

*The Last Will and Testament
Of George Skuse
of Hankerton
Will Proved
7th August 1830*



Probate Court of London
Original reference
Will Dated 13th January 1818
Codicil Dated 12th February 1827

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| Testator: | Skuse | George | Yeoman of Hankerton |
| Executors: | Skuse | Hester | Wife |
| | | | Sole Executrix |

| Beneficiaries | | Relationship to testator | Other Information |
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| Surname | Given Names | | |
| Hughes | Ann | | |
| Osborne | Elizabeth | | Of Painswick |
| Porter | Daniel | | |
| Potter | Mary | | |
| Ridler | Samuel | | Of Painswick |
| Ridler | William | | Of Painswick |
| Skuse | | | Two Children of Jacob Skuse |
| Skuse | George | Nephew | Malster of Minchin Hampton |
| Skuse | Hester | Wife | |
| Skuse | Thomas | | Of Minety |
| Skuse | William | | Of Minety |
| Taylor | Sarah | | Of Painswick |
| Witnesses to Will | | | |
| Neale | Samuel | | |
| Rogers | O B | | |
| Thomas | B C | | |
| Witnesses to Codicil | | | |
| Fowler | John | | |
| Gladwin | John | | |
| Ratcliff | James | | |
| Other Names | | | |
| Skuse | Jacob | | |

This is the last Will and Testament of **George Skuse** of Hankerton in the County of Wilts Yeoman who being of sound mind memory and understanding Do make publish and declare the same in manner and form following that is to say

I give devise and bequeath unto my Wife **Hester Skuse** all those my two Freehold Messuages or Tenements with the Garden Backside Hall and Appurtenances to the said Premises belonging

And also all those four Closes Pieces or parcels of Freehold Land situate lying and being in the said Parish of Hankerton and now in my own occupation containing in the whole by estimation thirteen acres be the same more or less with their and every their rights members and appurtenances

And also all my Personal Estate and Effects of what nature or kind so ever the same may be and wheresoever situate To hold my said Freehold Messuages or Tenements and the said Freehold Closes Pieces or Parcels of Land with their and every of their Appurtenances and also my said Personal Estate and Effects unto my said Wife **Hester Skuse** and her Assigns for and during the term of her natural life subject nevertheless to impeachment for wilful waste

And from and after the decease of my said Wife **Hester Skuse** I give devise and bequeath all my said two Messuages or Tenements Closes Pieces or Parcels of Land and one equal moiety half part or share of and in all my Personal Estate and Effects so devised to my said Wife **Hester Skuse** for the term of her life as aforesaid to my Nephew **George Skuse** of Minchin Hampton in the County of Gloucester Malster To hold the same unto my said Nephew **George Skuse** as to such parts thereof as are Freehold his heirs and assigns for ever

And as to such one undivided moiety equal half part or share of my personal Estate and Effects to him his executors and administrators and as to the other moiety equal half part or share of and in my said Personal Estate and Effects hereinbefore given and devised to my said Wife **Hester Skuse** for her life as aforesaid I give devise and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof unto **Samuel Ridler** and **William Ridler** of Escombe in the parish of Painswick in the County of Gloucester To hold the said last mentioned moiety of my Personal Estate and Effects unto the said **Samuel Ridler** and **William Ridler** their executors administrators and assigns equally share and share alike

but my will is and I do hereby direct upon the decease of my said Wife and as soon as said Nephew **George Skuse** shall become possessed of my Freehold Estate so devised to him as aforesaid that a valuation shall be made by two indifferent Persons one to be chosen by the said **George Skuse** and the other by the said **Samuel Ridler** and **William Ridler** (in case they themselves cannot agree) and in case the said two Persons shall not agree in their valuation then by a third Person to be chosen by the said two first chosen Persons whose valuation shall be final and conclusive

And I do hereby give and bequeath one moiety equal half part or share of the value at which my said Freehold Estate shall be so estimated as aforesaid to the said **Samuel Ridler** and **William Ridler** equally to be divided between them share and share alike and I do hereby expressly charge my said Freehold Estate with the payment thereof accordingly

And my will further is that he the said **George Skuse** shall pay out of my said Freehold Estate the following legacies that is to say To **Daniel Porter Ann Hughes Mary Potter William Skuse** of Minety and to the two Children of **Jacob Skuse** of Minchin Hampton five pounds each and to **Thomas Skuse** of Minety aforesaid weekly and every week and on Monday in every week the sum of one shilling and six pence

And I do hereby give the said **Thomas Skuse** all usual and necessary powers for enforcing the payment of the said weekly allowance by distress or otherwise as shall be necessary

And I do hereby expressly charge my said Freehold Estate and Effects so given to my said Nephew **George Skuse** with the payment of all the said legacies amounting to thirty Pounds exclusive of the said legacy of one shilling and six pence per week so given to the said **Thomas Skuse** as aforesaid

And my will further is And I do hereby give and bequeath out of the moiety of my Estate and Effects so given to the said **Samuel Ridler** and **William Ridler** the following legacies that is to say To **John Ridler** of Minchin Hampton aforesaid the sum of twenty Pounds To **Sarah Taylor** of the Parish of Painswick aforesaid the sum of twenty Pounds And to **Elizabeth Osborne** of Painswick aforesaid I give and bequeath the weekly sum of two shillings to be paid to her weekly and in Monday in every week And I do hereby charge my Personal Estate and Effects given to the said **Samuel Ridler** and **William Ridler** with the payment of the said legacies of twenty pounds each to the said **John Ridler** and **Sarah Taylor** and with the said weekly Payment of two shillings to the said **Elizabeth Osborne** as aforesaid

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Wife **Hester Skuse** Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former or any other Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made

declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen

----- *George Skuse* -----

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto

----- *Samuel Neale* ----- *O B Rogers* ----- *B C Thomas* -----

This is a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of me **George Skuse** of Hankerton in the County of Wilts Yeoman bearing date the thirteenth day of January One thousand eight hundred and eighteen Whereas **Samuel Ridler** in my said Will mentioned hath since the date of my said Will departed this life Now I do hereby devise and bequeath All such part of my Estate and Effects as by my said Will to the said **Samuel Ridler** jointly with William Ridler in my said Will named unto the said **William Ridler** his heirs executors administrators and assigns subject nevertheless and chargeable with the payment of the legacies hereinafter mentioned

And I do by the Codicil to my said Will revoke the legacy of twenty pounds given to **John Ridler** in my said Will described as of Minchinhampton but now of Escourt in the Parish of Bisley in the County of Gloucester and in lieu thereof I give and bequeath unto the said **John Ridler** the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds to be chargeable upon and payable out of the moiety or half part of my Estate and Effects given and bequeathed by my said Will and by this Codicil to the said **William Ridler**

I hereby revoke the legacy of twenty pounds given by my said Will to **Sarah Taylor** and I also revoke the legacy of the weekly sum of two shillings to **Elizabeth Osborne** and in lieu thereof I give and bequeath unto the said **Elizabeth Osborne** the sum of twenty pounds to be paid to her out of the moiety or half part of my Estate and Effects given to the said **William Ridler** in other respects I confirm my said Will

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of February One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven

----- *Mark of George Skuse* -----

Signed sealed published and declared by the said **George Skuse** as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us

----- *James Ratcliff* ----- *John Gladwin* ----- *John Fowler* -----

Proved at London with a Codicil 7th August 1830 before the Judge by the Oath of **Hester Skuse** Widow the Relict the sole Executrix to whom Admon was granted being first sworn by Comon duly to Adm^r