The BEAN/BEANE Wills of East Sussex (1567 – 1851)

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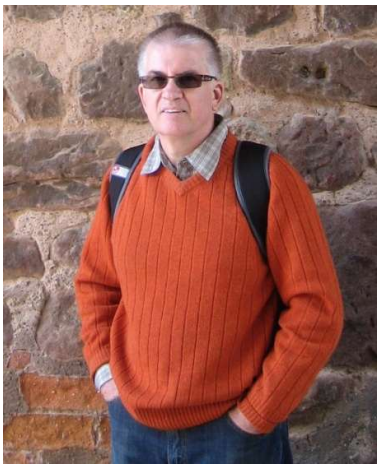

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Introduction

My interest in the Bean/Beane surname results from my ancestry where, on my direct line, I find Mary Bean marrying James Chambers at Denton in East Sussex in 1674. Her ancestry comes from the primary Bean family line in East Sussex which I have sought to develop and document here through the use of all available wills and administrations (admons) in addition to the available parish records.

Most of the Beans that I have been able to research have descended from the sons and daughters of this primary family line which is shown in Chapter 2 as "Tree 1. John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington". Of the other four family trees shown in Chapter 2, the Beans of Willingdon and Chiddingly is highly likely connected to Tree 1; the Wivelsfield Beans tree is distinct, originating in West Sussex; the Beans of Rye are of an unknown origin as are the Beans of Hastings.

The surname Beany appears to be a variant spelling of Beane and the transition between the spelling Beany-Beane-Bean can be seen in the parish registers of Hastings in particular. Not a lot of research has been done on the Beany families in this document.

The Beans of East Blatchington and Litlington

In the 1500s, the Bean family was farming at East Blatchington, near Seaford. John Bean (c1500-1567) was a husbandman of East Blatchington and his grandson John Bean (c1555-1642) was a yeoman of East Blatchington and also a jurat of Seaford, meaning that he was a member of the town governing council. The family maintained a strong connection to East Blatchington until just before 1700 when Henry Bean, a tenant farmer who had married Mary Savage in 1684, leased two farms at Litlington: Upper Clapham (Clapham Manor) and Lower Clapham, with the family moving to Clapham House.

Fig. 1. Clapham House at Litlington, a Grade II listed building.

Following his death in March 1702/03 the lease of the property passed to his son John Bean Snr and later his son John Bean Jnr, with both acquiring more properties as they became available, including Charleston Manor and the manor of Litlington which was merged with the Clapham estate.

According to the Cuckmere Valley Parish website:[1]

> "John Bean Snr died in 1749 having accumulated considerable wealth. He had developed his estate at a time of great change in agriculture. He deserted the small highly priced arable plots that had been farmed for centuries in favour of purchasing larger holdings formerly part of monastic estates. He exploited improved farm techniques to put downland to the plough and bred large flocks of Southdown sheep on the remaining downland, which became the leading breed of its day."

The marriage of John Bean Snr and the birth of his two children John and Ann have not been found. The marriage of his daughter Ann to Henry Read, a very wealthy grazier in Brookland, Kent, reveals an interesting connection to the Romney Marsh area where broader scale sheep farming was practiced.

John Bean Jnr inherited the estate in 1749 and managed it well until he died in April 1785. At that time, Litlington "consisted of 20 cottages, the church, the farm and the 'big house', Clapham, from which the Bean family …dominated village life".

However, the estate suffered under the ownership of the next owner, John Bean. He was the son of John Bean Jnr and his housekeeper Mary Bridgeman, with whom John Bean jnr had a long term relationship. It suffered further under his son Felix Bean who was largely an absentee landlord. In 1830, the Bean estate was sold by Felix Bean to Reverend Thomas Scutt for £39,500 including stock, carriages and horses.[2]

There are many respected families connected to the Bean family. Surnames such as Chambers, Swaine, Davis, Keating, Savage, Martin, Towner, Sturte, Playsted, Price, Parsons and Young are frequently found in the Bean wills as they married into the family at various times. Many of these were, at certain times, lords of various manors as were the Beans. The index of names at the back of this book can be used to find them.

Origins of the Bean Surname

The origins of the surname Bean in Sussex spring from the following pathways:

1. Occupational Roots
As documented in A Dictionary of English Surnames by Reaney and Wilson, the Old English *bēan* was regularly applied to a grower or seller of beans (similar to how the surname Barley or Pease was used). Early medieval English tax rolls feature variations like John le Bener (1282) and Adam del Bene (1351).

2. Nickname
Some other origins have been proposed such as a nickname derived from the Middle English word *bene*, meaning "friendly, amiable, or pleasant"

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[1] https://www.litlington-cuckmere.com/litlington/ visited 18 July 2026.
[2] https://www.litlington-cuckmere.com/litlington/ visited 18 July 2026.

3. Locational Origins (Binsted / Bean-stede)
Another origin for the surname in Sussex is locational, coming from the parish of Binsted in West Sussex, near Arundel. The name originates from the pre-7th Century Old English word bēan-stede, which literally translates to "a place where beans were grown". Binsted in West Sussex was recorded as Benestede in the Domesday Book of 1086. Over generations, families living near these fields or migrating from the village shortened or modified the location into surnames like Binsted, Benfeld, and eventually Bean. However, the Bean/Beane surname is far more common in East Sussex suggesting that this locational origin may not be the primary source.

4. Scotland
Clan MacBean (McBain) originating historically from the Inverness area.

The following charts show the distribution of the Bean/Beane surname in the 1881 census.

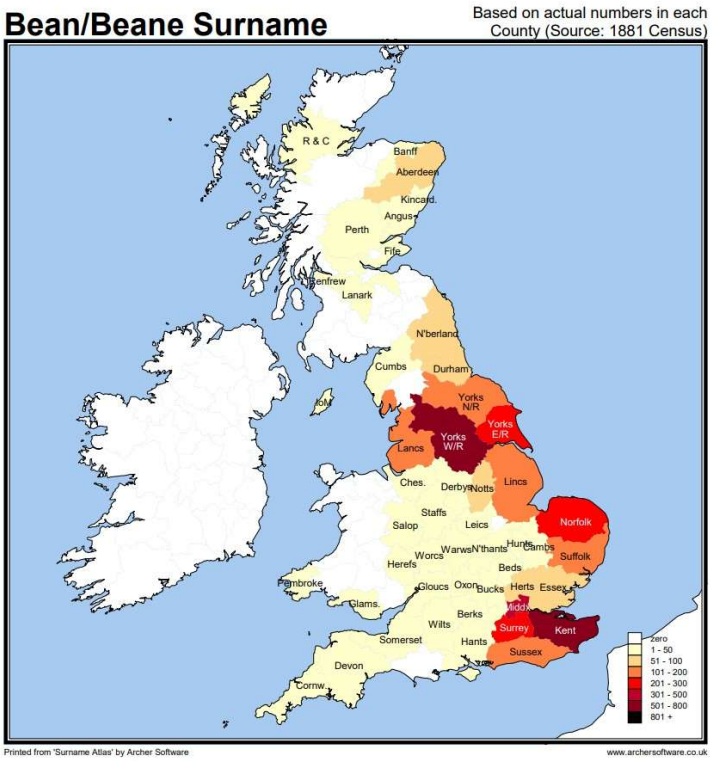

Fig. 1. Distribution of the BEAN/BEANE surname in England in 1881.
(The British 19th Century Surname Atlas ver 1.10, Archer Software)

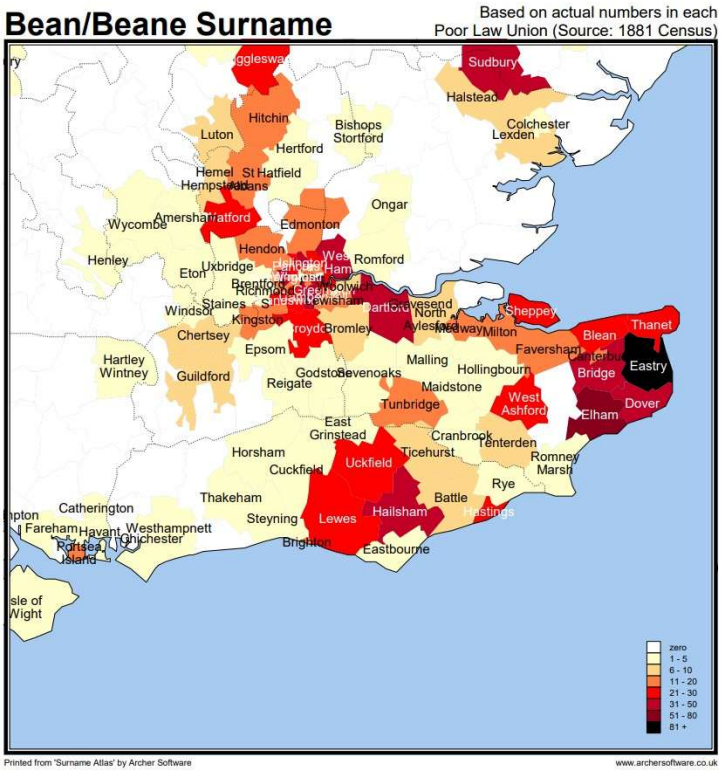

Fig. 2. Distribution of the BEAN surname in Sussex in 1881. The hotspots shown in Sussex (Hailsham, Lewes and Uckfield) are the focus of this book.
(The British 19th Century Surname Atlas ver 1.10, Archer Software)

The Wills/Admons

This book brings together all the known wills and administrations (admons) of the Bean/Beane families of East Sussex before 1858, after which the Church of England probate courts[3] were replaced by the Principal Probate Registry. It cannot be guaranteed that this is the complete set and future revised editions may be needed to incorporate new discoveries, including non-Bean wills that contain relevent information.

These wills & admons have enabled the Bean family trees in Sussex to be verified and further developed. Where possible, each will in this book is referenced to a family tree which places the will in context and highlights how other wills are connected. The trees are based on many years of research using primarily the Sussex Family History Group baptisms, marriages and burials indexes and the information gleaned from the Bean wills. I hope that

[3] The pre-1858 probate courts for East Sussex were:

1. **Exempt Deanery of South Malling Peculiar Court**
   Parishes of Buxted, The Cliffe or St. Thomas Lewes, Edburton, Framfield, Glynde, Isfield, Lindfield, Mayfield, Ringmer, South Malling, Stanmer, Uckfield and Wadhurst
2. **Exempt Deanery of Battle Peculiar Court**
   Parish of Battle
3. **Archdeaconry of Lewes Consistory Court**
   The rest of East Sussex.

the wills and family trees published here will provide a basis for moving forward in our understanding of the Bean families in Sussex.

The book also provides three indexes which offer great value to researchers. The indexes are:

1. Wills by location.
2. Index of names occurring in the wills and in associated documents relevant to that will. These additional documents have generally been found by searching the ESRO on-line catalogue which often provides a detailed summary of the document's contents including names, dates and places.
3. Index of locations, local place names and properties mentioned in the wills and in associated documents.

The author wishes to acknowledge the Sussex Family History Group's Will Depository project and its long time coordinator, Rosie Ansell. Some of the transcribed wills in this book have come from there and all the new wills transcribed for this book have now been contributed to the Depository.

Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout this book:

1. The dates shown in the will titles are the probate dates, not the date the will was made (unless there is no probate date). To remove confusion, the year between 1st January and 25th March is written as, for example, 1592/93 wherever possible. Some historians want to leave it as written in the original document (e.g. 1592) and others (in the ESRO catalogue for example) write it as we would today; 1593.

2. In the indexes, "Beane" has been standardised to "Bean" to simplify use of the index. The original spelling of surnames is retained in the will transcriptions.

3. The family trees only show the year of events such as baptisms, marriages and deaths/burials. This has been done to simplify the appearance of the tree so the relationship between the people who left wills/admons is more clearly seen. The author is happy to provide charts with full dates for anyone interested (see contact details inside front page). Information concerning any errors or new evidence affecting family tree structures would be welcomed.

4. Abreviations:
   Admons: Letters of Administration
   ESRO: East Sussex Record Office
   PCC: Prerogative Court of Canterbury
   SFHG: Sussex Family History Group
   TNA: The National Archives
   KEN: Kent
   LND: London
   MDX: Middlesex
   SSX: Sussex
   SRY: Surrey

b. born
bap. baptised
m. married
mlic. marriage licence
d. died
bur. Buried
MI Monumental Inscription
pr. probate

5. Symbols used in the transcriptions:
   // Page break in the original
   [ ] Transcriber's note or addition
   { } Unclear or illegible text
   ^...^ Interlined text
   [-] Word split between lines in the original

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Chapter 1

This is the author's seventh "wills book of East Sussex" in which all the wills and admons for a particular surname are collected and analysed. The first chapter has always taken the form of an article, often to be later separately published in the Sussex Family Historian, discussing something of interest that has arisen from the project. A topic for this article has yet to be identified.

Chapter 2 - The Bean/Beane Family Trees

This section presents the main family trees associated with the Bean/Beane wills. The people who left wills/admons are highlighted in each tree which then form a visual index for related wills. These trees are an important part of this book and are the product of many years of research and analysis of parish registers (mostly the SFHG indexes), census records, miscellaneous documents and, of course, the Bean/Beane wills.

The dates given in the trees are years only. This was done to ensure that the trees remain readable, otherwise the pages become too crowded. However, the trees with full dates are on the author's website at https://www.nynne.org/ui625.htm

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Tree 1. John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington

This is main Bean/Beane tree in East Sussex, and also the author's family tree. All places are in Sussex except where shown. The people who are known to have left wills or admons are highlighted.

The dates in the tree are given as year only in order to fit the page. If you want to check the actual dates, the same tree is on the website here:
https://www.nynne.org/ui626.htm
where you can click on the people in the tree to see all the details in full.

The abbreviation E.B. is used for East Blatchington in some places to improve formatting.

John Bean, b. c1500, bur. 1567 at E. Blatchington
+Alice (--?--), m. c1525
│
John Bean, b. c1530, bur. 1619 at E. Blatchington
+Ellinor (--?--), b. c1530, m. c1550, bur. 1587 at E. Blatchington [*see note below*][4]
├── **Joane Bean,** b. c1552
├── **John Bean,** b. c1555, bur. 1642 at Seaford
│ **+Eleanor Barrenden,** bap. 1565 at Southease, m. 1588 at Southease, bur. 1616 at E. Blatchington
│ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1588 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1626 at E. Blatchington
│ │ **+Joan Lock,** b. c1590, m. 1610 at E. Blatchington
│ │ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1612 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1659 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ **+Martha Seaman,** bap. 1623 at E. Blatchington, m. 1640 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1659 at E. B.
│ │ │ ├── **Anne Bean,** bap. 1641 at E. Blatchington [*see note below*][5]
│ │ │ │ **+William Daniel,** m. 1660 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ │ └── **Anne Daniel,** bap. 1661 at Alfriston
│ │ │ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1643 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ ├── **Joan Bean,** bap. 1644 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ │ **+William Van,** m. 1668 at Herstmonceux
│ │ │ │ ├── **William Van,** bap. 1670 at Herstmonceux
│ │ │ │ ├── **Martha Van,** bap. 1672 at Herstmonceux
│ │ │ │ ├── **Ann Van,** bap. 1674 at Herstmonceux, bur. 1674 at Herstmonceux
│ │ │ │ ├── **John Van,** bap. 1675 at Herstmonceux
│ │ │ │ └── **Elizabeth Van,** bap. 1678 at Herstmonceux
│ │ │ ├── **Martha Bean,** bap. 1647 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ ├── **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1650 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1653 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1655 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ └── **Henry Bean,** bap. 1656 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1703 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ **+Mary Savage,** b. c1657, m. 1684 at Alfriston, bur. 1752 at E. Blatchington [*see note*][6]
│ │ │ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1685 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1750 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ │ **+Ann (--?--),** m. c1719, bur. 1766 at E. Blatchington
│ │ │ │ ├── **John Bean,** b. c1720, bur. 1785 at Litlington
│ │ │ │ │ **+Mary Bridgeman,** b. c1725, bur. 1798 at Litlington [*never married*]
│ │ │ │ │ ├── **John Bean,** b. 1755 at Litlington, bur. 1829 at Litlington
│ │ │ │ │ │ **+Catharine Willard,** b. 1767 Eastbourne, m. 1793 Litlington, bur. 1825
│ │ │ │ │ │ ├── **Catherine Sarah Bean,** b. 1794 at Litlington

[4] John Bean is presumed to have married Ellinor as there is a burial on 3 May 1587 of Ellinor Beane, "wife of John Beane". His [their] children are named in his father's will of 1567.

[5] Martha Seaman's mother Susan Seaman of East Blatchington left a will proved 1677 in which Martha's married children are mentioned. Martha Seaman and her sister Margaret were beneficiaries in the will of their grandfather, Thomas Seaman of East Blatchington, proved 1639.

[6] Mary Savage's brother, John Savage of Litlington, left a will made 3 Jun 1698 and proved 13 Aug 1698 which was very useful in confirming this family – see Chapter 4. Note Mary's age at burial: 95 years.

