

**Will of Stephen VICKERMAN, b c1776 d 1870**

*written 19 August 1869, proved 25 May 1871*

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1 **Page 1** - On the twenty fifth day of May 1871  
2 Letters of Administration (with the Will and Codicil annexed)  
3 of all and singular the personal estate and Effects of **Stephen**  
4 **VICKERMAN, late of Newsome**, in the parish of  
5 Almondbury, in the County of York, Farmer  
6 deceased, who died on the twenty seventh day of March 1870  
7 at  
8 Newsome, aforesaid,  
9 were granted at the District Registry attached to Her Majesty's court of Probate  
10 at Wakefield to **Martha SHAW** (wife of  
11 John SHAW, Weaver) of Berry Brow, in the parish of  
12 Almondbury aforesaid and **Rachel MACE** (wife of John MACE  
13 Weaver) of **Daisy Royd**, in the parish of Almondbury aforesaid,  
14 the **daughters of the said deceased**, two of the Residuary Legatees  
15 names in the said Will, they having been first sworn duly to  
16 Administer (**Stephen ARLOM and Joshua CROSSLEY**, the Executors  
17 and residuary Legatees in trust named in the said Will having  
18 renounced the probate and execution of the said Will and Codicil)  
19 Sureties: **Ephraim FIRTH of Daisy Royd** aforesaid, farmer, and  
20 **Thomas COOKE of Rochdale [son in law]**, in the County Palatine of Lancaster  
21 Hair Dresser  
22 Effects under £450, including Leaseholds  
23 Extracted by Messrs Heap Fenton & Owen  
24 Solicitors Huddersfield  
25 **Page 2** - This is the last Will and Testament of  
26 me **Stephen VICKERMAN** of Newsome in the Parish  
27 of Almondbury in the County of York, Farmer. I hereby  
28 nominate and appoint my friends **Stephen ARLOM of Jackroyd**  
29 near Newsome aforesaid, Farmer and **Joshua CROSSLEY** of  
30 Newsome aforesaid, Stone Mason, trustees and Executors  
31 of this my Will. I give and bequeath unto my said executors  
32 all my leasehold land dwellinghouses outbuildings and premises

33 with the appurtenances situate at [Daisy Royd](#) near Newsome afore  
34 said held under a lease from [Sir John William RAMSDEN Baronet](#)  
35 and occupied by [Ephraim FIRTH](#), [James WILKINSON](#), [Jonathan BUTCHER](#)  
36 [John MACE](#), [John TIFFANY](#), [Henry HAWKYARD](#), [John BLACKBURN](#) and  
37 [James HAWKYARD](#) upon trust to receive the rents issues and profits  
38 thereof and after paying thereout the ground rent and all other  
39 necessary charges to pay the residue of such rents issues and profits  
40 half yearly equally between and amongst [my daughters Mary the](#)  
41 [wife of Ephraim FIRTH](#), [Ann the wife of Thomas COOKE](#), [Martha](#)  
42 [the wife of John SHAW AND Rachel the wife of John MACE](#) and  
43 [my granddaughter Alice Mary the daughter of my deceased son](#)  
44 [Thomas](#) (the share of the said Alice Mary to be paid until  
45 she attains her majority unto her step father or her mother for her  
46 use) until the month of December in the year one  
47 thousand eight hundred and eighty one and then I direct my  
48 said Executors to sell and dispose of the said leasehold ...  
49 as soon as conveniently may be and to pay and distribute the  
50 proceeds of such sale equally between and amongst each of my  
51 [said daughters Mary Ann, Martha and Rachel](#) and [my said grand](#)  
52 [daughter Alice Mary](#) as shall be then living and the issue of such  
53 of them as may be then dead having left issue then living as  
54 shall be of or shall afterwards attain the age of twenty one years  
55 or being female shall previously marry such issue to take equally  
56 among themselves respectively per stirpes<sup>1</sup> and as representing their  
57 deceased parents respectively. I give and bequeath my leasehold  
58 land cottage and appurtenances situate at Newsome aforesaid  
59 held under a Lease from [Sir John William RAMSDEN Baronet](#)  
60 **Page 3** - and occupied by William HARRISON to my daughter [Elizabeth](#)  
61 [the wife of James FEARNLEY](#) if she shall survive me for her own  
62 absolute use and benefit and if she shall not be living at my  
63 decease Then I direct my said executors to sell the same and  
  
<sup>1</sup> per stirpes (meaning that each grandchild by non-surviving child X will divide child X's share, and each grandchild by non-surviving child Y will divide child Y's share – even if child Y produced twice as many grandchildren as child X).  
64 to pay and distribute the proceeds of such sale to such the child  
65 or if more than one equally among such the children of my

