~ The Will of William Hacker, Gentleman of Semley, 1809 ~

In the name of god Amen

I William Hacker of Semley in the county of Wilts Gentleman do make Publish and Ordain my last Will and Testament in manner and form following I give to each of my Executors hereinafter constituted the Sum of twenty pounds each as Compensation for the trouble they may have and be at in or about the Execution of my Will

I give to the poor of the Parish of Semley the sum of fifty pounds to be distributed in yearly sums of ten pounds each on the Eve of Christmas Day till the same shall be exhausted leaving it to the distribution of my Executors to find out proper objects for receiving the same

I give to my sister Mary Parham the sum of one hundred pounds

To my nephews John Parham Thomas Parham George Parham and William Rixson and to my niece Mary Parham the sum of three hundred pounds each

To my niece Elizabeth Bracher of Broad Oak three hundred pounds all which last mentioned legacies I will and order shall be paid within twelve Months after my Decease

I give to Ann Patient daughter of George Patient of Wiley the sum of fifty pounds

I give to my Great niece Mary daughter of John Parham who now lives with me in consideration of her Services the sum of two hundred pounds

To my Great Nephew Thomas Rixson son of John Rixson deceased the sum of one hundred pounds all which last mentioned Legacies I will shall be paid when and as the Legatees shall respectively attain the Age of twenty one years

I give devise and bequeath to my niece Mary Rogers as well in Consideration of the Regard and Affection I have for her; also as a return for her uniform Kindness and Attention to me; all that my Freehold Estate situate in the Parish of Semley aforesaid wherein I now reside called Whitebridge with All and singular its Rights Members and Appurtenances and also all those my Leasehold Estates situate at Semley aforesaid called Patients Marsh Mead and Andrews and all my other Freehold and Leasehold Estates situate at Semley aforesaid; to hold to the said Mary Rogers her Heirs Executors Administrators or Assignes according to their Nature of the same Estates absolutely and unconditionally and in Case the Contracts for the Purchase of this Reversion of the said Leasehold Estates which I have already made shall not have been completed at the time of my decease

I desire my Executors and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor with all convenient Speed by and out of my Personal Estate to complete the said Contracts and either in their or his names or Name take a Conveyance of the said Reversion

But nevertheless In trust for the said Mary Rogers her Heirs or Assigns or in the Name or Names of such persons or person as the said Mary Rogers shall in writing notwithstanding her Coverture appoint; and as to my Freehold Estate called Tokes situate in the Parish of Tisbury and all other my Estate whether Freehold or Leasehold in the Parish of Tisbury and as to all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Monies Securities for Money and other my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever after Payment and Satisfaction of all my debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses and subject thereto

I give devise and bequeath the same to my Nephew William Hacker his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns according to their Nature of the said Estates whether real or Personal but nevertheless on this express Condition that if the Conveyance of the Reversion of the hereinbefore Leasehold estates shall in my Lifetime be completed and I shall not thereafter by republishing this my Will or by adding a Codicil thereto give and devise the said estates to the said Mary Rogers that the said William Hacker and his Heirs shall within three appoint and in Case the said William Hacker or his Heirs shall neglect or refuse so to do, then I give devise and bequeath the said Estate called Tokes and the Residue of my real and Personal Estate so hereby given to the said William Hacker to the said Mary Rogers her Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns

And I nominate and appoint my friend Anthony Burbridge of East Knoyle Gentleman, John Rogers of Wickwood Gentleman, and my Nephew William Rixson Joint Executors and Trustees of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

In Witness whereof I, the said William Hacker, have to this my last Will and Testament contained in three sheets of paper, set my Hand and Seal that is to say to the first and second my Hand and to this last Sheet thereof my Hand and seal the twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eight

William Hacker three Months after my decease, release and convey the same estates and all the Right Title and Interest of him the said William Hacker therein and thereto and also in and to the said estate called Whitebridge with its Appurtenances to such Persons or Person his or their Heirs as the said Mary Rogers shall in writing

Signed sealed published and declared by the said William Hacker as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us, and in his presence at his request, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our Names as Witnesses the word "three" in the thirteenth Line of the first Sheet and the word "Mary" in the twenty first Line of the same Sheet and also in the twenty seventh Line in the eighth twentieth twenty fourth and twenty eighth Lines of the second Sheet having been first written on Erasures

Geo Chitty Jnr
P M Chitty
Cha. Bowles

This Will was proved at London on the twenty fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nine before the Right Honourable Sir John Nicholl Knight Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, lawfully constituted by the Oaths of John Rogers and William Rixson, two of the Executors named in the said Will, to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased they having been first sworn by Commission duly to Administer Power reserved of making the like Grant to Anthony Burbridge the other Executor named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same.