- **John Bateman Bean,** bap. 1794 at Litlington, bur. 1798 at Litlington
- **Maria Ann Harriet Bean,** b. 1795 at Litlington
- **Elizabeth Bean,** b. c1797 at Litlington, bur. 1800 at Litlington
- **Felix Freeman Frederick Bean,** bap. 1799 at Litlington
- **John Dickson Dyke Bean,** bap. 1801 at Litlington
- **Milo Inigo Bean,** b. 1805 at Litlington
- **Luke Andrew Bean,** b. 1807 at Litlington
- **Leonard Orlando Bean,** b. 1809 at Litlington

Barbara Bean, b. c1759, bur. 1789 at Litlington
+**William Hawes,** m. 1783 at Berwick, bur. 1784 at Berwick
+**George Bailey,** m. c1788
- **Barbara Bean Bailey,** b. 1789, bur. 1817 at Eastbourne

Ann Bean, b. c1721, MI at Brookland
+**Henry Read,** bap. 1720 at Ivychurch, m. 1748 Brookland, bur. 1778 Brookland
- **Ann Read,** bap. 1749 at Brookland, KEN
- +**Thomas Kemp,** bap. 1745 at Lewes, m. 1771 at Brookland, d. 1810 Lewes
  - **Elizabeth Kemp,** bap. 1773 at Lewes, bur. 1789 at Lewes
  - **Grace Kemp,** bap. 1774 at Lewes, bur. 1775 at Lewes
  - **Ann Kemp,** bap. 1775 at Lewes
  - **Henry Read Kemp,** bap. 1777 at Lewes, bur. 1777 at Lewes
  - **Thomas Read Kemp,** bap. 1782 at Lewes, pro. 1845
- **Henry Read,** bap. 1751 at Brookland
- **John Read,** bap. 1752 at Brookland

William Bean, bap. 1723 at Litlington, bur. 1753 at E. Blatchington

Sarah Bean, bap. 1727 at Litlington, bur. 1787 at Plumpton
+**Benjamin Davis,** m. 1750 at Hamsey, bur. 1786 at Brighton
- **Ann Davis,** bap. 1751 at Hamsey
- **Joanna Davis,** bap. 1753 at Hamsey
- **Sally Davis,** bap. 1754 at Hamsey
- **John Davis,** bap. 1755 at Hamsey

Henry Bean, bap. 1687 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1763 at Seaford
+**Elizabeth Dunn,** b. c1690, m. 1713, bur. 1772 at Seaford

John Bean, bap. 1715 at Seaford, bur. 1784 at Seaford
+**Ann Breach,** b. 1737 at Piddinghoe, bur. 1770 at Seaford
- **Anne Breach,** bap. 1759 at Litlington
- +**James Simmons,** m. 1792 at Seaford
- **John Breach,** bap. 1760 at Litlington
- **Elizabeth Breach,** bap. 1768 at Seaford, bur. 1792 at Seaford

+**Charity Tiltman,** m. 1772 at Seaford, bur. 1808 at Seaford
- **Arabella Bean,** bap. 1772 at Seaford
- +**John Gorringe,** m. 1794 at Seaford, bur. 1824 at Seaford

Elizabeth Bean, bap. 1718 at Seaford

Thomas Bean, bap. 1723 at Seaford

Henry Bean, bap. 1723 at Seaford, bur. 1805 at Seaford
+**Elizabeth Wood,** b. c1730, m. 1751 at Bishopstone, bur. 1794 at Seaford
- **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1752 at East Dean, bur. 1752 at East Dean
- **Ann Bean,** bap. 1753 at Seaford
- +**Thomas Martin,** m. 1779 at Lewes, bur. 1789 at Lewes
  - **John Martin,** b. 1780 at Lewes
  - **Henry Bean Martin,** b. 1782 at Lewes
  - **Thomas Martin,** b. 1784 at Lewes
  - **Charles Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes
  - **William Martin,** b. 1788 at Lewes
- **Mary Bean,** bap. 1755 at Seaford, bur. 1818 at Lewes
- +**John Martin,** m. 1782 at Seaford, bur. 1790 at Lewes
  - **John Bean Martin,** b. 1784 at Lewes, bur. 1848 at Westminster
  - **William Martin,** b. 1785 at Lewes, bur. 1785 at Lewes
  - **Charles Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes, bur. 1786 at Lewes
  - **William Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes, bur. 1786 at Lewes
  - **George Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes, bur. 1786 at Lewes

+**James Keating,** b. c1761, m. 1797 at Lewes, bur. 1837 at Lewes
- **James Keating,** bap. 1804 at Lewes
- **George Keating,** bap. 1804 at Lewes, bur. 1838 at Hellingly

- **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1757 at Seaford, bur. 1843 at Seaford
- **Barbara Bean,** bap. 1759 at Seaford, bur. 1845 at Seaford

- **William Bean,** bap. 1730 at Seaford
+**unknown spouse**
- **Henry Bean,** b. c1755

- **Ann Bean,** bap. 1735 at Seaford, bur. 1765 at Rye
+**John Swaine,** m. 1763 at Seaford
- **Nanny Brown Swaine,** bap. 1764 at Rye, bur. 1765 at Rye

- **Mary Bean,** b. 1689 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1689 at E. Blatchington
- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1690 at Litlington
- **Elizabeth Bean,** b. c1692
- **William Bean,** bap. 1696 at Litlington
- **James Bean,** bap. 1698 at Litlington
- **Robert Bean,** bap. 1703 at Litlington, bur. 1781 at E. Blatchington

+**Ann Washer,** bap. 1712 at E. Blatchington, m. 1733 at Lullington, bur. 1793 at E. B.
- **Robert Bean,** bap. 1733 at Alciston, bur. 1765 at E. Blatchington
+**Jane Daw,** b. c1730, m. 1754 at Bishopstone
- **John Bean,** bap. 1755 at Alfriston, bur. 1755 at E. Blatchington
- **Jane Bean,** bap. 1756 at Alfriston
- **Robert Bean,** bap. 1757 at Alfriston
- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1759 at Alfriston
- **William Bean,** b. c1760 at Alfriston
- **Ann Bean,** bap. 1761 at Alfriston, bur. 1842 at E. Blatchington
+**(--?--) Hook**
- **George Hook Bean,** b. 1802 at E. Blatchington

- **Sarah Bean,** bap. 1762 at Litlington, bur. 1764 at Litlington
- **Henry Bean,** bap. 1764 at Litlington, bur. 1764 at Litlington
- **John Bean,** bap. 1765 at Litlington

- **Anne Bean,** bap. 1738 at E. Blatchington
+**William Towner,** m. 1757 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1762 at Seaford
- **John Towner,** bap. 1757 at E. Blatchington
+**Sarah Stanford,** m. 1778 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1787 at Seaford
- **John Towner,** bap. 1780 at E. Blatchington

+**Sarah Day,** m. 1792 at Denton, bur. 1797 at E. Blatchington
- **Sarah Towner,** bap. 1793 at E. Blatchington
- **Thomas Towner,** bap. 1795 at E. Blatchington
- **Hannah Towner,** bap. 1797 at E. Blatchington

- **William Towner,** bap. 1759 at Seaford
- **Anne Bean Towner,** bap. 1760 at Seaford, bur. 1760 at Seaford
- **Thomas Towner,** bap. 1762 at Seaford

+**William Wood,** m. 1766 at Seaford

- **John Bean,** bap. 1749 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1813 at E. Blatchington
+**Mary Hide,** b. c1758, m. 1788 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1816 at E. Blatchington

- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1616 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1679 at Seaford

+**Mary Taylor,** b. c1630, m. 1652 at Seaford, bur. 1711 at Seaford
- **Mary Bean,** bap. 1653 at Seaford, bur. 1681 at Seaford

+**James Chambers,** bap. 1641 at Denton, m. 1674 at Denton, bur. 1682 at Denton
- **James Chambers,** b. 1675 at Denton, bur. 1732 at Seaford

+**Sarah Willard,** bap. 1678 at Chalvington, m. 1704 at Selmeston, bur. 1744 Seaford
- **Mary Chambers,** b. c1705
- **Sarah Chambers,** bap. 1706 at Seaford
- **James Chambers,** bap. 1707 at Seaford, bur. 1765 at Seaford

+**Barbara Farncomb,** bap. 1713 Patcham, m. 1740 Patcham, bur. 1766 Seaford
- **Thomas Chambers,** bap. 1741 at Seaford, bur. 1743 at Seaford
- **James Chambers,** bap. 1743 at Seaford, bur. 1793 at Seaford
- **Barbara Anne Chambers,** bap. 1745 at Seaford
- **Sarah Chambers,** bap. 1747 at Seaford, bur. 1831 at Seaford

+**Joseph Gouldsmith,** m. 1768 at Seaford, bur. 1790 at Seaford
- **Harry Chambers,** bap. 1749 at Seaford
- **William Chambers,** bap. 1751 at Seaford, bur. 1808 at E. Blatchington
  +**Susanna Brook,** bap. 1743 Rottingdean, m. 1782 E. B., bur. 1817 E. B.
  - **Barbara Chambers,** bap. 1783 at E. B., bur. 1854 Shermanbury
- **Thomas Chambers,** bap. 1755 at Seaford, bur. 1831 at Seaford
  +**Elizabeth Swaine Baker,** b. c1754, m. 1785 Seaford, bur. 1815 Seaford
  - **Thomas William Chambers,** bap. 1795 at Seaford
- **Martha Chambers,** bap. 1759 at Seaford, pro. 1790

- **Thomas Chambers,** bap. 1709 at Seaford, bur. 1742 at Seaford
- **William Chambers,** bap. 1712 at Seaford, bur. 1712 at Seaford
- **Ann Chambers,** bap. 1713 at Seaford
- **Elizabeth Chambers,** bap. 1716 at Seaford, MI 1794

- **Mary Chambers,** b. 1677 at Denton ----------→ **Author's Family Line**
  +**John Young,** b. c1665 at Beddingham, m. 1702 at Seaford, bur. 1719 at Seaford
  - **Mary Young,** bap. 1703 at Ashburnham
  - **John Young,** bap. 1705 at Ashburnham
    +**Elizabeth Sands,** m. 1729 at Heathfield
    - **Thomas Young,** bap. 1733 at Mayfield
    - **Anne Young,** bap. 1735 at Mayfield
    - **Elizabeth Young,** bap. 1737 at Mayfield
    - **Mary Young,** bap. 1744 at Mayfield
  - **Anne Young,** bap. 1706 at Denton
  - **Elizabeth Young,** bap. 1707 at Denton
  - **Samuel Young,** bap. 1709 at Denton
    +**Lucy Grayling,** b. c1710, m. 1738 at Wiggonholt, bur. 1780 at Beddingham
    - **Samuel Young,** bap. 1739 at Beddingham
      +**Mary Sutton,** bap. 1743 Eastbourne, m. 1763 Eastbourne, bur. 1812
    - **Christopher Young,** bap. 1741 at Beddingham, bur. 1762 at Beddingham
    - **Elizabeth Young,** bap. 1743 at Beddingham, bur. 1743
    - **John Young,** bap. 1744 at Beddingham, bur. 1827 at Tarring Neville
      +**Lucy Bollard,** bap. 1750 Tarring Neville, m. 1768 T. Neville, bur. 1817
    - **William Young,** bap. 1753 at Beddingham
    - **Thomas Young,** bap. 1753 at Beddingham
  - **Thomas Young,** bap. 1711 at Denton
  - **Sarah Young,** bap. 1714 at Denton, bur. 1714 at Denton
  - **Sarah Young,** bap. 1718 at Newhaven
- **Anne Chambers,** bap. 1678 at Denton, bur. 1679 at Denton

- **Ann Bean,** bap. 1654 at Seaford, bur. 1702 at Seaford [*see note below*][7]
  +**William Swaine,** bap. 1640 Chiddingly, m. 1671 West Dean by Seaford, bur. 1685 Seaford
  - **Thomas Swaine,** bap. 1673 at Denton
  - **Mary Swaine,** bap. 1675 at Denton, bur. 1678 at Seaford
  - **William Swaine,** bap. 1681 at Denton, bur. 1682 at Seaford
  - **Richard Swaine,** b. 1683 at Denton, bur. 1688 at Seaford
  - **William Swaine,** b. 1685, bur. 1753 at Seaford
  +**Elizabeth Pettit,** m. 1707 at Westham, bur. 1744 at Folkington
  - **William Swaine,** bap. 1708 at Folkington
  - **Ann Swaine,** bap. 1709 at Folkington
  - **Thomas Swaine,** bap. 1711 at Folkington
  - **John Swaine,** bap. 1712 at Folkington, bur. 1712 at Folkington
  - **Robert Swaine,** bap. 1712 at Folkington, bur. 1712 at Folkington
  - **Elizabeth Swaine,** bap. 1713 at Folkington
  - **Richard Swaine,** bap. 1715 at Folkington
  - **Mary Swaine,** bap. 1718 at Folkington
  - **John Swaine,** bap. 1724 at Folkington
- **Clement Bean,** bap. 1657 at Seaford, bur. 1731 at Seaford

- **Anne Bean,** bap. 1620 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1620 at E. Blatchington

[7] Ann Swaine has the oldest surviving monument above ground in the churchyard at Seaford St Leonards.

- **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1622 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1685 at E. Blatchington [*see note below*][8]
  - +**Robert Alce,** bap. 1612 at West Firle, m. 1640 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1665 E. Blatchington
    - **Joane Alce,** bap. 1641 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1665 at Bishopstone
    - **Elizabeth Alce,** bap. 1643 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1656 at E. Blatchington
    - **Ann Alce,** bap. 1644 at E. Blatchington
      - +**Robert Bradford,** m. c1670
    - **John Alce,** bap. 1646 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1646 at E. Blatchington
    - **Robert Alce,** bap. 1647 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1654 at E. Blatchington
    - **Thomas Alce,** bap. 1649 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1714 at E. Blatchington
      - +**Susanna Glidd,** b. c1665, m. 1688 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1724 at Newhaven
        - **Robert Alce,** bap. 1688 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1725 at E. Blatchington
          - +**Elizabeth Mabbs,** b. c1690, m. 1713 at Pett, bur. 1770 at Winchelsea
            - **Thomas Alce,** bap. 1715 at Newhaven, bur. 1780 at Winchelsea
              - +**Sarah Garland,** m. c1740, bur. 1801 at Winchelsea
            - **Robert Alce,** bap. 1716 at Newhaven, bur. 1792 at Winchelsea
            - **Mary Alce,** b. 1718 at Newhaven, bur. 1718 at Newhaven
            - **John Alce,** bap. 1720 at Newhaven, bur. 1720 at Newhaven
            - **Henry Alce,** bap. 1721 at Newhaven, bur. 1779 at Winchelsea
              - +**Mary Butcher**
            - **John Alce,** bap. 1724 at Newhaven, bur. 1788 at Winchelsea
              - +**Sarah Crowhurst,** m. 1756 at Winchelsea
        - **Jane Alce,** b. c1690, bur. 1780 at E. Blatchington
        - **Elizabeth Alce,** bap. 1694 at E. Blatchington
          - +**William Munster,** m. 1711 at E. Blatchington
    - **John Alce,** bap. 1651 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1668 at E. Blatchington
    - **Edward Alce,** bap. 1654 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1654 at E. Blatchington
    - **Mary Alce,** bap. 1656 at E. Blatchington
      - +**John Harrison,** b. c1660, m. 1686 at Chailey
    - **Robert Alce,** bap. 1659 at E. Blatchington
    - **Henry Alce,** bap. 1662 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1707 at Eastbourne
      - +**Jane Copper,** b. c1660, m. 1689 at Eastbourne, bur. 1707 at Eastbourne
        - **Thomas Alce,** bap. 1689 at Eastbourne, bur. 1689 at Eastbourne
        - **Thomas Alce,** bap. 1691 at Eastbourne, bur. 1691 at Eastbourne
        - **Mary Alce,** bap. 1693 at Eastbourne, bur. 1774 at Eastbourne
        - **Jane Alce,** bap. 1695 at Eastbourne, bur. 1695 at Eastbourne
        - **Ann Alce,** bap. 1696 at Eastbourne
        - **Henry Alce,** bap. 1699 at Eastbourne, bur. 1765 at Eastbourne
          - +**Elizabeth Puxty,** b. 1702 at Lewes, m. 1726 Eastbourne, bur. 1742 Eastbourne
            - **Henry Alce,** bap. 1727 at Eastbourne
            - **Anne Alce,** bap. 1728 at Eastbourne
            - **Mary Alce,** bap. 1730 at Eastbourne
            - **Jane Alce,** bap. 1731 at Eastbourne
            - **Thomas Alce,** bap. 1732 at Eastbourne
              - +**Ann Ball,** b. c1741, m. 1764 at Eastbourne, bur. 1818 at Eastbourne
            - **John Alce,** bap. 1734 at Eastbourne
            - **Barbara Alce,** bap. 1736 at Eastbourne, bur. 1748 at Eastbourne
        - **Elizabeth Alce,** bap. 1701 at Eastbourne, bur. 1775 at Eastbourne
          - +**Richard Weller,** b. c1700, m. 1726 at Eastbourne, bur. 1765 at Eastbourne
            - **Henry Weller,** bap. 1727 at Eastbourne
            - **Elizabeth Weller,** bap. 1731 at Eastbourne
            - **Francis Weller,** bap. 1734 at Eastbourne
            - **Richard Weller,** bap. 1740 at Eastbourne
            - **William Weller,** bap. 1743 at Eastbourne
        - **Jane Alce,** bap. 1705 at Eastbourne, bur. 1777 at Eastbourne
- **Anne Bean,** bap. 1624 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1624 at E. Blatchington
- **Henry Bean,** bap. 1626 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1629 at E. Blatchington

- **Joan Bean,** bap. 1590 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1590 at E. Blatchington

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[8] Elizabeth Alce [nee Bean] and her daughter Joane Alce were beneficiaries of her grandfather John Bean's will (see "Will of John Bean, Jurat of Seaford, 1642").

- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1591 at E. Blatchington
- **Alice Bean,** bap. 1592 at E. Blatchington
- **Joan Bean,** bap. 1593 at E. Blatchington
  - +**(--?--) Price,** m. c1615
- **Agnes Bean,** bap. 1596 at E. Blatchington
- **Jane Bean,** bap. 1598 at E. Blatchington
  - +**Michael Stert,** m. 1631 at Seaford, pro. 1637
    - **Robert Start,** b. c1632
    - **John Stert,** bap. 1633 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1633 at E. Blatchington
    - **Anne Start,** b. c1636
  - +**John Foster,** m. 1643 at E. Blatchington
- **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1604 at E. Blatchington
  - +**John Palmer,** m. 1633 at Seaford
  - +**John Bodle,** m. 1660 at East Grinstead
- **Henry Bean,** bap. 1608 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1641 at E. Blatchington
  - +**Patience Knight,** m. 1630 at Seaford
    - **John Bean,** bap. 1632 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1681 at E. Blatchington
      - +**Mary Hogsflesh,** b. c1635, m. 1660 at E. Blatchington
        - **Mary Bean,** bap. 1661 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1662 at E. Blatchington
        - **John Bean,** bap. 1663 at E. Blatchington
        - **Mary Bean,** bap. 1666 at E. Blatchington
          - +**Robert Phillips,** m. 1689 at South Heighton
            - **Robert Phillips,** bap. 1690 at South Heighton
        - **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1669 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1681 at E. Blatchington
        - **Ann Bean,** bap. 1672 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1710 at Piddinghoe
          - +**Edward Winder,** m. 1695 at Newhaven, bur. 1714 at Piddinghoe
            - **John Winder,** b. 1696 at Piddinghoe
            - **Ann Winder,** b. 1698 at Piddinghoe
            - **Elizabeth Winder,** b. 1702 at Piddinghoe
        - **Joan Bean,** bap. 1677 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1681 at E. Blatchington
        - **Judith Bean,** bap. 1679 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1681 at E. Blatchington
    - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1634 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1703 at Jevington
      - +**Ann (--?--),** m. c1660, bur. 1709 at Jevington
        - **Anne Bean,** bap. 1661 at Jevington, bur. 1674 at Jevington
        - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1663 at Jevington, bur. 1718 at Jevington
          - +**Ann Alfrey,** b. c1690, m. 1716 at Jevington
        - **Robert Bean,** bap. 1667 at Jevington, bur. 1732 at Bishopstone
          - +**Ann Jorden,** m. 1710 at Dallington, bur. 1731 at Bishopstone
            - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1710 at Bishopstone
            - **Anne Bean,** bap. 1712 at Bishopstone
              - +**James Maynard,** m. 1732 at Bishopstone
        - **Henry Bean,** bap. 1669 at Jevington, bur. 1738 at Jevington
        - **John Bean,** bap. 1674 at Jevington, bur. 1728 at Willingdon [*see note below*][9]
          - +**Mary Stretton,** bap. 1696 at Willingdon, m. 1716 at Willingdon, bur. 1746 at Willingdon
            - **Walter Bean,** bap. 1717 at Willingdon, bur. 1752 at Willingdon
              - +**unknown spouse**
                - **John Bean,** b. c1740
                - **Henry Bean,** b. c1742
                - **Elizabeth Bean,** b. c1746
            - **John Bean,** bap. 1720 at Willingdon
            - **Henry Bean,** bap. 1722 at Willingdon, bur. 1775 at Tonbridge
              - +**Anne Weston**
                - **Henry Weston,** b. 1743 at Mayfield
              - +**Jane Humphrey,** m. 1753 at Rochester
                - **Sir Humphrey Bean,** bap. 1754 at Tonbridge, bur. 1804 at Waldron
                - +**Fanny Pearson,** b. c1755, m. 1780 at Westminster

[9] Another candidate for this John Bean is the one baptised 1693 at Willingdon son of John Bean and Mary, however there is a burial for hin in 1706, "son of John" so he must be discounted. See also "Will of William Stretton the Elder, Carpenter of Willingdon, 1724" in Chapter 4.

- **William Roate Bean,** bap. 1784 at Tudeley, bur. 1866 at Mayfield
  - +**Mary Ranger,** bap. 1784 Framfield, m. 1804 Waldron, bur. 1849 Mayfield
    - **William Bean,** bap. 1803 at Waldron
    - **Samuel Bean,** bap. 1805 at Waldron
    - **Joseph Bean,** bap. 1806 at Waldron
    - **Fanny Bean,** bap. 1808 at Waldron
    - **Reuben Bean,** bap. 1809 at Waldron
    - **Stephen Bean,** bap. 1810 at Waldron
    - **Mary Beany,** bap. 1811 at Waldron
    - **Humphrey Bean,** bap. 1812 at Waldron
    - **Walter Bean,** bap. 1814 at Waldron
    - **Martha Bean,** bap. 1817 at Mayfield
    - **Caleb Bean,** bap. 1818 at Mayfield
    - **Sarah Bean,** bap. 1819 at Mayfield, bur. 1819 at Mayfield
    - **George Bean,** b. 1821 at Mayfield
    - **Orther Bean,** bap. 1826 at Mayfield
- **Peter Bean,** bap. 1786 at Tudeley
- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1787 at Tudeley
- **Henry Bean,** b. c1790 at Tudeley, bur. 1851 at Isfield
  - +**Ann Harris,** b. c1790, m. 1809 at Lewes, MI 1876
- **John Bean,** bap. 1792 at Tudeley
- **George Bean,** bap. 1799 at Waldron
- **Humphrey Bean,** b. 1800 at Waldron

- **Mary Bean,** bap. 1724 at Willingdon
- **William Bean,** bap. 1726 at Willingdon
- **Thomas Bean,** b. c1728 at Willingdon, bur. 1728 at Willingdon

William Bean, bap. 1675 at Jevington, bur. 1751 at Jevington

+**Mary Allen,** b. c1680, m. 1704 at Ringmer, bur. 1736 at Jevington

- **John Bean,** bap. 1704 at Ringmer, bur. 1775 at Rottingdean
  - +**Ann (--?--),** m. c1733, bur. 1742 at Rottingdean
    - **Mary Bean,** bap. 1734 at Friston, bur. 1734 at Jevington
    - **Ann Bean,** bap. 1735 at Friston
    - **Mary Bean,** bap. 1737 at Friston
      - +**Stephen Martin,** m. 1772 at Rottingdean
    - **Arabella Bean,** bap. 1739 at Rottingdean
      - +**Randolph Billing,** m. 1764 at Rottingdean
    - **Barbara Bean,** bap. 1740 at Rottingdean
      - +**Thomas Newington,** m. 1769 at Rottingdean
  - +**Martha Jeffery,** m. 1745 at Falmer, bur. 1776 at Rottingdean
- **Anne Bean,** bap. 1706 at Ringmer, bur. 1738 at Eastbourne
  - +**James Maynard,** m. 1732 at Bishopstone, bur. 1750 at Eastbourne
- **Mary Bean,** bap. 1708 at Ringmer
  - +**Nicholas Allen,** m. 1731 at Jevington
    - **Nicholas Allen,** bap. 1733 at Eastbourne
    - **Mary Allen,** bap. 1735 at Eastbourne
    - **William Allen,** bap. 1737 at Eastbourne
    - **Barbara Allen,** bap. 1739 at Eastbourne
    - **John Allen,** bap. 1742 at Eastbourne
    - **Philadelphia Allen,** bap. 1744 at Eastbourne
- **William Bean,** bap. 1711 at Ringmer
- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1714 at Ringmer
- **Barbara Bean,** bap. 1716 at Ringmer
  - +**Henry Playsted,** b. c1710, m. 1743 at Jevington
    - **Henry Playsted,** b. c1745
    - **William Playsted,** bap. 1748 at Jevington
      - +**Sarah Playsted,** m. 1768 at Wadhurst
        - **Samuel Playsted,** bap. 1769 at Jevington
        - **Barbara Bean Playsted,** bap. 1771 at Jevington, bur. 1838 South Malling
          - +**Thomas Pettet,** m. 1807 at Lewes
    - **Elizabeth Playsted,** b. c1750

- **Winifred Bean,** bap. 1637 at E. Blatchington
- +**Nicholas Austen,** m. 1669 at Framfield
- **Henry Bean,** bap. 1640 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1664 at East Grinstead

+**Agnes Stert,** m. 1617 at E. Blatchington

- **Agnes Bean,** b. c1558
- **Thomas Bean,** b. c1562

+**Jane Brytt,** m. 1589 at Alfriston

- **John Bean,** bap. 1591 at Alfriston

+**Thomasine Dych,** m. 1622 at Alfriston

- **Susan Bean,** bap. 1623 at Alfriston
- **Joan Bean,** bap. 1624 at Alfriston
- **Edward Bean,** bap. 1627 at Alfriston
- **John Bean,** bap. 1633 at Alfriston
- **Richard Bean,** bap. 1637 at Alfriston

- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1594 at Alfriston, d. 1626 at South Heighton, pro. 1626

+**Agnes (--?--),** m. c1620

- **William Bean,** bap. 1599 at Alfriston, bur. 1599 at Alfriston

- **Ellinor Bean,** b. c1564
- **Stephen Bean,** b. c1570, bur. 1640 at Seaford [*see note below*][10]

+**Margery Nicklas,** m. 1609 at Willingdon, bur. 1650 at Seaford

- **Elizabeth Bean,** b. c1610

+**William Jeffery,** b. c1610, m. 1640 at Seaford

- **Stephen Bean,** bap. 1612 at Seaford, bur. 1639 at Rodmell

+**Anne Collar,** m. 1636 at Rodmell

- **John Bean,** b. c1614, bur. 1614 at Seaford
- **Joane Bean,** b. c1615

+**George Wenham,** m. 1645 at Denton

- **Anne Bean,** b. c1618
- **Margery Bean,** bap. 1621 at Seaford

+**John Tester,** m. 1642 at Denton

[10] Stephen Bean's will mentions Henry Bean of East Blatchington as a cousin, considered to be Henry Bean (1608-1641). For the purpose of this tree it has been assumed that he is a first cousin, but is acknowledged as speculative.

Tree 2. The Beans of Willingdon and Chiddingly

This tree is almost certainly connected to Tree 1. but it is unknown how at this stage.

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Thomas Bean, b. circa 1625
+**Joan Mersh,** m. 1652 at Seaford
└── **John Bean,** b. 1653 at Folkington
+**Mary (--?--),** b. circa 1670, m. circa 1685, bur. 1729 at Willingdon
├── **Mary Bean,** bap. 1689 at Willingdon
+**James Baker,** b. circa 1695, mlc. 1721
├── **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1690 at Willingdon, bur. 1727 at Willingdon
+**John Elphick,** m. 1721 at Willingdon
├── **Elizabeth Elphick,** bap. 1722 at Willingdon
└── **John Elphick,** bap. 1725 at Willingdon, bur. 1725 at Willingdon
├── **John Bean,** bap. 1693 at Willingdon, bur. 1706 at Willingdon
└── **William Bean,** bap. 1695 at Willingdon, bur. 1757 at Ripe
+**Elizabeth Lulham,** b. circa 1700, m. 1721 at Chalvington, bur. 1773 at Ripe
├── **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1722 at Chalvington
+**Ann Moor,** bap. 1725 at W. Grinstead, m. 1749 at Ashington, bur. 1773 at Chiddingly
├── **William Bean,** bap. 1757 at Chiddingly, bur. 1830 at Frant
+**Elizabeth (--?--),** b. circa 1772, m. circa 1790, bur. 1837 at Frant
├── **Frances Bean,** bap. 1759 at Chiddingly
+**Allen Anscomb,** m. 1790 at Covent Garden
└── **Samuel Bean,** bap. 1762 at Chiddingly
├── **William Bean,** bap. 1723 at Chalvington, bur. 1756 at Ripe
├── **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1726 at Chalvington
+**Thomas Peckham,** b. circa 1725, m. 1749 at Thakeham
├── **Thomas Peckham,** bap. 1749 at Chiddingly
└── **Elizabeth Peckham,** bap. 1756 at Thakeham
└── **Mary Bean,** b. circa 1728
+**John Meads,** m. 1747 at Maresfield

Tree 3. William Bean of Wivelsfield

The Beans at Wivelsfield were generations of cordwainers (shoemakers). Their origins were around Petworth, West Sussex. There is only one Bean will in this tree, although Mary Parson's father, John Parsons (c1700-1745) left a will[11].

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William Bean
+Mary Bedwell, m. 1700 at Stopham
└── William Bean, bap. 1701 at Petworth, bur. 1746 at Wivelsfield
    +Sarah Wisden, m. 1727 at Westmeston, bur. 1766 at Wivelsfield
    ├── Elizabeth Bean, bap. 1729 at Wivelsfield, bur. 1737 at Wivelsfield
    ├── William Bean, bap. 1731 at Wivelsfield, bur. 1806 at Wivelsfield
    │   +Mary Parsons, b. circa 1735, m. 1756 at Wivelsfield, bur. 1780 at Wivelsfield  [see note below]
    │   ├── John Bean, bap. 1757 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── William Bean, bap. 1758 at Wivelsfield, bur. 1828 at Wivelsfield
    │   │   +Ann Farncomb, b. circa 1753, m. 1778 at Wivelsfield, bur. 1830 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── Thomas Bean, bap. 1760 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── Mary Bean, bap. 1761 at Wivelsfield
    │   │   +George Martin, m. 1781 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── Elizabeth Bean, bap. 1763 at Wivelsfield
    │   │   +unknown spouse
    │   │   └── Louisa Bean, bap. 1785 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── John Bean, bap. 1766 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── Sarah Bean, bap. 1767 at Wivelsfield
    │   │   +(--?--) Parsons, m. circa 1790
    │   ├── James Bean, bap. 1769 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── Thomas Bean, bap. 1771 at Wivelsfield
    │   │   +Hannah Knight, m. 1796 at Wivelsfield
    │   ├── Simon Bean, bap. 1773 at Wivelsfield, bur. 1819 at Lewes
    │   │   +Mary Angell, m. 1796 at Lewes
    │   └── Stephen Bean, bap. 1777 at Wivelsfield
    │       +Mary Holden, m. 1798 at Wivelsfield
    ├── Sarah Bean, bap. 1736 at Wivelsfield
    └── Mary Bean, bap. 1738 at Wivelsfield
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[11] Will of John Parsons, Cordwainer of Wivelsfield, made 22 Mar 1745, proved 25 Apr 1747 (ESRO: PBT/1/1/57/494).
Also refer ESRO: AMS 6142/1-22 Re Worlds End Farm, Hellingly. In 1765 the property was released by the children of John Parsons - Turle Parsons of Wivelsfield cordwainer, John Parsons of Wivelsfield husbandman, Mary wife of William Bean of Wivelsfield carpenter, Elizabeth wife of John Knight of Wivelsfield blacksmith, Charity wife of John Comber of Lindfield husbandman and Susan Parsons of Wivelsfield spinster.

Tree 4. The Beans of Rye

There is an early record of a Bean at Rye: John Bean bap. 30 Sep 1576 at Rye, son of Nicholas Bean. The next Bean baptism at Rye does not occur until 1729.

The will of Thomas Bean of Rye, written in 1752 identifies four surviving children: John, Elizabeth, Mary and Sarah. Baptisms for John, Elizabeth, and Mary cannot be found at Rye, highlighting the problems with researching this family tree.

However, it is possible that this is the Thomas Bean who married Elizabeth Bovis on 18 Dec 1715 at Hastings St Clement. They appear to have had the following children baptised there:

1. John, bap. 10 Feb 1716/17 at Hastings St Clement, son of Thomas and Elizabeth BEANY.
2. Thomas, bap. 28 Sep 1718 at Hastings St Clement, son of Thomas and Elizabeth BEANY.

The family then disappears from the Hastings registers. Note that BEANY and BEANE seem to be used interchangeably at Hastings. The will of the Thomas BEAN of Rye (written in 1752) names a son John, whose baptism cannot be found in Rye so the baptism at Hastings is a possibility. The will does not mention a son Thomas Bean which could be explained by the death of Thomas Bean, a seaman on HMS Romney, in 1741 (see his will in which he names his father Thomas Bean as executor).

This sounds like a good fit, but there is, however, a marriage at Hastings St Clement of Thomas BEAN and Ann SARGENT on 3 Jan 1750/51, and the Thomas BEANY who was baptised at Hastings St Clement in 1718 (see above) is an obvious candidate. However, there is another candidate as there is a settlement certificate at Hastings St Clement for a Thomas BEAN on 19 Feb 1747 from St Thomas at Cliffe, Lewes.[12] While this would all fit, I think it needs a bit more proof.

The origins of the testator Thomas Bean, the victualler who died in 1752 at Rye, are unclear. He may have been the Thomas baptised at Eastbourne St Mary on 1 Jan 1688, son of John and Mary Bean, but that is purely speculative. However, this may also be the Thomas Bean, a butcher of Rye, who married Ann Kennett, spinster of Rye, on 23 Jul 1716 and who died shortley after, leaving a nuncupative will proved on 20 Apr 1717. This person has not been able to be placed in any tree.

Given their occupations as victuallers and innkeepers, it is also very possible that they arrived in Rye from afar, possibly from Kent, to take advantage of perceived business opportunities. Rye was a town which saw many people passing through, especially mariners and soldiers. The story of Ann Ogle (nee Waun), second wife of Thomas Bean (c1690-1752) illustrates this. Her first marriage was to a soldier in London in 1710 and it appears that they spent most of their life in Rye (see "Will of Ann Bean, Widow of Rye, 1771").

It would appear that the Bean name died out in this line with the death of John Bean in 1777 at Rye.

The tree below can be found on the website here:
https://www.nynne.org/ui627.htm
where you can click on the people in the tree to see all the details in full.

All places are in Sussex except where shown. The people who left wills/admons are highlighted.

[12] ESRO: PAR 367/32/1/153

Thomas Bean, bap. c1690, bur. 20 Nov 1752 at Rye [*Victualler]*
+**Elizabeth,** m. c1715, bur. 4 Apr 1739 at Rye
├── **John Bean,** b. c1716, bur. 11 Oct 1773 at Rye [*Innkeeper*]
│ +**Elizabeth (--?--),** m. c1740, bur. 9 Dec 1774 at Rye
│ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 25 Sep 1744 at Rye, bur. 11 Nov 1777 at Rye [*Innholder*]
│ │ +**Sarah Coachman,** m. 12 Nov 1776 at Rye
│ └── **Elizabeth Bean,** b. c1745
│ +**Charles Bexhill,** m. 16 Jun 1776 at Beckley
├── **Thomas Bean,** b. c1718, d. 1741 (at sea?), pro. 4 Jun 1741
├── **Elizabeth Bean,** b. c1720
├── **Mary Bean,** b. c1725
│ +**Joseph Burnell,** m. 24 Aug 1749 at Rye
├── **William Bean,** b. c1727, bur. 24 Feb 1727 at Rye
├── **Sarah Bean,** bap. 18 Dec 1729 at Rye
└── **Henry Bean,** bap. 30 Jun 1731 at Rye, bur. 10 Nov 1732 at Rye
+**Ann Waun,** b. c1685, m. 3 Dec 1741 at Rye, bur. 9 May 1770 at Rye

The family tree of Ann WAUN (later OGLE, later BEAN).