66 said daughter Elizabeth living at my decease as shall then be  
67 of or shall afterwards attain the age of twenty one or if female  
68 shall previously marry I give to my said daughter Elizabeth if  
69 she shall survive me the sum of twenty pounds to be paid  
70 within twelve months after my decease And if she shall not  
71 be living at my decease Than I give the same to such the  
72 child or is more than one equally such the children of my said  
73 daughter Elizabeth living at my decease as shall then be of  
74 or shall afterwards attain the age of twenty one or if female shall  
75 previously marry And I direct that the said sum of twenty  
76 pounds shall be a charge on the homestead and premises  
77 hereinafter by me bequeathed to my son in law John DONKERSLEY  
78 I give the sum of ten pounds equally between and amongst such  
79 of my said daughters Mary Ann, Martha and Rachel and my  
80 said granddaughter Alice Mary (the share of the said Alice  
81 Mary to be paid unto her step father or her mother for her use) as  
82 shall survive me and the issue of such of them as may be  
83 then dead having left issue then living as shall be of or shall  
84 afterwards attain the age of twenty one years or being female  
85 shall previously marry such issue to take equally among  
86 themselves respectively per stirpes<sup>1</sup> and as representing their  
87 deceased parents respectively And I direct the said sum of  
88 ten pounds to be paid within twelve months after my decease  
89 and that it shall be a charge on the homestead and premises  
90 hereinafter by me bequeathed to my son in law John DONKERSLEY  
91 I give and bequeath to my said son in law John DONKERSLEY of  
92 he shall survive me for his own absolute use and benefit all  
93 my leasehold land homestead barn cottage outbuildings and  
94 appurtenances situate in Newsome aforesaid held under a Lease  
95 from Sir John William RAMSDEN Baronet and occupied by me

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96 Page 4 - and widow CHATAWAY Subject to the hereinbefore mentioned  
97 charges thereupon of twenty pounds and ten pounds And subject  
98 also to the said John DONKERSLEY paying off the monies lent?

99 on the security of the said premises by the Fleece Inn Club/  
100 and if he shall not be living at my decease Then I give the  
101 same (subject as aforesaid) to my daughter [Hannah the wife of](#)  
102 [the said John DONKERSLEY](#) And if she shall not be then living  
103 Then I direct my said executors to sell the same And to pay  
104 and distribute the proceeds of such sale (subject as aforesaid) to  
105 such the child child or if nore than one equally among such the  
106 children of my said [son in law John DONKERSLEY](#) living at my  
107 decease as shall then be of or shall afterwards attain the age of  
108 twenty one or if female shall previously marry And as to the  
109 valuation of the three Lower Fields if the Farm at Newsome  
110 aforesaid which I now occupy under [Sir John William RAMSDEN](#)  
111 Baronet and the crops? and manure? on and in the same and the  
112 goodwill and tenantright<sup>2</sup> of the same I give the same to my  
113 said [son in law John DONKERSLEY](#) subject nevertheless to him paying  
114 to my estate immediately after my decease the sum of twenty  
115 pounds And as to the valuation of the four Upper Fields of  
116 the said farm and the crops? and manure? on and in the same  
117 and the goodwill and tenantright<sup>2</sup> of the same I give the same  
118 to my [son in law Ephraim FIRTH](#) subject nevertheless to him  
119 paying to my estate immediately after my decease the sum  
120 of eighteen pounds But if the said [Sir John William RAMSDEN](#)  
121 will not divide the said farm Then I give the valuation  
122 crops? manure? goodwill and tenantright<sup>2</sup> of the whole farm  
123 unto my [son in law John DONKERSLEY](#). Subject nevertheless  
124 to him paying to my estate immediately after my decease  
125 the sum of thirty eight pounds instead of the said sum of  
126 twenty pounds And as to all my household furniture  
127 books ornaments paintings trinkets and wearing apparel I

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128 direct my said executors to divide the same to the best of their  
129 judgement equally between and amongst such of [my daughters](#)  
130 [Mary Ann, Martha, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel and my](#)  
131 [Page 5 - said granddaughter Alice Mary](#) (the share of the said Alice

