

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 stirpes¹ 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

¹ 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 stirpes¹ 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 tenantright² 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 tenantright² 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 tenantright² 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 tenantright² 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 tenantright² 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 tenantright² 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 tenantright² 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