Ann Waun, b. circa 1685, bur. 9 May 1770 at Rye
+**George Ogle,** b. circa 1685, m. 27 Feb 1710, bur. Dec 1740 at Rye
├── **Miles Ogle,** b. circa 1712, bur. 4 Oct 1731 at Rye
├── **Sarah Ogle,** b. circa 1720, bur. 26 Sep 1721 at Rye
├── **Elizabeth Ogle,** bap. 28 Jan 1721/22 at Rye, bur. 10 Jan 1723 at Rye
├── **William Ogle,** b. circa 1724, bur. 5 Jun 1726 at Rye
├── **Mary Ogle,** bap. 28 Jun 1727 at Rye, bur. 6 Oct 1727 at Rye
└── **Rebecca Ogle,** bap. 12 Nov 1729 at Rye, bur. 14 Jun 1762 at Lydd
+**John Fagg,** bap. 14 Feb 1730/31 at Lydd, m. 3 Dec 1749 at Lydd
├── **George Fagg,** bap. 13 Sep 1751 at Lydd
├── **Mary Fagg,** bap. 26 Dec 1753 at Lydd, bur. 14 Feb 1754 at Lydd
├── **Susanna Fagg,** bap. circa 1755 at Lydd
├── **John Fagg,** bap. 15 Jun 1758 at Lydd
│ +**Henrietta Pero,** m. 13 Feb 1778 at Lydd
└── **Sarah Fagg,** bap. 5 Dec 1760 at Lydd
+**William Pope,** m. 27 Jul 1779 at Lydd
+**Thomas Bean,** b. circa 1690, m. 3 Dec 1741 at Rye, bur. 20 Nov 1752 at Rye

This family has the distinction of having a surviving headstone at Seaford St Leonards (see "Will of Ann Bean, Widow of Rye, 1771" for details).

Tree 5. The Beans of Hastings

The origins of the first Thomas Bean are unknown at this stage. There is a settlement certificate at Hastings St Clement for a Thomas BEAN on 19 Feb 1747 from St Thomas at Cliffe, Lewes, so he would be one candidate.[13] There are also two baptisms between 1710-1720 at Hastings which are possibilities – see comments under "Tree 4 – The Beans of Rye".

The same tree is on the website here:
https://www.nynne.org/ui638.htm
where you can click on the people in the tree to see all the details in full.

All places are in Sussex except where shown. The people who left wills/admons are highlighted.

Thomas Bean, b. c1715, bur. 26 Dec 1756 at Hastings
+**Ann Sargent,** b. c1720, m. 3 Jan 1750/51 at Hastings
- **Henry Bean,** bap. 17 Apr 1752 at Hastings, bur. 12 Jul 1831 at Hastings
  - +**Mary Kemp,** b. c1750, m. 4 Jan 1776 at Hastings, bur. 26 Apr 1822 at Hastings
    - **Henry Bean,** bap. 7 Apr 1776 at Hastings
      - +**Mary Ann Enefer,** m. 4 Feb 1798 at Westminster
    - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 22 Nov 1778 at Hastings, bur. 21 Apr 1836 at Hastings
    - **William Bean,** bap. 12 Feb 1781 at Hastings
    - **Mary Bean,** bap. 25 Feb 1784 at Hastings, bur. 21 Aug 1848 at Hastings
      - +**John Walker Sinnock,** m. 28 Aug 1806 at Hastings, bur. 11 Jan 1808 at Hastings
      - +**John Enefer,** m. 26 Nov 1809 at Hastings
        - **John Enefer,** bap. 30 Jun 1813 at Hastings
        - **Mary Enefer,** bap. 28 Feb 1817 at Hastings
- **Thomas Bean,** bap. 16 Jan 1755 at Hastings, bur. 4 Feb 1755 at Hastings
- **Mary Bean,** bap. 11 Mar 1757 at Hastings
  - +**William Kirby,** m. 7 Jan 1779 at Hastings

[13] ESRO: PAR 367/32/1/153

Chapter 3 – The Bean/Beane Wills

1. Will (nuncupative)[14] of John Beane the Elder, of [East] Blatchington, 1567

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/4/281)
Made: 1 May 1565
Administration granted 7th April 1567
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In the name of god Amen the first day of Maij in the yeare of o' lord god one thousand fyve hundred thescore fyve **John Beane** thelder of the p'yshe of Blachington in the countie of Sussex husbandman of good and p'fect remembrance, before **Willyam Reames Thomas Gyles and John Frenche** of Blachington next to Seaforde in the countie aforesaid his neighboures did declare his last will and Testament nuncupative as foloweth in effect First he did gyve and bequeth to six of the children of **John Bean** his sonne seven pounds, that is to say to **Johane** xls, to **John Bean** theldest sonne of the said **John Bean** this testators son xxs to **Agnes Bean** xxs to **Thomas Bean** xxs to **Ellinor Bean** xxs And to **John Bean** his yongest sonne xxs Itm to fower of his godchildren iiij lambes that is to say to **Johane Beane** his goddaughter one lame to **John Jefferey** one lamb to **John Symond** one lamb, and to **John Collyer** his godson one lambe. The Reasidew of all his goods not otherwise gyven nor bequeathed he did gyve and bequeath to **Alice Beane** his wiffe, witnesses to the premisses, required as is specified
Summa Inrij xxvli xviijs vijd
7th April 1567Administration was granted to **Alice Beane**, his relict. **John Frenche** of Blatchington, yeoman, bound.
Transcribed by Julian Elphick, October 2024

NOTES:

People
John Beane the Elder, testator
Alice Beane, wife
John Beane, son
Johane [Joan] Beane, daughter of son John
John Beane, the eldest son of son John
Agnes Bean, daughter of son John
Thomas Beane, son of son John
Ellinor Beane, daughter of son John
John Bean, the youngest son of son John
Johane Beane, his goddaughter
John Jeffery, godson
John Symond, godson
John Collyer, godson
John Frenche, yeoman of Blatchington, surety

[14] A nuncupative will is an oral declaration of a person's final wishes regarding their property, typically made to witnesses when the person is dying or facing imminent peril.

Places
[East] Blatchington

Relevant Events
John Beane was buried 11 Mar 1567 at East Blatchington St Peter.

Their son John Bean is presumed to have married Ellinor as there is a burial on 3 May 1587 of Ellinor Beane, "wife of John Beane". The six children named in the will are therefore assumed to be the children of John and Ellinor, although having two children named John is confusing. However, while finding two living children with the exact same Christian name in a 16th-century English will is uncommon, it is not exceptionally rare. It does open the possibility of a remarriage, but not necessarily so.

The son John Beane (husband of Ellinor) is probably the one buried on 22 Mar 1619 at East Blatchington St Peter.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington".

2. Will (nuncupative)[15] of Thomas Beane of South Heighton, 1626

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/19)
Made: 12 March 1625/26
Probate: 8 Apr 1626

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/62213/images/62213_314054000109_0938-00199?queryId=66bdd3a8-bd01-413b-a6bc-0e0aaf931699&usePUB=true&_phsrc=ZQw3091&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=20498

In the Name of God Amen **Thomas Beane** of **Southeighton** in the county of Sussex husbandman being weake and sicke in body but of good and pferte remembrance did make and declare his last will and testament nuncupative the twelfthe day of march in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England One thousand six hundred twenty and five in manner and forme in effecte following That is to say He willed and bequeathed unto his sonne **Thomas Beane** eight pounds of lawfull money of England, Item he willed and bequeathed unto his sonne **John Beane** eight pounds of like money Item he willed and bequeathed unto the childe wherewith his wife was then very great eight pounds of like money To bee paid unto them at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares And his will and mynde was, that if any of his said children should decease before he should accomplishe the age of one and twenty yeares That then his or their said legacy so deceased should bee and remaine to him or them surviving equally to bee devided The residue of all and singular his goods chattells and credits whatsoever his debts paid and these his legacies discharged he willed and bequeathed unto **Agnes** his loving wife whome he named and appointed to bee his sole Executrix of this his last will and testament And he constituted and appointed **Edward Blaker** of Litlington in the said county yeoman, and **Richard Bricke** of Jevington overseers of this his will, there being present at the declaring thereof **William Colvill, [blank] Heseman, [blank] Pickham and [blank] Brooker**

On the eighth day of April in the year of our Lord 1626, before Mr. John Chauntrell, Priest, Surrogate, &c., forasmuch as **Agnes Beane**, widow and executrix of the above-written nuncupative will, departed this life before taking upon herself the burden of execution of the same will, Administration of the goods, &c., of the said deceased according to the tenor of his aforesaid will was committed to **Edward Blaker**, one of the overseers named in the same will, he having been sworn upon the Holy Gospels well and faithfully to administer, &c.

Caveat[16] (ESRO: PBT 1/3/5/244C)
On the twenty-first day of March next, Let a caveat [warning] be entered so that nothing be done in the goods of the person of **Thomas Beane**, late of Southheighton, deceased, unless notification is first made to **Edward Blaker** or to his trustees named in the next will of the deceased. In the meantime, let it be held, etc.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, July 2026

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[15] A nuncupative will is an oral declaration of a person's final wishes regarding their property, typically made to witnesses when the person is dying or facing imminent peril.
[16] In 17th-century English probate law, a caveat was a formal notice filed in an ecclesiastical court (such as the Prerogative Court of Canterbury or a local diocesan court). It effectively froze proceedings, ensuring that a deceased person's estate could not be distributed, and their will could not be proved, until the caveator (the person disputing or holding an interest, here represented by Edward Blaker) was formally notified and given a chance to voice their claims or contest the validity of the administration.

NOTES

People
Thomas Beane, husbandman, testator
Agnes Beane, wife
Thomas Beane, son
John Beane, son
Edward Blaker of Litlington, yeoman, overseer
Richard Bricke of Jevington, overseer
William Colvill, witness

Places
South Heighton
Litlington
Jevington

Relevant Events
This Thomas Bean is speculated to be:
Thomas Beane bap. 13 Jan 1594 at Alfriston, son of Thomas Bean and Jane Brytt who were married at Alfriston on 28 Apr 1589. The father Thomas Bean is possibly the son of John Bean and Ellinor.

It looks like there is a caveat to this will which has not been investigated yet (as it is not accessible to the author):
Thomas BEANE [Bean] of South Heighton; caveat
Date: 21 Mar 1626
ESRO reference: PBT 1/3/5/244C

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

3. Admon of John Beane of East Blatchington, 1626

(ESRO: PBT 1/3/5/279D)
Granted: 14 Dec 1626

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On the fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1626

On which day Mr. Robert Goffe, priest, Surrogate, etc., committed Administration of the Goods, etc., of **John Beane** late of Blatchington, deceased intestate, to **Joan Beane** his widow, she having been sworn upon the Holy Gospels well and faithfully to administer, etc. Bound are the same **Joan** and **William Locke** of Meeching [Newhaven], butcher, in the sum of 10 pounds.

The inventory exhibited shows the total sum of £37 19s. 2d.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, August 2026.

NOTES

People
John Beane
Joan Beane
William Locke

Places
East Blatchington
Newhaven

Relevant Events
John Beane was buried on 3 Nov 1626 at East Blatchington St Peter.

He was baptised 27 Nov 1588 at East Blatchington, the son of John Beane and Eleanor Barrenden.

He married Joan Lock on 8 Oct 1610 at East Blatchington. It would appear that Joan remarried after John's death as there is a marriage of Joan Beane, widow, to Humphrey Row on 18 Nov 1639 at East Blatchington.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

4. Will of Stephen Beane of Rodmell, 1639

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/26/68B)
Made: 11 Oct 1639
Probate: 23 Oct 1639

The last will & testament of **Stea: Beane** of Rodmell in County Sussex

My will is this

First of all I commend my soule to god that gave it, And comitt my body to the earth for a while to rest until the generall resurrection, decently to be buried. Item I give to **my beloved wife** 12 bushells of wheate and 12 bushells of barly to be dd [delivered?] before Chtmas next. And one of my best hoggs and one of my best piggs, and pease to fatt the former hoggs. And halfe my butter and cheese. Item to the poore of this parish of Rodmell 12s to be payed at my burial. Item I desire my father **Stea: Beane** of Seaford to be my sole executor to this my last will & testament, in witness whereof I have sett to my hand & seale this eleventh of Oct: 1639

In the presence of

John Newman

Rich: Collar his mark

Stea: Beane Jun.
his mark

Proved before Master Thomas Doe, Clerk, Master of Arts, Surrogate, on the twenty-third day of October in the year of our Lord 1639 by the oath of **Stephan Beane**, natural and lawful father of the said deceased and executor, etc., to whom administration of the goods, etc., was committed, being sworn on the Holy [Gospels] well and faithfully to administer, etc.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 21 June 2026

NOTES

People
Stephen Beane, the testator.
Stephen Beane of Seaford, his father.
Wife, not named.
John Newman, witness
Rich. Collar, witness

Places
Rodmell
Seaford

Relevant Events
Stephen Bean was buried at Rodmell St Peter on 15 October 1639.
He was the son of Stephen Bean and Margery Nicklas of Seaford.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

5. Will of Stephen Beane, Labourer of Seaford, 1640

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/27/105)
Made: 9 Jul 1640
Probate: 3 Aug 1640
Family Search: film 1885868, image 178

In the name of god Amen. I Stephen Beane of Seaford in ye County of Sussex Labourer, beeing weake in body, but I thanke god of good understanding and perfect memory, do make this my Last will in testament in manner & forme following. First I bequeath my soule into ye hands of god hoping to bee saved by the meritts and death of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ: My body to the earth from whence it was taken to bee decently buried in ye Churchyard of Seaford. As for the small portion of worldly goods, wherewith it hath pleased god to blesse mee, I dispose therof as followeth. First I will & bequeath my house and garden & backside & barne with all the appurtenances to my loving **wyfe Margery Beane** during the terme of her naturall lyfe: and after her decease I will & bequeath my said house garden & backside to my three eldest **Daughters Elizabeth Jeffrey, Joane Beane & Anne Beane**: and my will is that if my sonne in lawe **William Jeffrey** & his wyfe my daughter **Elizabeth Jeffrey** shall desire to enioy my said house garden & backside that they shall have it paying to my twoo yonger daughters their sisters **Joane and Anne Beane** twoo third parts of the uttmost value the said house garden and backside shalbee iudged to bee worth: or if my said sonne in lawe **William Jeffrey and Elizabeth** his wyfe my daughter shall refuse it then my further will is that eyther of my other aforesaid Daughters **Joane** or **Anne Beane** (the choyce still reserved to the eldest) may have it upon ye same conditions, but if neither of them desire it, then my will is they shall be sould to the uttmost value & the mony to bee divided betweene my said three daughters **Elizabeth Jeffrey Joane & Anne Beane** part and part alike. Item I will and bequeath to my yongest daughter **Margery Beane** my little Croft or Pightle of land, neere to the King's highway, after her mother my wyfe hathe enioyed it during her lyfe: & also my little Barne at the end of my house. Item I give & bequeath to my wyfe **Margery Beane**, all my corne now standing upon ye ground: that is to say one acre of wheat, halfe one acre of Pease & halfe one acre of Tares: Item I will and bequeath to my said foure Daughters **Elizabeth Jeffrey, Joan, Anne and Margery Beane** to each of them in mony forty shillings: to bee paid to my daughter **Elizabeth Jeffrey** on ye feast of Michaell the Archangell next after the date hereof, & to the three yonger, **Joane Anne & Margery Beane** at their several dayes of marryage respectively or their mothers death which shall first happen. Item more I will & bequeath to each of my said Daughters, twoe paire of sheets to bee delivered to them by their mothers choyce presently after my decease. Item more to each of them twoo peeces of Pewter & one Pewter candle-sticke. Item more I give to my twoo Daughters **Elizabeth Jeffrey & Margery Beane**, my fornace betweene them, and my meaning is, that the one shall have the fornace & the other for her part sixe shillings and eight pence & the choyce to bee in the elder whether shee will take ye fornace or ye mony. Item I give to my daughter **Joane** my biggest brass Kettle. Item to my daughter **Anne** my twoo next biggest brasse Kettles. Item to my daughter **Margery**, my best yron pott Item to my daughter **Elizabeth Jeffrey** my least brass Kettle. Item to my daughter **Anne** one little yron Kettle Item to my daughter **Elizabeth Jeffrey** my bigger yron Kettle. Item to each of my daughters a chest according to their mothers choyce. Item to my daughter **Anne** my little Cupboard in ye hall Item to my twoo daughters **Joane & Anne** to each of them, a bed, boulster & blankett at their severall dayes of marryage. Item to my daughter **Margery**, the bedsheet, bed and bolster which I ly on with all the things upon it. Item whereas I have given to my three yongest daughters, **Joane, Anne & Margery Beane** to each of them forty shillings at their severall dayes of marryage or their mothers death my will is that if eyther or any of them happen to dy before the said dayes of payment, that then the portion of her or them so dying shalbee payd unto the surviver, or survivers of them

three on the said days of her or their marriages respectively or their mothers death as aforesaid. Item my will is that whatsoever legacyes or parcells of housholdstuffe I have bequeathed, to all or eyther of my said foure Daughters they shall not receave any of them during the naturall lyfe of my said **wyfe Margery Beane** their mother, excepting only such parcels as are expressed to bee delivered to them or any of them at such tymes as is sett downe in this my will. Item whereas I have in this my said will bequeathed my yongest daughter **Margery Beane** my Barne at the end of my said house, now my will is that which soever of my three elder Daughters shall accept of & take upon them my house, shall also enioy the said barne, & in liewe thereof pay to my said daughter **Margery** at their mothers death the somme of three pounds & ten shillings & if it shall happen that neyther of them desire the house but it bee sold, that then the said three pounds and ten shillings shalbee paid to her, out of the summe the house is sold for, & ye remainder to bee divided betweene my said three eldest daughters part and part alike as aforesaid. Lastly I do herby acknowledge this to bee my last will & testament, wherof I do make my loving wyfe **Margery Beane** the full & sole executrix, & do will & bequeath to her by these presents all and singular my goods & chattells housholdstuffe & w'tsoever els unbequeathed in this my last will & testament. And I doe herby allso nominate my friend & neighbour **John Hyde** of Seaford & my **cousin Henry Beane of Blachingdon** overseers of this my last will. In wittnes whereof I have hereunto eyther side sett my hand & seale this ninthe day of July in the sixteenth yeer of our soveraign Lord Charles by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord God 1640

Signed sealed and acknowledged by ye aforesaid **Stephen Beane** the Testatour to bee his owne voluntary act, and his last will and Testament in ye presence of us whose names are heere under written the day & yeare aforesaide

The marke of John Beane

the marke of Michaell Backe

John Hide Henry Beane Thomas Ballowes

Probate granted 3rd August 1640 to **Margery Beane** the relict and Executrix.

