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Will of Francis Newman of Westhouse in Piddletrenthide Dorset

Dated 25 October 1794

Proved 26 May 1797

To all whom these presents may concern, this is the last will and testament of me Francis Newman of Westhouse in Piddletrenthide Dorset written with my own hand whereby I strictly enjoin my friends and legatees not to raise any dispute whatever in the construction hereof declaring their legacies void by so doing

To my dear wife for the term of her widowhood only as is the custom of the manor of Piddletrenthide my dwelling house called Westhouse with the estate and lands thereto belonging in my possession

To my wife all my stock thereon together with the use of all my implements in husbandry by me used in the farming way firmly relying on her promise to leave the same in as good order and condition as she at my death finds it together with the sue of all my furniture household goods stock of liquors and everything else to me belonging and in my possession for the term of her widowhood

On her like promise of doing justice to her successor my grandson Francis James Newman Rogers to whom at her decease or forfeiture by marriage I give and devise my dwelling house and lands with all and singular its appurtenances of also all other things before given to her as his own and sole property not without hopes of his making it his place of residence in due time when it shall happen

To my wife my new built house called East house now vacant with all its appurtenances with the use of the furniture household goods on the same terms as before mentioned on her like promise of leaving the whole in good order at the determination of her right therein to my said grandson Francis James Rogers to whom I give and devise the whole before given to her for all my estate ad interest therein then to come with the power to him only of renewal if occasion requires

To said wife annuity of £140 to be paid to her at her house in Piddletrenthide in two equal amounts on 1 April and 5 October

To my said wife my postchaise and a pair of the best coach horses with their harness and the black mare for her servant

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To said wife the interest of £200 on four policies due on the Wincanton Turnpike to be distributed amongst my old servants, committing them to her care

To granddaughter Frances Charlotte Newman an annuity or clear sum of £40 payable to her guardian her uncle the Rev James Rogers during her father's life only where she will be otherwise well provided for by two equal half yearly payments on the 1st April and 5th October

To all my tenants to whom I have granted leases and copies of court roll as Lord of the several manors of North Cadbury South Cadbury and Sparkford except late servant John Ludwell who proved an unfaithful ungrateful servant and therefore I declare his lease void having received no consideration whatsoever for the same

To my grandson Francis James Rogers and his heirs all that my farm and lands with the titles and all other rights thereto belonging called the Parsonage and Improprate Rectory of Queen Camel in the county of Somerset and also all other my real and personal estate whatsoever whereof I shall be seized or possess hereby declaring and appointing him my sole heir and executor and his father the Rev James Rogers and my friend Mr Edwin Tomkins his trustees and guardians irreversible during his minority of 21 years

Probate granted to Rev James Rogers clerk one of the residuary legatees in trust named in the said will during the minority of Francis James Newman Rogers the grandson of the deceased and sole executor and residuary legatee named in the said will