

# Probate for the will of John Hicks of Great Bardfield, Essex, proved in 1854

## ***Transcription***

By R I Kirby (25/1/2006). Difficult text replaced by '\*'. Line padding squiggles represented by '~'. References to people emboldened.

## ***Source***

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## ***Summary***

He was of Great Bardfield, Essex (no occupation given)

Friend Joseph Whitehead of Stebbing to get £10

Wife Elizabeth Hicks to get freehold and leasehold lands, and a tenement mill, for the remainder of her natural life (all in Bardfield Saling), also to get the household goods and copyhold and leasehold property in Stebbing.

After Elizabeth's death £350 to go to nephew Charles Hicks of Bardfield Saling (son of John's late brother George)

The residue to be divided share and share alike between the sons of John's late brother Charles

- Nephew Charles Hicks of Stansted Moutfitchet
- Nephew Edward Hicks of Stansted Moutfitchet
- Nephew Henry Hicks of Springfield Mill

Executors were Elizabeth Hicks (Wife), Henry Hicks of Springfield Mill (Nephew) and Joseph Whitehead of Stebbing (friend & Miller)

Witnessed by Alfred Baker, William Young, John Brown

Signed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1846

Proved 16<sup>th</sup> October 1854

## ***Text***

This is the last will and testament

Of me John Hicks of Great Bardfield in the County of Essex First I now Make and appoint my dear wife Elizabeth Executrix and my nephew ~ Henry Hicks of Springfield Mill in the said County and my friend Joseph Whitehead of Stebbing in the said County Miller Executors of this my ~ Will and I give and bequeath unto the said Joseph Whitehead the sum Of ten pounds for his own use And I give and devise all my freehold ~~ Properties and leasehold messuages or tenement mill (with the going gear

belonging to the said mill) yard garden and premisses with all the appurtenances situated in the parish of Bardfield Saling in the County ~ aforesaid Unto and to the sole use of my said wife and her assignees for and during the term of her natural life And from an immediately ~ after her decease I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto and to the only use and behoof of the said Henry Hicks his heirs and executors administrators and assignees absolutely and for ever I also give and bequeath unto my said wife for her own absolute use and disposal all my household goods furniture plate linen china books and all other household stuff with all those copyhold and leasehold cottages or tenants yards gardens with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging in the parish of Stebbing in the said County ( she having paid out moiety of the purchase money I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof to my said wife her heirs executors administrators and assignees for ever And I give and bequeath after my said wifes decease unto my nephew Charles Hicks of Bardfield Saling (son of my brother George deceased) the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of the treasury of Great Britain to be paid to the said Charles Hicks within three months after my said wife's decease And all the rest residue and remainder of my property of what nature or kind soever I give and bequeath unto my three nephews (sons of my late brother Charles deceased) viz Charles and Edward Hicks of Stansted ~ ~ ~ ~

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Mountfitchet and Henry Hicks of Springfield Mill to share and share ~ Alike to and for their several and respective benefits and disposals And it Is my will and I do hereby declare that my said Executrix and Executors Their executors and administrators shall and may from time to time deduct and retain by and out of the money which by virtue of this my Will shall come to their hands all charges expenses losses and damages whatsoever which they shall be paid or sustain in or about the execution of the trusts of this my Will in witness whereof I the said John Hicks the testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two sheets of paper set my hand and seal (that is to say) my hand to the first sheet thereof and my hand and seal to this second and last sheet this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six – John Hicks LS signed sealed and delivered by the said John Hicks the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the ~ same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses – Alfred Baker – William Young – John Brown.

Proved in London the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1854 before the worshipful William Robertson Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by Elizabeth Hicks Widow the Relict Henry Hicks the nephew and Joseph Whitehead the Executors to whom Admion was granted having first made a solemn and sincere ~ declaration of affirmation according to Act of Parliament duly to administer.