Transcribed by Julian Elphick April 2022.

NOTES:

People

Stephen Beane, testator
Margery Beane, wife
Elizabeth Jeffery, daughter
William Jeffery, son-in-law
Joane Beane, daughter
Anne Beane, daughter
Margery Beane, youngest daughter
John Hyde of Seaford, friend & neighbour
Henry Beane of Blatchington, cousin
Michael Backe, witness
John Hide, witness
Henry Beane, witness
Thomas Ballowes, witness

Places
Seaford
[East] Blatchington

Relevant Events
Stephen Beane was buried 15 Jul 1640 at Seaford St Leonards.
Stephen Beane married Margery Nicklas on 19 May 1609 at Willingdon St Mary.

John and Ellinor Bean of East Blatchington may be the parents of Stephen Bean. This is speculative, but Stephen's will does mention his cousin, Henry Bean of Blatchington, who is most likely Henry, the son of John Bean and Eleanor Barrenden, who was baptised 27 Jan 1608 at East Blatchington.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

6. Will (nuncupative)[17] of Henry Beane of East Blatchington, 1641

(ESRO: PBT 1/3/7/249G)
Made: 24 Feb 1640/41
Probate: 5 Apr 1641
Familysearch: Film no: 1885592, Image no: 158

Memorandum That **Henry Beane** late of Blatchington in the County of Sussex deceased being of good & p[er]fecte mynde & memorye, though sicke in body, and being desirous to make A will for the settling of his estate, did by word of mouth in the p[re]sence of the witnesses hereunder named make & declare his last will and Testament about ye foure twentye day of February Anno d[omi]ni 1640 *(Stilo Anglie)*[18] in manner and forme in effect following, First hee willed his Soule to Allmighty God, and his body to the Earth to bee decently buried, Item all and Singuler his goods Chattells & Credibts whatsoever hee did leave to the disposing of his loving wife **Patience Beane**, to the intent that shee should pay & discharge his debts and Carefully bring up his Children, Witnesses p[re]sent at the declaring hereof Nicholas Pope Clerike Parson of Blatchington and Joane Pope his wife.

Probate 5th April 1641
On the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred forty-one, Master Thomas Russell, clerk, Master of Arts, was appointed surrogate; and because no Executor is named in the Nuncupative Testament or Last Will of the said deceased, he committed the Administration of the Goods etc. of the same deceased to **Patience Beane**, widow of the deceased, she having first been sworn upon the Holy Gospels of God to well and faithfully administer the same according to the tenor of the aforesaid Testament.

NOTES:

People
Henry Beane, testator
Patience Beane, wife
Nicholas Pope, Parson, witness
Joane Pope, his wife, witness

Places
[East] Blatchington

Relevent Events
Henry Beane was buried 9 Mar 1641 at East Blatchington St Peter.
Henry is mentioned in the Will of Stephen Beane, 1640 as a cousin, and also in the Will of his father John Beane, 1642 as "lately deceased".

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[17] A nuncupative will is an oral declaration of a person's final wishes regarding their property, typically made to witnesses when the person is dying or facing imminent peril.

[18] "Stilo Anglie" means "according to the English comutation". Until 1752, the legal and ecclesiastical year in England did not change on January 1st; it changed on **Lady Day (March 25th)**. Because of this, any date between January 1st and March 24th fell into the *previous* year according to the English system. When the document notes a date as February 1640 *Stilo Anglie*, it means that by our modern calendar (where the year changes on January 1st), the year was actually **1641**. This will often be written as **February 1640/1** to clear up the confusion.

Henry Beane married Patience Knight on 12 Oct 1630 at Seaford. The will of their son Henry (see Will of Henry Beane, Glover of East Grinstead, 1664) indicates that his mother Patience remarried to Roger Tester of Framfield, although the marriage has not been found.

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

7. Will of John Beane, Jurat of Seaford, 1642

(ESRO: PBT 1/3/7/283G)
Made: 24 Mar 1641/42
Codicils: 26 and 28 Mar 1642
Probate: 23 May 1642
Family Search film 1885592, image 337

In the name of God: Amen. I **John Beane** Jurat of the towne & Port of Seaford in the County of Sussex, being weake in body but (thankes be to god) of good and perfect memory, do make this my last will and testam't in manner & forme following. First I bequeath my soule into ye hands of god, hoping through his mercy for Christs merits, to be made heire of everlasting salvation: my body to the ground, to be decently buried in the Parish Church yard of Seaford aforsaid. That portion of wordly goods wherew'th god hath beene pleasd to blesse me I thus dispose of. First I will and bequeath to my **daughter Joane Price** the somme of fifteene poundes lawfull English mony, to be paid to her by my ex'or a yeare after my decease, & if the said **Joane Price** shall dy, before ye said fifteene pounds shalbe due unto her, then the said somme to continue in the hands, & to the proper use of my executor: Item I give to the three Children of my said daughter **Joane Price: John: Thomas: and Anne Price** to each of them five pounds: to **John & Thomas** at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares, and to **Anne** at her age of one and twenty yeares or her day of marriage which shall first happen: And if it shall happen that one or more of the said children dy before the said som is payable, the legacy of the child or children so dying shalbee paid to the survivor or survivors of them, but if they all dy then to accrew to the use and behoofe of my executor. Item I will and bequeath to my daughter **Jane Sturte**, twenty pounds, a yeare after my decease: if shee dy before the time of paim't then to be equally divided betweene her twoo children **Robert and Anne Sturt**, to **Robert** at the age of one & twenty yeares, and to **Anne** at the age of one and twenty yeares or her day of marriage w'ch shall first happen: if either of them dy before the said som is to be paid ye legacy of him or her so dying to bee paid to the survivor but if both dy before their said legacyes shalbe due then to remaine to the use of my executor. Item more I will and bequeath to her twoo said children, **Robert and Anne Sturt** five pounds appece to be paid to eyther of them at the same dayes of paym't, and under ye said conditions. Item to my daughter **Elizabeth Palmer** Twenty pounds, a yeare after my decease: and if shee dy before the said mony shalbee paiable then to remaine to my executor. Item to my **Grandchild John Beane of Blechingdon** thirty shillings, a yeare after my death, and to **his daughter Anne Beane** ten shillings at her age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage w'ch shall first happen, but if my said grandchild **John Beane** happen to dy before his said legacy shallbee due, then to bee paid to his said daughter **Anne** at the daye of paim't aforsaid, but if both of them shall dy before the said legacyes shalbee due then to continue to my executor Item to **Elizabeth Alice [Alce] of Blechingdon my grandchild**, twenty shillings and to **her daughter Joane** ten shillings, to be paid to each of them at the same dayes of paim't and upon the same conditions: Item all my housholdstuffe in my house at Blechingdon where **my daughter Jane Sturt** now liveth I will and bequeath to my said daughter **Jane Sturt**. Item I will and bequeath unto **my wife Anne Beane** thirty pounds to be paid to her w'thin three moneths after my decease, & if shee chance to dy before the said terme of three moneths be expired then to bee paid to her ex'or administrat' or Assignes according to her disposall. Item more to my said wife all the housholdstuffe w'ch shee was possessed of before her marriage w'th mee. Item more to her halfe the flaxe on the ground at the time of my decease and my best coverlett. Item to **John: Thomas: Wynifred & Henry Beane, the foure children of my sonne Henry Beane** lately deceased, five pounds to each of them: to the sonnes at the age of one & twenty yeares; and to the daughter at the age of one & twenty yeares, or day of marryage w'ch shall first happen: and if it shall happen one or more of the said foure children to dy before the said legacyes are

paiable, the severall sommes to bee paid to the survivor or survivors by equall potions: and if it so happen that they all dy before their severall legacyes are due then to continue to the proper use & behoofe of my executor. Item I give to **my daughter Patience Beane lately wyfe of my son Henry Beane** five pounds to be paid to her a yeare after my decease and if shee chance to dye before the said term of five pounds shall grow due, then to be equally divided betweene her foure children aforsaid under the conditions aforsaid: Item more to my said daughter that my housholdstuffe now in my house where she dwelleth Item to the poore of the towne of Seaford ten shillings to be paid w'thin halfe a yeare after my decease, to such as my executor shall thinke fitt Item to the Church of Seaford ten shillings for the provision of a faire Flagon and a faire napkin, to be used at the Communion. Item I do make and appoint **my grandchild Tho: Beane** now my servant to be ex'or of this my last will and Testament to whom my funerall costs discharged, my debts paid and all legacyes discharged, I do will and bequeath by these presents all my personall estate, goods and chattells not in these presents disposed of whatsoever, & I do hereby revoke all former wills and testaments by me at any tyme heretofore made, & do acknowledge this to bee my last will and testament and no other: wherof I do entreat my loving friends **Mr Thomas Elphicke of Selmeston & Mr Nicholas Gilbert of Blechingdon** to be overseers, and to eyther of them for their love & care do give ten shillings. In witnes wherof I have to this my last will and testam't set my hand and seale this four & twentieth day of March 1641
the marke of John Beane Testator

This was acknowledged by John Beane the testator to be his last will and Testament and by him sealed and published the day & yeare above written, in the presence of us
John Hide Charles Hood Thomas Ballowes

Codicill
Item more I do give & bequeath to **Henry Beane youngest sonne of my sonne Henry Bean**e lately deceased to be paid to him at the age of one & twenty yeares, five pounds, & if it shall happen the said **Henry Beane** to dy before ye said somme shalbe due, then the said somme equally to be divided betweene the other three children of my said son **Henry Beane**, the survivor or survivors of them, at the severall dayes of paym't, & under ye same conditions upon which each of are to receave five pounds, by this my last will and testam't But if all foure of the children dy before the said somme shalbee payable, then to remaine to ye sole & proper use of my executor

This Codicill was acknowledged signed and sealed by the Testator this sixe and twentith day of March 1642 in ye presence of
the m'ke of John Seaman the m'ke of Humphry Seaman Thomas Ballowes
The m'ke of John Beane Testator

Item my farther will is that wheras I have hereby bequeathed five & twenty pounds to my foure Grandchildren the three sons of my son **Henry Beane** late deceased & his daughter: to be paid at their several ages of one & twenty yeares for the sons, and one & twenty yeares or day of marriage which shall first happen for the daughter, my said executor shall untill the said legacies shall grow due yearly pay the consideration of all the said legacyes at the rate of eight pounds on the hundred for the better livelihood and maintenance

This codicill was acknowledged signed and sealed by the Testator this eight & twentith day of March 1642 in the presence of
the m'ke of Tho: Holibone the m'ke of Adam Barnden Thomas Ballowes
The m'ke of John Beane Testator

Probate granted 23rd May 1642 to **Thomas Beane**, grandson of the testator.

Transcribed by Julian Elphick May 2022.

NOTES:

People
John Beane, testator
Anne Beane, wife
Joane Price, daughter
John Price, granddaughter
Thomas Price, grandson
Anne Price, granddaughter
Jane Sturte, daughter
Robert Sturte, grandson
Anne Sturte, granddaughter
Elizabeth Palmer, daughter
John Beane of Blatchington, grandson
Anne Beane, his daughter
Elizabeth Alice [Alce] of Blatchington, granddaughter
Joane Alice [Alce] her daughter
Henry Beane, son lately deceased
John, Thomas, Winifred & Henry, children of his son Henry deceased
Patience Beane, daughter, lately wife of his son Henry Beane
Thomas Beane, grandson, executor
Thomas Elphicke of Selmeston, overseer
Nicholas Gilbert of Blatchington, overseer

Places
Seaford
[East] Blatchington
Selmeston

Relevent Events
John Beane was buried 17 May 1642 at Seaford St Leonard.
His first marriage was to Eleanor Barrenden on 14 Jan 1588 at Southease. He had all his nine children with her and she was buried on 10 Jul 1616 at East Blatchington, "wife of John Beane senior". John then remarried to the widow Agnes Stert/Sturt on 17 Feb 1617 at East Blatchington, and she would be the Anne mentioned in John's will.
Note that John Bean's daughter Jane Bean married Michael Sturt on 10 May 1631 at Seaford, possibly a son of Agnes.

Agnes may have remarried:
Agnes Beane married Thomas Elson on 24 Jun 1645 at East Blatchington.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

8. Will of Henry Beane, Glover of East Grinstead, 1664

(ESRO: PBT/1/4/1664)
Made: 18 February 1663/64
Probate: 3 August 1664

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In the Name of god Amen: I **Henery Beane** of East Grinsted in the Countye of Sussex Glover being Sicke in Bodye but of a pfitt Mind & memory doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Teastament in manner & forme ffollowing: ffirst & principally I Bequeath my Soule to God which gave it trusting Through the merittes of Jesus Christ my Saviour to Inherit Eternall life: And my Bodye to the Earth from Whence it Came. It[em] I give to my Well beloved & deare mother **Patience** the wife of **Rogger Testor** of fframfild ffortye Shillinges: It[em] I give to my Sister **Winefrith Beane** ffortye Shillinges: It[em] I give to my Brother **John Beane** ffortye Shillinges: It[em] I give to my Brother **Thomas Beane** ffortye Shillinges: It[em] I give to **Alice Shepard** two Shillinges Six pence: It[em] I give to **John Plaw** two Shillinges Six pence: It[em] I give to **John Banckes** two Shillinges Six pence: It[em] I give to **Elizabeth** the wife of **John Barthelmew** two Shillinges Six pence. It[em] I give to **James Aucocke** two shillinges six pence: It[em] I give to **Widdow Hanbor** of the Colledege two Shillinges six pence: It[em] I give to **Stephen Head** two Shillinges Six pence: It[em] I give to **John Harbour** two Shillinges Six pence: It[em] I give to my Wellbeloved masters **Edward Ellis** & **Henery Jux** five Shillinges a peece: It[em] I give to my well beloved Aunt the wife of **John Bodle** five Shillinges: It[em] I give to my Uncle **John Bodle** five Shillinges And doe Intreat him to bee my Executor in trust to pay these Legacies: soe soone as hee shall Receive the money which is due to mee upon land from / **John Bendall** of Godston late deceased & **John Nichols** of East Grinsted being the Sum of Tenn pound as appereth by the said bandes And to this my last Will & Testament I have sett my hand & Seale the Eighteenth day of February in the yeare One Thousand Six hundred Sixty & three. **Henry Beane** his marke (Wax Seal)
Read Sealled and delivered in the presence of
Henery Jux
Stephen Head

Testament **Henrici Beane** de Eastgrinsted defuncti Probatum Tertio die Augustii 1664 Coram Magistro Thurman etc Juramento Executoris [**Johanni Bodle**] etc.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 26 July 2026

NOTES

People
Henry Beane, testator
Patience Testor, mother
Roger Testor, husband of Patience Testor
Winifrith Bean, sister
John Bean, brother
Thomas Bean, brother

Alice Shepard
John Plaw
John Banckes
Elizabeth Barthelmew
John Barthelmew, husband of Elizabeth
James Aucocke
Widow Hanbor
Stephen Head, witness
John Harbour
Edward Ellis, master
Henry Jux, master, witness
John Bodle, uncle, executor
John Bendall deceased, late of Godstone
John Nichols

Places
East Grinstead
Framfield
Godstone, Surrey

Relevant Events
Henry Beane was buried 11 Mar 1663/64 at East Grinstead (recorded as Henry BENE which some transcribers have written as BONE).
Henry was baptised 12 Apr 1640 at East Blatchington, son of Henry Bean and Patience Knight. He had brothers John and Thomas, and sister Winifred which is consistent with the beneficiaries mentioned in the will.

The reference to uncle John Bodle is another clue to discovering the origins of this Henry Bean:
John Bodle, yeoman, married Elizabeth Palmer, widow, on 24 Apr 1660 at East Grinstead.
Elizabeth Beane married John Palmer on 26 Nov 1633 at Seaford.
Elizabeth Beane was baptised 19 Aug 1604 at East Blatchington, daughter of John Bean (c1555-1642) and Eleanor Barrenden (1565-1616).
Elizabeth was the sister of Henry Bean, the father of Henry Bean, the testator.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

9. Will of Thomas Beane, Gent of Seaford, 1679

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/35/150B)
Made: 24 October 1676
Probate: 24 June 1679
Family Search film 1885903, images 222 – 3

In the name of God Amen the foure and twentyeth day of October in the Eighte & twentyeth yeare of the raigne of o'r Soveraigne Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the faith &c Annoque dni 1676 I **Thomas Beane** of Seaford in the County of Sussex, gent being well in health & of a sound & disposing mind & memory (thanks being therefore given to Almighty God) & knowing the certainty of my death but the uncertaine tyme when doe therefore now make this my last will and testam't in writeing in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hopeing assuredly to bee saved thorough the merritts and passion of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer And my body I comitt to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buryed by my Executrix hereafter named Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of Seaford aforesaid the sume of tenn shillings to bee paid unto them on the day of my buriall att the discretion of my said Executrix Item I give and bequeath unto my youngest daughter **Clement Beane** the sume of One hundred pounds of lawfull money of England to bee paid unto her att her age of One and twenty yeares or day of marriadge w'ch shall first happen Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandchild **James Chambers** sonne of **James Chambers** of Denton in the said County yeoman & **Mary his wife** the sume of Twenty pounds of lawfull money of England to bee paid unto him at his age of One and twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath unto my **Grandchild Mary Swane** daughter of **William Swane** of Newhaven in the said County mercer & **Mary** (sic) his wife the sume of Twenty pounds of lawfull money of England to bee paid unto her at her age of One and twenty yeares Item I give and bequeath unto **Mary** my loveing wife all the rest and residue of my goods chattells and personall estate whatsoever (my debts legacyes and funerall expenses being first paid & dischardged) whom I make sole Executrix of this my will Item I give and bequeath unto the said **Mary** my loveing wife All my lands tenem'ts and hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in Sutton neere Seaford and by mee hithertofore purchased of **Thomas Harrison** gent And also all that my messuage or tenen't backside & garden thereunto belonging scituate and being in Seaford aforesaid being now in the occupacon of **John Tiltman** And all that my peice or p'cell of pastureland comonly called the Chequer conteyning by estimacon three acres in Seaford aforesaid To have and to hold to my said wife and her assignes for terme of her naturall life And after her decease I give & bequeath all my said lands and tenem'ts lying in Sutton aforesaid unto my said daughter **Mary Chambers** her heires and assignes for ever Shee and they paying unto my said daughter **Anne Swane** her executors and assignes the sume of One hundred pounds of lawfull money of England w'thin Six monethes next after my wifes decease Butt if my said daughter **Mary** refuse to pay the said One hundred pounds at the tyme aforesaid Then I give the said lands to my said daughter **Anne Swane** & her heires Item I give unto my said daughter **Anne Swane** & to her heires for ever the said piece of pasture grounds w'th thappurtenances called the Chequer after the decease of my said wife Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter **Clement Beane** & her heires the said messuage or tenem't & premisses in **John Tiltmans** occupacon after the death of my said wife In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my seale & to each sheete being two in number my hand the day & yeare above written – **Thomas Beane**

Signed sealed & published in the p'sence of

the marke of Samuel Sallis the marke of Mercy Barshar

Probate granted to Mary Beane 24th June [1679].