132 Mary to be given to her step father or her mother for her use  
133 as shall survive me. And as to all my cows farming utensils  
134 and all the rest residue and remainder of my real and  
135 personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever I direct my said  
136 executors to sell the same and to divide the proceeds of such  
137 sale (after payment thereof of all my just debts funeral  
138 and Testamentary expenses) equally between and amongst  
139 such of my said daughters Mary Ann, Martha, Hannah  
140 Elizabeth and Rachel and my said granddaughter Alice  
141 Mary as shall survive me and the issue of such of them as  
142 may be then dead having left issue then living as shall be  
143 of or shall afterwards attain the age of twenty one years  
144 or being female shall previously marry such issue to  
145 take? equally among themselves respectively ... ..  
146 and as representing their deceased parents respectively. And  
147 I give to my said executors all trust and mortgage estates  
148 vested in me. And I hereby authorize my said trustees  
149 when? and as they ...? therein proposed? to call? in sell and  
150 dispose of any real and personal property belonging to  
151 me and to invest such monies and proceeds of such sales  
152 upon purchase or mortgage of freehold leasehold or copyhold  
153 property or upon Government securities or upon Railway  
154 debentures or in the Huddersfield Savings Bank as to my  
155 said trustees may seem fit with power? from time to time  
156 to vary and transpose? any such security or securities for other  
157 securities of the kind prescribed. In witness whereof I the  
158 said Stephen VICKERMAN have to this my last Will and  
159 Testament set my hand this ninth day of May one thousand  
160 eight hundred and sixty four - Stephen VICKERMAN  
161 Signed and acknowledged by the said Testator Stephen VICKERMAN  
162 as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us  
163 present at the same time who in his presence at his request and  
164 in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names  
165 as witnesses - William THOMPSON, Weaver, Newsome -  
166 David ARMITAGE, Cloth dresser, Newsome

167 Page 6 - I Stephen VICKERMAN of Newsome in the Parish  
168 of Almondbury in the County of York, Farmer, declare this  
169 to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament dated the  
170 ninth day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty four  
171 Whereas I gave and bequeathed by my said Will unto my  
172 executors therein names All my leasehold land dwellinghouses  
173 outbuildings and premises with the appurtunces situate  
174 at Daisy Royd near Newsome aforesaid upon certain trusts  
175 until the Month of December one thousand eight hundred  
176 and eighty one and then I directed my said executors to sell  
177 and dispose of the said leasehold premises as soon as  
178 conveniently might be And to pay the proceeds thereof as  
179 therein mentioned Now I do hereby direct (that after such  
180 sale has taken place) my executors shall first pay to my  
181 son in law Ephraim FIRTH the value of such part? of the  
182 barn he has erected at Daisy Royd aforesaid as stands upon  
183 the said leasehold property and then proceed to distribute  
184 the residue as in my said Will is divided such value to  
185 be ascertained and fixed by a valuer (whose decision shall  
186 be final) to be appointed by my said executors. And whereas  
187 by my said Will I gave the valuation of the three Lower  
188 Fields of the Farm at Newsome aforesaid which I now  
189 occupy under Sir John William RAMSDEN Baronet and the  
190 crops and manure on and in the named and the goodwill and  
191 tenantright<sup>2</sup> of the same to my son in law John DONKERSLEY  
192 subject nevertheless to his paying to my estate immediatley  
193 after my decease the sum of twenty pounds and I gave the  
  
194 valuation of the four Upper Fields of the said farm and the  
195 crops and manure on and in the same and the goodwill  
196 and tenantright<sup>2</sup> of the same to my son in law Ephraim  
197 FIRTH. Subject nevertheless to his paying to my estate  
198 immediatley after my decease the sum of eighteen pounds  
199 Now I do hereby revoke the said charges of twenty pounds

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200 and eighteen pounds respectivley. And I hereby give to my said  
201 son in law John DONKERSLEY the said vlauation of the said  
202 Page 7 - three Lower Fields aforesaid and the said crops manure  
203 goodwill and tenantright<sup>2</sup> absolutely free from the said  
204 charge of twenty pounds. And I give to my said son in law  
205 Ephraim FIRTH the said valuation of the said four Upper  
206 Fields aforesaid and the said crops manure goodwill and  
207 tenantright<sup>2</sup> absolutley free from the said charge of eighteen  
208 pounds. And in all other respects I hereby confirm my  
209 said Will. In Witness whereof I the said Stephen VICKERMAN  
210 have to this Codicil set my hand the nineteenth day of  
211 August one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine -  
212 Stephen VICKERMAN - Signed and acknowledged by  
213 the said Testator Stephen VICKERMAN as and for a Codicil  
214 to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present  
215 at the same time who in his presence at his request and  
216 in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our  
217 names as witnesses - Edgar FENTON, Sol Huddersfield -  
218 Joe ASKEY his Clerk.

219 ...? 23

220 At Wakefield on the 25th day of May 1871 -  
221 Administration (with the Will and Codicil annexed)  
222 of the personal estate and effects of Stephen VICKERMAN  
223 late of Newsome in the Parish of Almondbury in the  
224 County of York Farmer, deceased who died on the 27th  
225 day of March 1870 at Newsome aforesaid was granted

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226 to Martha SHAW (wife of John SHAW) and Rachel MACE  
227 (wife of John MACE) the daughters of the said deceased  
228 two of the residuary legatees named in the said Will)  
229 they having been first sworn (Stephen ARLOM and  
230 Joshua CROSSLEY the Executors and Residuary Legatees  
231 in trust named in the said Will having renounced  
232 the probate and execution of the said Will and Codicil)

233 Under £450 [£20,000 at 2009 values]

234 Messrs Heap? Fenton & Owen

235 Sols Huddersfield