said days whereon the same ought to be paid as aforesaid That then and so often as the same or either of them or any part thereof shall be in the arrear it shall and maybe lawful for my said wife and her assigns into the said premises respectively charged with the said annuities as aforesaid to enter and the rents ___? and profits thereof to receive and take until she and they therewith and thereby or by the person or persons who shall then be entitled to the immediate possession of the said respective premises shall be paid and satisfied the same and way of them every part thereof and all the arrears thereof incurred before and that shall incur during such time as she or they shall receive the rents ___? and profits thereof or be entitled to receive the same by virtue of such entry to be made as aforesaid together with her and their costs charges and expenses laid out and sustained by reason of the nonpayment of the same annuities or either of them or any part thereof And I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my Manors mesuages lands and tenements herewith as rents and real estate's not hereinbefore by me given and devised and of all my goods chattels household furnishings implements of household and husbandry horses cattle stock crop and effects monies and securities for money in the public or government funds of this Kingdom and all other Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever not here in before by me given and bequeathed unto and to the use of my said son **Richard Ashbee** and his Heirs Executors and administrators respectively And I nominate constitute and appoint my said son **Richard Ashbee** sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the **said John Ashbee the Elder** have to this my Last Will and Testament contained in five sheets of paper together ___? set my hand and seal to wit my hand only to the four preceding sheets and my hand and seal to this the fifth and last sheet hereof the **Twenty Fourth Day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven.**

John Ashbee signed sealed and published and declared by the said John Ashbee the Elder the Testator as said for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses Wm Smart, WellerNorwood attorneys at law Charing. Tra. Norwood their clerk.

The before registered Will of John Ashbee deceased was proved the Sixteenth day of February 1811 before the Reverend John T____? Clerk Surrogate to the Right Honorable Sir William Scott Knight Doctor of Law Official General to the Rev. the Archdeacon of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Richard Ashbee his son and sole Executor named in the said will he being first sworn duly perform the same day.

March 2015

Note: See also statement by John Buss 1828 aged 82 and upwards re John Ashby