Transcribed by Julian Elphick June 2022.
Note: The reference to his daughter Mary Swane should have been to daughter Anne Swane.

NOTES

People
Thomas Beane, testator
Mary Beane, wife
Clement Bean, youngest daughter
James Chambers, grandson
James Chambers of Denton, son-in-law
Mary Chambers, daughter, wife of James Chambers
Mary Swane, granddaughter
William Swane of Newhaven, son-in-law
Anne Swane, daughter, wife of William Swaine
Thomas Harrison, gent
John Tiltman, tenant

Places
Seaford
Denton
Newhaven
Sutton near Seaford

Relevant Events
Thomas Beane was buried on 6 Jun 1679 at Seaford St Leonard.
Thomas Bean (1616-1679) was the son of John Bean and Joan Lock, bap. 8 Jan 1616 at East Blatchington St Peter, "son of John Beane jn"
Thomas Bean married Mary Taylor on 12 Feb 1653 at Seaford.

Their daughter Mary Bean married James Chambers on 3 Dec 1674 at Denton, "James of Denton, Mary of Seaford".
Their daughter Ann Bean married William Swaine on 16 Nov 1671 at West Dean by Seaford, "William of Denton, Ann of Seaford". Ann has a monument at Seaford St Leonards:

Here lieth deposited the
Body of ANN SWAINE
of Folkington, Widow
who was the wife of
William Swaine of
Denton and was buried
at Seaford the -- day
of July 1702 in the
45 Yeare of her age
[This is the oldest surviving monument
above ground in the churchyard]
(Seaford Monumental Inscriptions Group)

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

10. Admon of Henry Bean of Litlington, 1703

Archdeaconry of Lewes
Granted 27 Mar 1703
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[Original in Latin]

On the twenty-seventh day of March 1703

Administration of all and singular the goods, rights, and credits of **Henry Bean**, late of Litlington, deceased intestate, was committed by Thomas Whalley, priest, surrogate of the venerable Thomas Briggs, Doctor of Laws unto **Mary Bean**, the relict (widow) of the said deceased, first sworn well and faithfully to administer.

The said **Mary Bean** of Litlington, widow, **John Wavell** of Blatchington, yeoman, and **Thomas Tourle** of Lewes, butcher, were bound in the sum of £1,800.

The inventory exhibited extends to the sum of £1370.3.4

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, August 2026.

NOTES

People
Henry Bean, deceased
Mary Bean, wife
John Wavell, yeoman
Thomas Tourle

Places
Litlington
East Blatchington
Lewes

Relevant Events
Henry Bean was buried on 7 Mar 1703 at East Blatchington St Peter, "yeoman of the parish of Litlington".

Henry Bean married Mary Savage on 29 Apr 1684 at Alfriston.

John Wavell is Mary's brother-in-law. He married Mary's elder sister Judith Wymarke (widow, nee Savage) on 14 Apr 1696 at Tarring Neville.

There is a marriage licence for Thomas Tourle and Elizabeth Startup dated 24 Feb 1676/77, with Thomas of Kingston and Elizabeth of the same parish. The surname Startup is probably a variant of Start/Sturt and the family connection probably goes back to when Henry Bean's great grandfather John Bean (c1555-1642) had a second marriage to Agnes Stert/Start on 17 Feb 1617 at East Blatchington, and also the marriage of this John Bean's daughter Jane Bean to Michael Start on 10 May 1631 at Seaford.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

11. Will of Thomas Beane, Carpenter of Jevington, 1703

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/45/165B)
Archdeaconry of Lewes
Made: 19 Apr 1703
Probate: 23 Oct 1703

In the Name of God Amen

I **Thomas Beane** of Jevington in ye County of Sussex Carpenter being weake in body but pfect mind & memory (praised be God therefore) Doe make & appoint this my last will & testamt in manner & form following First I bequeath my soule into ye hands of God who gave itt desireing & hopeing for mercy & the pardon of my sinns thro' ye meritts & intersession of Jesus my only Saviour & Redeemer Secondly I bequeath my body to ye ground from whence it was taken to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Extor hereafter named Item I give unto my son **Thomas** my Dwelling House & Shopp wth ye Garden & all thereunto belonging to enjoy to him & his heirs for ever he being olleng [obliged] to pay unto his four brothers five pounds a peece wthin three months after ye decease of their Mother and my desire is that my Loveing Wife shall have all my household Goods dureing her Life and after her decease to be equally devided between my five children. **Thomas, Robert, Henry, John and William**. Item I make my Eldest Son **Thomas Beane** my sole Extor of this my Last will & Testamt, In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the Nineteenth day of Aprill 1703.(Thomas Beane his mark) Witness, Thomas Page, John Beane

[from the Probate Act Book]

On the same day [23 October 1703]

The will of **Thomas Beane**, deceased, of Jevington, was proved before the same Surrogate, by the oath of **Thomas Bean**, son of the said deceased and the Executor named in his will, to whom was committed the administration of the goods, etc., being sworn on the Holy [Gospels] to well and faithfully administer [the same], etc.The inventory exhibited shows itself to the sum of £10 12s 0d.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 21 June 2026

NOTES

People
Thomas Beane, testator
Wife (not named)
Thomas Beane, son
Robert Beane, son
Henry Beane, son
John Beane, son
William Beane, son

Places
Jevington

Relevant Events
Thomas Bean was buried on 12 Sep 1703 at St Andrew's Jevington, "senior".
Thomas Beane was the son of Henry Bean and Patience Knight.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

12. Will of Mary Beane, Widow of Seaford, 1711

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/48/144)
Made: 15 May 1710 (taken from ESRO catalogue)
Probate: 20 October 1711 (taken from ESRO catalogue)
Familysearch: Film: 1885993; Image: 160

In the Name of God Amen, I **Mary Beane** of Seaford in the County of Sussex widd^{o}: being aged and also at present weak and sick in body, but of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding (Thanks be to God) doe make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. (that is to say) First and principally I humbly commit my spirit to God hoping for mercy and salvation through his mercies in Jesus Christ my only Saviour and my Body to the Grave to be decently bureyed att the discretion of my Executrix herein after named, And as touching such worldly goods and estate as God in his goodness hath lent to me I dispose thereof as followeth. Imprimus I give to the Poor People of Seaford the sum of twenty shillings to be paid and divided amongst them at the discretion of my Executrix within one month next after my decease Item I give and devise all those my two Barns with the stalls and closes thereunto adjoining situate lying and being in Seaford afores^{d} and abutting to a pcell [parcel] of land there called Potters field to my Grandson **James Chambers** of Seaford aforesaid his Heirs and assigns for ever Itm I give and devise my two dwelling houses in Seaford aforesaid with the Stable Close Gardens and all other appurtnenances to the same or either of the same belonging in one of which houses I and my said Grandson **James Chambers** now dwell the other is uninhabited but in the occupation of the said James Chambers, to my daughter **Clement Beane** during the term of her natural life and after her decease to my said Grandson **James Chambers** his Heirs & assigns for ever. Itm I give and bequeath to **Elizabeth** the wife of my Grandson **William Swayne** and to **Sarah** the wife of my Grandson **James Chambers** afores^{d} and to my Grand-daughter **Mary** now wife of **John Young** each of them a good Mourning Gold Ring. Itm I give and bequeath to **William** and **Ann**, the Children of my said Grandson **William Swayne** the sum of five pounds a piece to be paid unto them when they shall attain respectively to the full age of one and twenty years Itm I give and bequeath unto **Mary, Sarah, James and Thomas** the Children of my said Grandson **James Chambers** the ^like^ sum of five pounds a piece to be paid unto them when they shall attain the said age of one and twenty years Itm I give and bequeath unto **Mary & John & Ann & Elizabeth & Samuel** the Children of the said **John Young** by my s^{d} Grand-daughter **Mary Young** the like sum of five pounds a piece to be paid unto them when they shall attain respectively the said age of one and twenty years

Mary Bean [signed]

Memdm The word like was written over the 29th line before the signing publishing & sealing hereof and the word five amended in the 27th line

Ezek: Bristed

Thomas Bodell

Jane Thetcher

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 22nd May 2021

Note: The image of the will on Familysearch did not include probate and gave no date the will was made. However, the ESRO catalogue entry for PBT 1/1/48/144 did give these dates.

NOTES

People
Mary Beane, widow, testatrix
James Chambers, grandson
Clement Beane, daughter
William Swayne, grandson
Elizabeth Swayne, wife of William Swayne
Sarah Chambers, wife of James Chambers
Mary Young, granddaughter, wife of John Young
William Swayne, son of grandson William Swayne
Ann Swayne, daughter of grandson William Swayne
Mary Chambers, daughter of grandson James Chambers
Sarah Chambers, daughter of grandson James Chambers
James Chambers, son of grandson James Chambers
Thomas Chambers, son of grandson James Chambers
Mary Young, daughter of granddaughter Mary Young & John Young
John Young, son of granddaughter Mary Young & John Young
Ann Young, daughter of granddaughter Mary Young & John Young
Elizabeth Young, daughter of granddaughter Mary Young & John Young
Samuel Young, son of granddaughter Mary Young & John Young

Places
Seaford

Relevant Events
Mary BEANE was buried 10 Jul 1711 at Seaford St Leonard ("Mrs.").

Thomas BEANE married Mary TAYLOR on 12 Feb 1653 at Seaford.

Their daughter Ann BEANE of Seaford and William SWAINE of Denton obtained a marriage licence on 11 Nov 1671 (Archdeaconry of Lewes). William SWAINE was buried 14 Apr 1685 at Seaford St Leonard ("of Denton"). Ann SWAINE was buried 31 Jul 1702 at Seaford St Leonard ("Mrs. widow"). Their surviving son, William SWAINE married Elizabeth PERSON on 17 May 1690 at Seaford and their two children, Ann (bap. 19 Jan 1692 at Seaford) and William (bap. 13 Jun 1699 at Seaford) are mentioned in the above will.

Their daughter Mary BEANE married James CHAMBERS on 3 Dec 1674 at Denton. They had two surviving children James (bap. 25 Oct 1675 at Denton) and Mary (bap. 27 Jul 1677 at Denton). The son James CHAMBERS married Sarah WILLARD on 28 Jan 1704 at Selmeston. The daughter Mary CHAMBERS married John YOUNG on 22 Dec 1702 at Seaford (John YOUNG of Ashburnham). John YOUNG, mercer of Newhaven left a will made 26 Oct 1719 and proved 23 Nov 1719 (Familysearch: Film no: 1885994, Image no: 537). An abstract of the will is as follows:

> Testator: John Young of Meeching alias Newhaven, mercer
> Eldest son John, already provided for, 12 pounds.
> To Brother Samuel Young of Beddingham and brother-in-law James Chambers of Seaford [as trustees], copyhold messuage in Meeching in which I now dwell, holden of the manor of Meeching, surrendered to the use of this will, and all freehold messuages, etc in Meeching in occupation of Thomas Elphick, and also the ferrey

called Newhaven ferrey and one called Stock ferrey lying in Piddinghoe, all last mentioned messuages, ferreys etc purchased of William Lane.
Freehold farm in parish of Heathfield called Runtington in occupation of Edward Bradford together with the manor and all other privelges, rights, members etc. belonging to the said farm and manor, all which said estate both copyhold and freehold to be sold after my decease by said two brothers jointly with money arising used first to discharge debts, funeral expences etc. and remainder together with money from sale of goods & personal estate etc., the rents, credits, etc to be paid out by said brothers and my friends Anthony Stokes of Beddingham, Clerk, and Samuel Duplock of Mayfield, yeoman (together to be trustees and overseers) amongst my six other children Mary, Anne, Elizabeth, Samuel, Thomas and Sarah that each have sufficient maintenance & education till married or age 21 years out of interest of said money expending none of the Principal without necessity and as each attain the said age or marry he or she shall have an equal share of the said money.
Daughter Mary sole executrix, with assistance of said brothers and friends etc.
Signed and sealed John Young
Witnesses: Edwd Polhill, Nicholas Young, Ezek. Bristed
Proved 23 November 1719, Mary Young executrix.
(*Abstract by Geoffrey Barber, Sep 2017*)

The will suggests that John Young was a widower as his wife is not mentioned.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

13. Will (nuncupative)[19] of Thomas Bean of Rye, 1717

(ESRO: A49/345)
Made: 7 Nov 1716
Probate: 20 Apr 1717

Memorandum that we whose names are underwritten did hear **Thomas Bean** of the antient Town of Rye in the County of Sussex declare his nuncupitive will on the fourth day of this instant November in the words following or words to the same effect vizt I give all I have both my stock moveables and money to my dear wife witness our hands this seventh day of November 1716 Mark Hounsell John Ottaway his marke Mary Gostrill her marke This will was taken into writing the seventh day of November 1716 in the presence of us who see the witnesses sign it Edward Wilson Elizabeth Lucas

30 Aprilis 1717 Jurat **Anna Beane** de fideliter administrando bona etc coram me Edwardo Wilson

Attached statements by each of the three witnesses that they heard the testator speak these words when he was in his last sickness but he was sensible and had an intent that the words should stand for his will, his wife being **Anne Bean**.
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell January 2018.

NOTES

People
Thomas Bean, testator
Ann Bean, wife
Mark Hounsell, witness
John Ottaway, witness
Mary Gostrill, witness
Edward Wilson, witness
Elizabeth Lucas, witness

Places
Rye

Relevant Events
Thomas Bean was buried 5 Nov 1716 at Rye St Mary, "SP" – presumably smallpox.
Thomas Bean, butcher of Rye, married Ann Kennett, spinster of Rye, on 23 Jul 1716. Note that the marriage licence states that Ann is a spinster, but the marriage record says she is a widow.

Family Tree
None.

[19] A nuncupative will is an oral declaration of a person's final wishes regarding their property, typically made to witnesses when the person is dying or facing imminent peril.

14. Will of Thomas Beane, Carpenter of Jevington, 1717/18

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/49/305)
Archdeaconry of Lewes
Made: 29 Dec 1717
Probate: 3 Feb 1717/18

In the Name of God Amen
I **Thomas Beane** of Jevington in ye County of Sussex Carpenter being sick & weake of body but of sound mind memory and understanding praise be Almight God for the same Doe make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Impris I desire Almighty God to Receive my Soul trusting through the merritts Death & passion of Jesus Christ my Savior and Redeemer to have pardon & remission for my Sins And that my Body to be in decent manner Buried And as for my Worldly Estate I Dispose of the same in manner following Impris my Will is that **Anne my loving Wife** Shall take the hundred pounds which is a Mortgage on **William Swains** Estate called Sumer Downs with all Interest due thereon to her own proper use And Also I give & bequeath unto her my said Wife all my Household Goods as they are now in my dwelling house And further my Will is and I do hereby Give unto my Said Wife **Anne** one Annuity or Yearly Rent charge of five pounds a year to be paid her by half yearly payments at the two most usuall feasts or days of payment in the Year (that is to say) the Annuciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and St Michael the Archangell by even and Equall porcions during So long time as She Shall continue my Widow & unmarried without any Deduction whatsoever The first payment to be made and paid the first & next of the Said two feasts which Shall happen after my Death ITEM I give and bequeath unto my loving Brothers **Robert Beane, Henry Beane & John Beane** the Sume of One hundred pounds apiece to be Severally paid them within one year next after my Death ITEM I give & bequeath unto **Walter Bean** son of my Brother **John Bean** the Sume of One Hundred pounds which my Will is Shall be put out at Interest within one Year after my Death in the Name of **John Bean** his Father to whose care I leave it to pay him the Interest during his discretion untill his Son come to the Age of Eighteen Years And then he to receive the Hundred pounds ITEM I give & bequeath unto **Thomas** and unto **Anne Beane** the Children of my Brother **Robert Bean** the Sume of fifty pounds apiece to be paid them by my Executor within two Years after my Death And because they are Infants my Will is that **Robert Beane** their Father Shall receive the Saide Money from my Executor he giving Bond for the payment of the Said Legacies with Interest to his Said Children at their Severall or respective Ages of one & twenty Years or Days of Marriage which Shall first happen Whereas I have surrendred all that my Copyhold Messuage holden of the Mannor of Jevington by the Yearly Rent of Six pence now in the Occupation of **John Ticehurst** And also all those my Copyhold Lands containing Nine Acres late by me purchased of **Abraham Howell** to the Use of my last Will In pursuance to the Said Surrender I give and Devise the Same unto **Thomas Bean** Youngest Son of my Brother **William Bean** his Heires for Ever And because he is an Infant I (Tho: Bean) desire his Father may have the Guardianship of him during his Minority ITEM all the Rest & Residue of my Goods Cattell Chattell & personall Estate whatsoever my Debts & Legacies being paid & discharged I Give & bequeath unto my Youngest Brother **William Bean** who I make constitute ordain & appoint Sole Executor of this my Will And Lastly I do hereby Revoke all former Wills by me made & declare them void to all Intents & purposes In Witness whereof I have to this my Will contained in two Sheets of paper Sett my hand & seal to each Sheet this Nine & twentieth day of December in the fouth year of the Reign of our Sovn Lord George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defendant of the Faith etc. Annoq Dmi One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventeen

Mem^d That whereas I have given all my household Goods unto **Anne** my Wife My Will is that notwithstanding I have given them as aforesaid That my Executor Shall have the Liberty to make

Use of the Same for Such time as he Shall have occasion for himself & Servants provided he nor they do no willful Damage to the Said Goods and that the time of Using the Same do not Exceed the Space & terme of one whole Year after my Death (**Tho: Bean**) Signed Sealed & published & declared to be the last Will of the Testator in the p[re]senc[e] of Us who Subscribed — our Names in the Testators p[re]senc[e] Tho; Willard, John Peirce, Tho; Willard Junr.

