

## WILLIAM JAMES - THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

This is the last Will and Testament of me **William James** of Binstead in the Isle of Wight quarryman, made the seventh day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty five. I give and devise all my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and whatsoever unto my brother in law William Twyman and my brother John James their heirs executors administrators and assigns in trust to permit my wife to receive the rents interest and annual proceeds thereof during her life or widowhood and after the decease or marriage of my said wife I direct my trustees to sell my real estate together or in parcels by public auction or private contract and to ..... and get in my personal estate and I direct my trustees to stand possessed of the monies to arise from my real and personal estate in trust for and I give the same unto all and every my children who shall live to attain the age of twenty one or die under that age leaving lawful issue in equal shares of more than one and if but one then upon trust for and I give the same to such one child while such share shall be contingent and to apply the whole or a oart of the annual income thereof for the maintenance and education of such child accumulating the unapplied income by investing the same I empower my trustees to give receipt for all moneys paid to them by virtue of this my will and declare that such receipts shall exonerate the persons taking the same from all liability to see to the application of the money therein mentioned to be received. And I declare that my said trustees shall be answerable for their own respective wilful acts receipts and defaults only and shall be at liberty to retain and allow to each other out of the moneys coming to their hands by virtue of theis my will all expenses incurred in executing the trusts thereof I appoint my said Brother in Law William Twyman and my said brother John James Executors of this my Will and I revoke all former wills by me made and declare this to be my only true last Will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year first before written – William James – Signed acknowledged and declared by the said William James as and for his last Will and testament in the joint presence of us who at the same time in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses – G. Rochfort- E Urry.-

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1886 probate of this Will was granted to William Twyman, one of the executors.-

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Double Probate.

BE IT KNOWN that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1886 the last Will and Testament of William James of No 1 Myrtle Cottage Binstead in the Isle of Wight in the County of Southampton deceased, who died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886 at No 1 Myrtle Cottage aforesaid was proved and registered in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice and that Administration of the personal estate of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to William Twyman (since deceased) one of the Executors named in the said Will power being reserved of making the like grant to John James the Brother of the deceased the other Executor named in the said Will

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that at the date hereunder written the said Will of the said Deceased was also proved in the Principal Probate Registry of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, and that the like Administration of the personal estate of the said Deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to the said John James of Mount House, Haven Street in the Parish of Ryde in the Isle of Wight aforesaid Market Gardener the other and surviving Executor named in the said Will he having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same.

Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1894.

Gross value of Personal Estate £647 – 15 – 0. Former Grant Principal Registry December 1886.

Researched by Ann Barrett

source: Family information and copy of Will from the Principal Registry of the Family Division, First Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP.