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Chis Will

This is the last Will

and Testament of me Joshua Parsons of Dartmouth in  
the County of Dukes with special power to my said  
children respectively the several legacies and annuities  
hereinafter mentioned to my son William Two  
hundred pounds to my son Henry One hundred  
pounds to my daughter Esther the gift of John  
Roper Twenty pounds to my daughter Sarah the  
wife of William Jones One hundred pounds to my  
daughter Elizabeth wife of John Moore forty  
pounds to my daughter Anne the wife of Stephen Sauls  
Eighty pounds and to my daughter Prudence One  
hundred pounds to be paid on her arrival at  
the age of twenty one year or day of marriage  
whichever shall first happen and it is my intention  
that my said daughter Prudence shall receive in  
five pounds a year for the interest of her said  
legacy till the same shall become payable I charge  
all my personal Estate with the payment of the  
abovesaid legacies and of my said funeral and  
testamentary expences and if my personal Estate

Joshua  
Parsons

shall be insufficient for that purpose I direct that  
 the deficiency shall be raised out of my Copyhold  
 Chattels and after devised, I give and devise to my  
 son Joseph Esq. Executor Administrator and  
 assignee all that dwellinghouse with the curage  
 shop and Appurtenances thereto belonging which  
 was some time since mortgaged to me by Jonathan  
 Wilcox and Sarah his wife during all my estate  
 and interest therein and all monies due and to  
 grow due on the said Mortgage I also bequeath  
 to my said son Joseph Esq. three hundred pounds  
 and it is my will and mind that the sum of  
 three hundred pounds in money and stock which  
 I have already given to my said son Joseph for a  
 life advancement in life shall be repaid by him  
 his Executors Administrators and assignees for him  
 and his own use and benefit I give and bequeath  
 all the promissory notes given to me by Samuel  
 Choldway and all benefit and advantage thereof  
 unto all my Grandchildren who shall be living  
 at my decease equally to be divided between them  
 share and share alike and to survive amongst  
 them in case any of them die before the age of  
 twenty one year and if they shall be but one  
 such Grandchild then unto him or her only but  
 if the money due on the said promissory notes or  
 any of them or any part thereof shall be received  
 by me in my life time or shall not be recoverable  
 then I declare that this legacy shall be so far as  
 void and shall not be made good out of my  
 ordinary Estate I give devise and bequeath all  
 my Copyhold Mortgage lands tenements and  
 hereditaments unto my said wife to hold  
 to her and her assigns for the term of her natural  
 life and from and after her decease I give and  
 devise the same unto my sons Joseph and William  
 their heirs and assigns as tenants in common for  
 and during the lives granted herein by the said  
 or Lords of whom the same Copyhold premises  
 are held and the life of the longest liver of them  
 I give and bequeath the use of all the rest residue  
 and remainder of my goods chattels farming stock  
 household personal Estate and effects of what nature  
 soever (charged as aforesaid) unto my said wife for  
 and during her life and from and after her decease  
 I give and bequeath the same unto such one  
 or more of my children and Grandchildren lawfully  
 begotten or to be begotten in such shares and  
 proportions at such time or times and in such  
 manner as my said wife at any time or times  
 after my decease by any deed or writing deeds  
 or writings with or without power of revocation



to be by her sealed and delivered in the presence of  
and to be attested by two or more credible witnesses  
or by her last will and Testament in writing or by  
any writing purporting to be or in the nature of  
her last will and Testament to be by her signed  
sealed published and declared in the presence of  
two or more credible witnesses shall direct  
limit or appoint give or assign the same and in  
default of such direction limitation or term  
appointment gift or assign as aforesaid or if such  
shall be made and shall not be a simple and  
disposition of the whole of the said residuary estate  
and property then as to the same and such parts  
thereof or estate or interest therein as may be  
such direction limitation or appointment shall be  
made I give devise and bequeath the same unto  
such of my children as shall be living at the time  
of the decease of my said wife or have left  
issue who shall be living equally to be  
divided between or amongst such children and the  
issue of such child as shall be then dead such an  
issue to be provided as standing in the place  
of such child or their parent or parents and to have  
and be entitled to such share as such parent or  
parents would have had or been entitled to if living and  
it is my will and mind and I do hereby declare  
that the share of such parent shall be equally  
divided amongst such child or children if more than  
one share and share alive with such benefit of  
survivorship and among to arise and take place  
between and amongst the children of each of my  
said children who shall have children as is herein  
after mentioned and I do hereby direct that the  
parts and shares of such of my grandchildren as  
are or shall be a daughter or daughters shall be  
transferred to her or them at her or their respective  
ages of twenty one years or days of marriage or  
which shall first happen and the part or share  
part or share of such of my said grand children  
as are or shall be a son or sons shall be transferred  
to him or them at her or their respective ages of  
twenty one years and it is my will and mind  
and I do hereby declare that if any of them my  
grandchild or grandchild be a daughter or  
daughters shall happen to depart this life under  
the age of twenty one years and without having  
been married or being a widow or widower shall depart  
this life under the age of twenty one years then  
the part or share parts or shares of such of them  
so dying shall go and be paid to the survivor or  
or survivors of them at such times as such son or  
their original share or shares shall become due

payable

payable or transferable or at soon afterwards as  
 circumstances will permit And it is my will and  
 mind and I do hereby further declare that my  
 sons Joseph and William and the survivor of  
 them his Executors and Administrators shall and  
 do after the decease of my said wife apply the  
 interest dividends and annual profits of my said  
 residuary Estate for and towards the maintenance  
 and education of my said Grandchildren in such  
 proportion to their respective shares and interests  
 therein and in case none of my said Children or  
 Grandchildren shall live to be entitled to the said  
 profits under or by virtue of this my will then  
 I give the same to my next of kin in an equal  
 course of distribution I hereby appoint my said  
 wife prudent and my sons Joseph and William  
 Executors and Administrators of this my will and do  
 hereby revoke all wills by me heretofore made in  
 writing whosoever I have to date of this my  
 last Will and Testament contained in that sheet  
 of paper set my hand and seal this nineteenth  
 day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 seven hundred and ninety four — Joshua Parsons  
 signed sealed published and declared by me  
 Joshua Parsons the testator at 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 — Tho. Dunn — William Miller — Joseph  
 Higbatt. //

This Will was proved at London the  
 twenty eighth day of November in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety  
 five before the Right honorable Sir William  
 Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master of the  
 or Commissary of the prerogative Court of  
 Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of  
 prudent persons widow the wife of the deceased  
 and Joseph Parsons and William Parsons the sons  
 of the deceased and the Executors named in the  
 Will to whom administration was granted of all  
 and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the  
 deceased having been first sworn by Commission  
 duly to administer. //

This is the last Will  
 and Testament of me John Robinson the elder of  
 Ipswich in the County of Suffolk Merchant made

John  
 Robinson