The Will of Thomas Beane late of Jevington, deceased, was proved on the 3rd day of the month of February in the year of our Lord (Style of England) 1717 [1718 New Style] before Master Thomas Peirce, Master of Arts, Surrogate, on the oath of **William Beane**, brother of the said deceased and sole executor named in his Will, to whom administration of the goods, etc., was committed, being sworn on the Holy [Gospels] well [and faithfully to administer], etc.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 21 June 2026

NOTES

People

Thomas Beane, carpenter, testator
Anne Beane, wife
Robert Beane, brother
Henry Beane, brother
John Beane, brother
William Beane, youngest brother, executor
Walter Beane, son of brother John Beane
Thomas Beane, son of brother Robert Beane
Anne Beane, daughter of brother Robert Beane
John Ticehurst, tenant
Abraham Howell
Thomas Beane, youngest son of brother William Beane
Thomas Willard, witness
John Pierce, witness
Thomas Willard jnr, witness

Places

Jevington

Relevant Events

Thomas Bean was buried on 7 Jan 1717/18 at St Andrew's Jevington. He had only recently married Ann Alfrey on 11 Dec 1716 at Jevington. They appear to have had no surviving children.
Ann remarried to Arthur Beckley on 18 Sep 1721 at Folkington.

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

15. Will of John Bean of Willingdon, 1728

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/52/540)
Archdeaconry of Lewes
Made: 1 Aug 1728
Probate: 3 Sep 1728

This is the last will and testament of **John Bean** of Willington Park in the County of Sussex. Dated August ye fifth 1728

I give to my son **Walter Bean** three hundred pounds wn he is of age of twenty one years.

I give also to my daughter **Elizabeth Bean**, to my son **John**, to my son **Henry**, to my son **William**, to my son **Thomas**, two hundred pounds each, to be paid them at ye age of one and twenty years. All the rest of my estate real & personal, I give to my loving wife **Mary Bean** for life, and to my six aforesaid children share and share alike, after her decease, obliging her to maintain & educate my six aforesaid children till they arive at the age of twenty one years. And I do appoint my brother **Henry Bean** of Lewes & my loving wife **Mary Bean** Joint Executors of this my last will & testament.

Witness my hand

John Bean [signed]

Witness

Phillip Bailey

Richard Russell

John Hudson

On the third day of the month of September in the year of our Lord 1728 **Henry Beane** and **Mary Beane** were sworn Executors of this will, to whom was committed the administration and execution of the same.

By us, Ed. Lund, Sur.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 20 June 2026

NOTES

People
John Bean, testator
Mary Bean, his wife, joint executor
Henry Bean, brother, joint executor
Elizabeth Bean, daughter
John Bean, son
Henry Bean of Lewes, son
William Bean, son
Thomas Bean, son
Phillip Bailey, witness
Richard Russell, witness
John Hudson, witness

Places
Willingdon
Willingdon Park
Lewes

Relevant Events

John Bean was buried at St Mary's Willingdon on 5 Aug 1728 ("of Park Farm").

John Bean married Mary Stretton on 25 Sep 1716 at Willingdon St Mary. After John's death, Mary remarried John Denman on 24 Nov 1729 at Willingdon.

There was a dispute between the executors of this will and the children of John Bean (represented by their uncle Robert Bean as the eldest child was only about 12 years old):

> Bean v Denman.
>
> Document type: Bill and answer.
>
> Plaintiffs: Walter Bean, Elizabeth Bean, John Bean, Henry Bean, William Bean, Thomas Bean (children of John Bean, farmer, deceased late of Willingdon, Sussex; infants, the eldest aged about 12 years, by Robert Bean, their uncle).
>
> Defendants: Henry Bean, John Denman and Mary Denman, his wife.
>
> (TNA: C 11/241/3)

This has not been investigated further.

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

16. Will of Clement Bean of Seaford, 1731

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/53/303B)
Made: 19 Sep 1731
Probate: 4 Dec 1731
FamilySearch: Film: 1885997; Image: 607

In the Name of God, Amen, I **Clement Beane** of Seaford in the County of Sussex Spinster being Sick and weak of Body but of Sound and perfect mind and Remembrance do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in the Manner and form following, first and principally I give and bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the death and passion of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon for my Sins and my body to be decently buried at the discreation of my Executor hereafter named Imprimis my Will and desire is that my Debts and Funeral Charges be first paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto the poor of the Parish of Seaford the Sume of ten shillings to be distributed amongst them as my Executor shall thing (sic) proper Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousin **William Swaine** of Folkington Gent the Sume of Ten pounds of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid him by my Executor Six months after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth** wife of the said **William Swaine** one and Twenty Shillings to be paid her Six Months after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto **William Swaine, Ann Swaine, Thomas Swaine, Elizabeth Swaine, Richard Swaine, Mary Swaine and John Swaine** Sons and Daughters of the aforesaid **William Swaine** to each of them the Sume of Ten Pounds of Lawful Money of Great Brittain to be paid to them when each of them shall attain to the Age of one and Twenty Years or Six Months after my Decease to Such of them as shall then be of Age Item I give and bequeath to **John Young** of Mayfield in the County of Sussex Gent the Sume of one and twenty Shillings to buy him a Ring to be paid him Six Months after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto **Mary Young, Ann Young, Elizabeth Young, Samuel Young, Thomas Young and Sarah Young** Sons and Daughters of **John Young** late of New Haven in the County of Sussex Gent Deceased to Each of them the Sume of Ten pounds of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid to each of them when they shall attain to the Age of one and twenty years or Six Months after my Decease to Such of them as shall then be of Age Item I give and bequeath **Sarah** wife of my Cousin **James Chambers** of Seaford aforesaid Gent the Sume of one and twenty Shillings to buy her a Ring to be paid her Six Months after my Decease Item I give and bequeath unto **Mary Chambers Sarah Chambers, James Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Ann Chambers, and Elizabeth Chambers**, Sons and Daughters of the aforesaid **James Chambers** to Each of them the sume of Ten Pounds of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid to them when each of them shall attaine to the Age of one and twenty years or Six Months after my Decease to Such of them as shall then be of Age Item I give and bequeath to my Cousin **James Chambers** of Seaford aforesaid all that my Messuage or Tenement Containing one house with two Dwellings together with a Garden Close with all and Singular the Premisis thereunto belonging Commonly called by the Name of Shirls? {*hard to decipher*} house lying and being in Seaford aforesaid and Now in the Tenure or Occupation of **John Hasting and Bartholemew Hubbard** which Said house and premises together with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging I give to the said **James Chambers** his heires and Assignes for ever and also all other Land or Tenements whatsoever to me belonging or Appertaining I give and bequeath unto the said **James Chambers** his heirs or Assigns for ever. All the Rest and residue of my Goods and Chattels Personal Estate and effects whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my said Cousin **James Chambers** aforesaid whom I make constitute and appoint Sole Executor of this my Will and lastly I revoke all former Wills by me made and in Wittness that this is my last Will and Testament Contained in one sheet of paper I have hereunto Set my hand and

Seal the Nineteenth day of September in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second over Great Brittain &c King Anno Dni 1731

The mark of **Clement Bean**

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said **Clement Bean** the Testator as and for her last Will and Testament and afterwards attested by us whose Names are subscribed as Wittnesses in the presence of the said Testator

Samuel French Thos Tiltman Rich Ellis

Probate granted to **James Chambers** 4th December 1731

NOTES

People

Clement Beane, testator
William Swaine of Folkington, cousin
Elizabeth Swaine, wife of William
William Swaine, son of William & Elizabeth
Ann Swaine, daughter of William & Elizabeth
Thomas Swaine, son of William & Elizabeth
Elizabeth Swaine, daughter of William & Elizabeth
Richard Swaine, son of William & Elizabeth
Mary Swaine, daughter of William & Elizabeth
John Swaine, son of William & Elizabeth
John Young of Mayfield
Mary Young, daughter of John Young late of Newhaven
Ann Young, daughter of John Young late of Newhaven
Elizabeth Young, daughter of John Young late of Newhaven
Samuel Young, son of John Young late of Newhaven
Thomas Young, son of John Young late of Newhaven
Sarah Young, daughter of John Young late of Newhaven
James Chambers of Seaford, cousin, executor
Sarah Chambers, wife of James Chambers
Mary Chambers, daughter of James and Sarah Chambers
Sarah Chambers, daughter of James and Sarah Chambers
James Chambers, son of James and Sarah Chambers
Thomas Chambers, son of James and Sarah Chambers
Ann Chambers, daughter of James and Sarah Chambers
Elizabeth Chambers, daughter of James and Sarah Chambers
James Hasting of Seaford, tenant
Bartholomew Hubbard of Seaford, tenant

Places

Seaford
Folkington
Mayfield
Newhaven

Relevant Events
Clement Bean was buried 27 Sep 1731 at Seaford St Leonard.
She was the daughter of Thomas Beane and Mary Taylor who married on 12 Feb 1652/53 at Seaford.

Title: Manor of Wilmington. Copy admission
Date: 31 Mar 1732
ESRO reference: AMS 941
Description: James eldest son of James Chambers of Seaford, gent., on death of Clement Bean
Lands called Leylands (12a.), rent 11s 10d
By virture of a surrender by Clement to James
Lord: Spencer, Earl of Wilmington
Steward: Thomas Willard, gent

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

17. Admon of Henry Bean of Jevington, 1738

(ESRO: PBT 1/3/17)
Granted: 10 June 1738

The 10th Day of June 1738
Administration of the Goods of **Henry Beane** late of Jevington deced was committed to **William Beane** only Brother & next of kin of the said Deceased
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 8 July 2026

Caveat
29th March 1738
Cav[ea]t in the Goods of **Henry Bean** late of Jevington decd At the Instance & for the Interest of **Anne** y[e] wife of **James Maynard** of Eastbourne only Child of **Robert Bean** decd Eldest Bro[the]r of the said **Henry Bean** decd.
(ESRO: PBT 4/1/1)

NOTES

People
Henry Bean
William Bean, brother
Anne Maynard, daughter, wife of James Maynard
James Maynard
Robert Bean deceased, brother

Places
Jevington
Eastbourne

Relevant Events
Henry Bean was buried at Jevington St Andrew on 11 Mar 1738.
Although Henry had a number of brothers (including Robert Bean), William was the only surviving brother at the time of Henry's death in 1738.

Anne Bean married James Maynard on 24 Jul 1732 at Bishopstone.
Her father Robert Bean was buried on 9 May 1732 at Bishopstone St Andrew.

Henry's brother William Bean, a farmer of Jevington, left a will (see "Will of William Bean, Farmer of Jevington, 1751").

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

18. Will of Thomas Bean, Seaman on HMS Romney, 1741

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/56/188A)
Made: 13 Jun 1740
Proved: 4 Jun 1741

In the Name of God Amen I **Thomas Bean** Now belonging to His Majesties Ship Romney **Capt Medly** Commander being in Bodily health and of Sound and disposing Mind and memory and considering the Perrils & Dangers of ye Seas and other uncertainties of this Transitory Life (do for avoiding controversies after my decease) make publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner following (That is to say) First I recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body I commit to the Earth or Sea as it shall please God to Order and as for and concerning all my Worldly Estate I Give Bequeath and Dispose thereof as followeth That is to say Unto my Loving Father **Thos Bean** of the Parrish of Rye In the County of Sussex all such Wages Summ and Summs of Money Lands Tenements Goods Chattels and Estate whatsoever as shall be any ways due owing or belonging unto me at the time of my Decease I do Give Devise and Bequeath the same unto the saide **Thomas Bean** And I do hereby Nominate and Appoint The saide **Thomas Bean** sole and only Executor of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills Testaments and Deeds of Gift by me at any Time heretofore made And I doe ordain and Ratify these presents to stand and be for and as my only Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof to this my said Will I have set my Hand and Seal the Thirteenth Day of June Anno Domini 1740 And in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Second King over Great Britain etc **Thomas Bean** Signed Sealed Published and Delivered in the Presence of **Jacob Tallowgreen** Boatswain **Joshua Atkins** Ship S...

The fourth day of June 1741 Then was sworne **Thomas Bean** Sole Executor of this Will To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods Chattells and Creditts of the Deceased and the Burthen of the Execution of the same before us E Hill Surrogate
The Deceased was a Seaman and dyed in his Majestys service on board the Romney Man of War and his Goods Chattells and Creditts do not amount to the Sum of Twenty Pounds

The will is on a pre printed form, printed by J Philpot of Gosport.
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell February 2017.

NOTES

People
Thomas Bean, testator
Captain Medly, Commander
Thomas Bean of Rye, father
Jacob Tallowgreen, witness
Joshua Atkins, witness

Places
Rye

Relevant Events
None

Family Tree

See Tree 4. "The Beans of Rye".

19. Will of John Bean of Frog Firle, Alfriston, 1749/50

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/58/152)
Made: 28 Feb 1748/49
Probate: 31 Jan 1749/50

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/62213/images/62213_314054000109_1145-00079?queryId=0536ef2c-9cf7-4a26-9f70-eb611d2926da&usePUB=true&_phsrc=ZQw3273&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=129480

This is the last Will and Testament of Me **John Bean** of Frogfirle in the parish of Alfriston in the County of Sussex Gentleman touching the Disposition of all the real and Personal Estate which It hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me In the first Place I give and devise unto my Dear and loving Wife **Ann** and her Assigns for and during the Term of her natural Life One annuity or yearly Rent Charge of Forty pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain clear of all payments and Deductions whatsoever in lieu and full Satisfaction of her Dower and Thirds or Right and Title of Dower and Thirds which she the said **Ann** shall or may at any time or times hereafter have claym challenge or demand of in to or out of my Messuages Lands Tenements or Hereditaments whatsoever or wheresoever which I shall dye seized or possessed of or entitled unto To be Issueing and payable out of all my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Littlington in the said County of Sussex
and to be paid unto her by my Son **John Bean** his Heirs and Assigns at the four most usual Feasts or Days of payment in the year that is to Say The Feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Saint Michael the Archangel and the Birth of our Lord Christ by even and equal payments quarterly to be paid The first payment thereof to begin and be made at such of the said Feasts as shall first happen next after my Decease And if it shall happen the Said Annuity or yearly Rent Charge of Forty pounds or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid in part or in all unto my said Wife **Ann** or her Assigns longer than by the Space of Forty Days next over or after any or either of the said Feasts or Days of payment on which the Same ought to be paid as aforesaid That then and in such Case It shall and may be Lawful to and for my said Wife **Ann** or her Assigns into all or any of my said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Littlington aforesaid to enter and the Cattle Corn and other things there to distrain and the Distress & Distresses so to be made to take load drive and carry away and the Same to sell and Dispose off until my Said Wife **Ann** or her Assigns Shall be fully satisfied her Said Annuity and all Costs and Charges occasioned or sustained in making Such Distress or Distresses and Selling the Same as aforesaid Also I give and devise unto my Said Wife **Ann** or her Assigns for and during the term of her Natural Life All that my Messuage and garden in Littlington aforesaid which I heretofore purchased of **Walter Barnden** Also I give and bequeath unto my Said Dear and Loving Wife **Ann** the use and occupation of so much of my houshold Goods and Linnen as shall be convenient to furnish the Messuage herein before devised unto her in manner as aforesaid during the term of her Natural Life Also I give and bequeath unto my Son **William Bean** the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid unto him with Interest for the Same after the rate of Four pounds by the hundred by the year by my Executors hereinafter named within Six Months after my Decease Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Sarah Bean** the Sum of Forty pounds a year free and clear of all Deductions whatsoever for and during so many years as She shall continue Single and unmarried To be paid unto her by my Executor hereinafter named at the four most usual Feasts or Days of payments in the year that is to Say The Feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Saint Michael the Archangel and the Birth of our Lord Christ by even and equal Portions quarterly to be paid The first payment thereof to begin and be made at Such of

the Said Feasts as shall first happen next after my Decease And if it shall happen that my Said Daughter **Sarah** shall against my Will and Intentions marry with **Benjamin Davis** of Lewes in the Said County of Sussex Carrier Then I give unto her my Said Daughter the Sum of Five pounds only to be paid unto her by my Executor hereinafter named Immediately after such her marriage But if She Shall marry with any other person whatsoever Then I give and bequeath unto her my Said Daughter **Sarah** the Sum of One Thousand pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain To be paid unto her by my Executor hereinafter named within Three Months after such her Marriage last mentioned with Interest for the Same at and after the Rate of Four pounds by the hundred by the year And I do hereby charge all and Singular my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever with the payment of the aforesaid Legacies given to my Said Son **William** and Daughter **Sarah** as aforesaid Also I give and Devise unto my sd Son **John Bean** All and Singular my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever To have and to hold unto my Said Son **John Bean** his heirs and Assigns for ever Subject and Lyable to the payment of the Annuity and Legacies aforesaid Also all my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever (after my Debts Legacies and Funeral Expences are paid discharged and satisfied) I give and bequeath unto my Said Son **John Bean** whom I make nominate constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will And I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me heretofore made and do hereby declare this and only this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the Said **John Bean** the Testator Have to this my last Will and Testament contained in two Sheets of paper set my hand and Seal to each Sheet hereof this twenty Eighth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred Forty and Eight
John Bean (seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Said Testator **John Bean** as and for his last Will andTestament (after the Interlineation of the word (**Sarah**) in the Second Sheet hereof) In the presenceof us who have Subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto In the presence of the Said Testator
Richd. Alchorne
Richard Cutbeard
J. Thayer

31 January 1749
Then was sworn **John Bean** sole executor of this will, To whom was committed the burthen of the execution thereof. By Us, Ed. Lund Sur.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 3 August 2026

Notes

People
John Bean, testator
Ann Bean, wife
William Bean, son
Sarah Bean, daughter
Benjamin Davis of Lewes, carrier
John Bean, son
Walter Barnden
Richard Alchorne, witness
Richard Cutbeard, witness

J Thayer, witness

Places
Alfriston
Frog Firle, Alfriston
Litlington

Relevant Events
John Bean was buried on 10 Jan 1749/50 at East Blatchington ("Mr.").
His marriage to Ann has yet to be found. Note that the original parish register for Litlington has been viewed and there is no entry for a marriage (c1719), or for the birth of their first two children, John and Ann (c1719-22). However, there is a very faded entry under "Churching Women 1721"which seems to read "Wife of John Bean churched …". "Churching of Women" (formally known as The Thanksgiving of Women after Child-birth) was a religious ceremony or rite of passage performed after a woman gave birth, so this must have been after the birth of John or Ann, although their baptisms are not in the parish register.

There are parish register entries for the baptism of John and Mary Bean in March 1718/19 to John and Susan Bean. Both John Beans (the father and the son) were buried soon after and Susan remarried to Richard Stevens in 1723 at Litlington, so these are considered not connected to this Bean family. There is a marriage of John Bean and Susan Prodger on 3 May 1716 at East Dean which is likely them, but it is not known where this John Bean came from.

John Bean took over Clapham farm after his father Henry Bean's death in 1703 (see "Admon of Henry Bean of Litlington, 1703)". At some stage, he began aggressively buying up freehold land rather than just leasing. Crucially, he purchased the freehold of Lower Clapham (Clapham House and farm) Litlington in 1719 and Upper Clapham in 1736.[20]

According to the Cuckmere Valley Parish website:

> "John Bean Snr died in 1749 having accumulated considerable wealth. He had developed his estate at a time of great change in agriculture. He deserted the small highly priced arable plots that had been farmed for centuries in favour of purchasing larger holdings formerly part of monastic estates. He exploited improved farm techniques to put downland to the plough and bred large flocks of Southdown sheep on the remaining downland, which became the leading breed of its day."

John Bean Jnr inherited the estate in 1749 and managed it well until he died in April 1785. At that time, Litlington "consisted of 20 cottages, the church, the farm and the 'big house', Clapham, from which the Bean family …dominated village life".
Source:
Website "Litlington-Cuckmere" https://www.litlington-cuckmere.com/litlington/
visited 18 July 2026.

There is a mystery here waiting to be solved in that John Bean's daughter, Ann Bean, married Henry Read, a very wealthy grazier in Brookland, Kent in 1748 (see "Will of Henry Read Esquire of Brookland, Kent, 1777"). How did this connection come about? The new farming techniques that were introduced to Litlington - broad scale sheep farming - would appear to be similar to farming practices around Brookland/Romney Marsh in Kent. Hopefully further information will be found in the future.

[20] Website "Litlington-Cuckmere" (http://www.litlington-cuckmere.com/)

Despite John Bean's wishes to the contrary, his daughter Sarah did marry Benjamin Davis on 16 Nov 1750 at Hamsey. They had four children, all baptised at Hamsey, and are mentioned as beneficiaries in the wills of Sarah's mother, Ann Bean (pr. 1768) and her brother John Bean (pr. 1785) suggesting that the rest of the family did not disapprove of the marriage as much as her father did!

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

20. Will of William Bean, Farmer of Jevington, 1751

(ESRO:)
Made: 26 Dec 1750
Probate: 1 Aug 1751
FamilySearch: Film: 004427473; Image: 946 – 948
https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-68YT-1M

In the name of God Amen I **William Bean** of Jevington in the County of Sussex Farmer being in imperfect health but of Sound Mind Memory and Understanding (Thanks be given to almighty God for the Same) But knowing the uncertainty of this transitory Life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say First and Principally I bequeath my Soul unto the hands of almighty God my Creator hoping thro the Meritorious Death and Passion of his dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ my Redeemer to have Remission of my Sins and be made partaker of Life Everlasting and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor herein after named And as for touching and concerning all that worldly Estate which It hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon Me I give devise and bequeath as followeth In the First Place I give bequeath and release unto my Eldest Son **John Bean** all Such Sum and Sums of Money as he shall at the time of my decease Stand indebted unto me Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter the Wife of **Nicholas Allen** the Sum of fifty pounds of lawful Money of great Britain To be paid unto her by my Executor herein after named within twelve Months after my Decease Also I give and bequeath unto my Grand Children **Ann Mary Arabella and Barbara Bean** Children of my said Son **John Bean** the Sum of Ten pounds a piece of lawful Money of great Britain to be paid unto them by my Executor herein after named at their respective ages of one and Twenty years And if any of my said Grand Children happen to dye before She or they Shall have acquired her or their respective ages of one and twenty years Then my Will and Mind is the legacy or legacies of her or them So dying Shall go to the Survivor or Survivors of them equally to be divided between them Share and Share alike

Also I give and bequeath unto my Grand Children **Nicholas Mary William and Barbara Allen** Sons and Daughters of my said Daughter **Mary Allen** the Sum of Ten pounds a piece of lawful Money of great Britain to be paid unto them by my Executor herein after named at their respective ages of one and Twenty years And if any of my said Grand Children happen to dye before him her or they Shall have acquired her or their respective ages of one and twenty years Then my Will and Mind is the legacy or legacies of her or them So dying Shall go to the Survivor or Survivors of them equally to be divided between them Share and Share alike Also I give and bequeath unto my Grand Children **Henry William and Elizabeth Playsted** Sons and Daughter of my ~~said~~ Daughter **Barbara Playsted** the Sum of Ten pounds a piece of lawful Money of great Britain a piece To be paid unto them by my Executor herein after named at their respective ages of one and Twenty years And if any of my said Grand Children **Henry William and Elizabeth Playsted** Shall happen to dye before he she or they Shall have acquired his her or their respective ages of one and twenty years Then my Will and Mind is the legacy or legacies of him her or them So dying Shall go to the Survivor or Survivors of them Also whereas I have heretofore Surrendered unto the hands ^of the Lord^ of the Manor of Meeching otherwise Newhaven in the said County of Sussex All those my two Messuages or Tenements and one warehouse and two Gardens Scituate lying and being in the parish of Meeching otherwise Newhaven in the said County of Sussex To such uses and Intents and purposes as I Should in and by my last Will and Testament in writing direct limit and appoint Now I do hereby give and devise the Said Messuages Warehouse and Gardens with the appurtenances And also all these peices or parcels of Freehold Land called or known by the Name of Row Croft containing by Estimation four acres whether of the Same there be more

or less Lying and being in the parish of Willingdon in the said County of Sussex and which I lately purchased of **William Davis** And all other my freehold Lands and Tenements whatsoever and wheresoever unto my Son **Thomas Bean** his heirs and assigns To have and to hold the said Copyhold and freehold Messuages Lands tenements unto my said Son **Thomas Bean** his heirs and assigns for ever Also all the rest residue and remainder of my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever after my Debts Legacies and funeral Expences are paid discharged and Satisfied I give and bequeath unto my said Son **Thomas Bean** And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Said Son **Thomas Bean** Sole Executor of the my last Will and Testament And I do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former and other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made And I do hereby declare this and only this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said William Bean the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in three Sheets of paper set my hand and Seal to each Sheet hereof this twenty Sixth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Fifty Wm Bean

Signed Sealed published and declared
by the said Testator **William Bean** as and
for his last Will and Testament (after
The Interlineation of the words (of the
Lord) in the Second Sheet hereof) In
the presence of us who have
Subscribed our Names as Witnesses
heretofore In the presence of the
said Testator
John Turner
Henry Playsted
The mark of Sarah Onion
J. Thayer

1st of August 1751 Then was Sworn **Thomas Bean** the Executor of this Will to whom was granted the ^administration&^ burthen of the Execution thereof by me
Ed Lund Sur

Transcribed by Marie Marchese October 2021

Caveat
2 January 1750/51
Caveat in the Goods of William Bean late of Jevington yeoman deceased at the instance of John Bean one of his sons. (ESRO: PBT 4/1/1)

NOTES

People
William Bean, farmer, testator
John Bean, eldest son
Thomas Bean, son, executor
Mary Allen, daughter, wife of Nicholas Allen
Nicholas Allen, son-in-law
Ann Bean, daughter of son John Bean
Mary Bean, daughter of son John Bean
Arabella Bean, daughter of son John Bean
Barbara Bean, daughter of son John Bean
Nicholas Allen, son of Nicholas Allen

William Allen, son of Nicholas Allen
Mary Allen, daughter of Nicholas Allen
Barbara Allen, daughter of Nicholas Allen
Barbara Playsted, daughter
Henry Playsted, son of Barbara Playsted
William Playsted, son of Barbara Playsted
Elizabeth Playsted, daughter of Barbara Playsted
William Davis
John Turner, witness
Sarah Onion, witness
J. Thayer, witness

Places
Jevington
Newhaven (Meeching)
Willingdon

Relevant Events
William BEAN was buried at St Andrew, Jevington on 1 January 1751.
According to the Keep catalogue John Bean challenged the will with Thomas Bean as the executor. The witnesses all made depositions in April 1751, but probate was confirmed to Thomas Bean.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington".

21. Will of Thomas Bean, Victualler of Rye, 1753

(ESRO: PBT/1/10/3055)
Made: 4 November 1752
Inventory: 21,22 November 1752, exhibited 12 Feb 1753 (ESRO: PBT 1/10/3055)
Probate: 12 February 1753

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/62213/images/62213_314054000109_1148-00097?queryId=da1f9d8f-d606-43aa-9a1f-b9820662cc9c&usePUB=true&_phsrc=ZQw3053&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=130047

In the Name of God Amen I **Thomas Bean** of the Ancient Town of Rye in the County of Sussex Victualler, being Sick and Weak in Body, but of Perfect Memory and Understanding (praised be the Lord for the Same) Do this Fourth Day of November, in the Twenty Sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith; and in the Year of Our Lord 1752; Make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following (that is to Say) First and Principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator, Hoping and Steadfastly Believing to Receive full Pardon and Remission of all my Sins, Through the only Merits and Righteousness of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and my Body I yield to the Earth to be Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executor Hereafter Named, and for my Worldly Estate I Dispose thereof as Follows. Item, I Give and bequeath unto my Loving Son **John Bean** of Rye, all my Wearing Apparel Both Linen and Woollen; Also my will and Intent, and I do hereby Order and Direct that my Loving Wife **Ann Bean**, Shall have the Liberty to Continue, and Dwell in the House I now Dwell in, after my Decease, and I do hereby Order that all my Household Goods Implements of Household of what kind and Nature Soever, Linen, Plate, and all the Stock of Liquor in the House, be Appraised and Valued by two Men, one to be Chosen by my wife and the other by my Executor, and my Mind and Desire is that my said Wife may have the Liberty to take and have the said Stock of Liquor, Household Goods and Effects as they shall be so Appraised and Valued by the s[ai]d Appraisers Provided She will Immediately pay to my Executor, so much Money as the s[ai]d Effects and Stock of Liquor, is Valued at more than, or over and above Forty Pounds (her Marriage Bond), But if my said wife Does Not Like to take the Stock, Goods, and Effects upon them Terms, Then, I do hereby Order and Direct that my said Executor Do Immediately after my Burial, Sell and Dispose of all the said Household Goods, Stock of Liquor, and Effects whatsoever, and pay to my S[ai]d Wife the Sum of Forty Pounds of Good and Lawfull Money of Great Britain to Discharge the said Marriage Bond: And after my Just Debts, Funeral Expences, and probat of this my Will, and my Executor, for his Expence and Trouble, are all Paid and Discharged, all the Rest, Residue, and Remainder of the Money that ariseth and is made, by the Sale of my Effects, together with all the Rest, Residue and Remainder of my Estate whether Real or Personal of what Kind and Nature Soever, and wheresoever Lying and being, I give, Devise, and Bequeath the Same, and every part thereof unto my Loving Daughters, **Elizabeth Bean**, **Mary the wife of Joseph Burnell**, and **Sarah Bean**, to be Equally Divided Between them Share and Share alike, and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever,. And I do hereby make, Nominate, Constitute, and Appoint my Friend **Samuel Southerden** of Wittersham, in the Isle of Oxney in the County of Kent Grazier, Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, Hereby Revoking, all Former, and other Wills, by me made, and Declare them Void, and Do Ordain and Ratifie this to Stand and be for and as my Last Will and Testament. IN WITNESS whereof I the said **Thomas Bean** have to this my Last Will and Testament (Containing one Sheet of Paper) Set my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year First above Written.

Thos Bean [signed]
(Wax Seal)

Signed, Sealed, Published, and Declared, by the said
Testator, as and for his Last Will and Testament in the
Presence of us who have Subscribed our Names as
Witnesses hereto in his presence and at his Request.
Wm Gosley
Richard Jarrett
Richd Jarrett Junr

The twelfth day of February 1753
Then was sworn **Samuel Southerden** sole Executor of this will to whom was committed the administration of ye Goods etc and ye burthen of ye execution thereof by Us
W. Williams, Sur.

[In the probate Act book]
The 12th. day of February 1753
The Will of **Thomas Bean** late of Rye deceased was proved upon the Oath of **Samuel Southerden** the only Executor in the said Will named. Inventory 101 16s 6d

NOTES

People
Thomas Bean, victualler, testator
Ann Bean, wife
John Bean, son
Elizabeth Bean, daughter
Mary Burnell, daughter, wife of Joseph Burnell
Joseph Burnell
Sarah Bean, daughter
Samuel Southerden of Wittersham, Kent, executor

Places
Rye
Wittersham, Kent

Relevant Events
Thomas Bean was buried 20 Nov 1752 at Rye St Mary, "innkeeper".
Thomas Bean married Ann Ogle, widow, on 3 Dec 1741 at Rye. Ann was the widow of George Ogle, a soldier and she is buried with George at Rye St Mary. A monumental inscription survives (see "Will of Ann Bean, widow of Rye, 1777").

Mary Bean of Rye married Joseph Burnell of Liverpool, mariner on 24 Aug 1749 at Rye.

Family Tree
See Tree 4. "The Beans of Rye".

22. Admon of William Bean of Alfriston, 1755

(ESRO: PBT/1/10/3064)
Granted: 25 Mar 1755
The grant of administration was written on the probate inventory which was made and delivered on 12 Oct 1753:

1st September 1755
This Inventory was then exhibited by **John Bean** administrator of **William Bean** late of Alfriston intestate deceased who was sworn to the truth thereof by us
Ed. Lund Sur
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 7 July 2026

NOTES

People
William Bean
John Bean

Places
Alfriston

Relevant Events
William Bean was buried 30 Jul 1753 at East Blatchington St Peter, "Mr. of Alfriston".

A probate inventory of goods and chattels exists dated 12 Oct 1753 value: £2310 19s 0d.
Undertaken by John Heather, Thomas Collingham and Geo. Stephens.[21]
(ESRO: PBT 1/10/3064)

William is mentioned in his father's will made 1749 but not in his mother's will made 1760, consistent with his death in 1753.
William Bean is mentioned in the will of John Bean dated 28 February 1748/49 at Frog Firle, Alfriston, Sussex, England.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

[21] Website "FamilySearch" (http://www.familysearch.org/) "Film: 1067101, Image: 790".

23. Will of William Bean, Yeoman of Chiddlingly, 1757

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/59/480)
Archdeaconry of Lewes
Made: 26 Mar 1757
Proved: 17 Jun 1757

In the Name of God Amen I **William Bean** of the parish of Chiddingly in the County of Sussex Yeoman being of sound Disposing mind and memory praised be Almighty God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (That is to say) First I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to All my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with after payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expences I Give and bequeath as followeth Imprimis I Give and Bequeath to my loving Wife **Elizabeth Bean** all my Dwelling house Barns Buildings Gardens Orchards and fourteen Acres of Lands lying and being in the parish of Chiddingly aforesaid and likewise ten Acres of Lands lying and being in the parish of Laughton in the County aforesaid Dureing the term of her natural Life and after her decease to my Son **Thomas Bean** and his heirs forever Subject nevertheless to what I shall hereafter give and devise Item I Give to my Daughter **Elizabeth Peckham** the sūm of Twenty five pounds of Good and lawfull money of Great Britain to be paid to her by my said Son **Thomas Bean** twelve Months after my Wife's Decease Item I Give to my Grandson **Thomas Peckham** one Feather Bed with Blankets Covering hanging Bedsted and All thereto belonging being the Largest Bed with Blue hanging and now standing in the ketchen Chamber to be delivered Twelve Months after my Wifes Decease by my said Son **Thomas Bean** Item I Give to my Daughter **Mary Meads** the sūm of Twenty pounds of good and lawfull money of great Britain to be paid her by my Son **Thomas Bean** twelve months after my Wifes Decease and likewise I give to my Daughter **Mary Meads** one Feather Bed and Bed Sted with Blankets Covering hanging and all theirto belonging being the further Bed in the Hall Chamber with Green hanging to be delivered twelve months after my Wifes Decease by my said Son **Thomas Bean** but my Will and mind is as above that my said Wife **Elizabeth Bean** shall have and enjoy all that I shall die possessed of during the term of her natural life and after her decease my will and mind is that it shall remain and be to my Son **Thomas Bean** and his heirs for ever as above mentioned Subject nevertheless to the payment and delivery of what is herein as above by me given and devised And Lastly I do nominate Constitute and apoint my said Wife **Elizabeth Bean** and my Son **Thomas Bean** Joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revokeing and making void all former Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made and I do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Testator **William Bean** have hereunto Sett my hand and seal this Twenty Sixth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred fifty seven

William Bean

Signed Sealed and delivered by the said Testator **William Bean** for his last Will and Testament in the presenc of us who in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto John Peirris William Lidlow Thomas Bray

The Will of **William Bean** of Chiddingly was proved the seventeenth day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and fifty seven before the Reverend Mr Robert Austen Clerk Surrogate

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 21 June 2026

NOTES

People
William Bean, the testator
Elizabeth Bean, his wife, joint executor
Thomas Bean, son, joint executor
Elizabeth Peckham, daughter
Thomas Peckham, grandson
Mary Meads, daughter

Places
Chiddingly

Relevant Events
William Bean was buried on 11 May 1757 at St John the Baptist, Ripe ("Chiddingly").
William Bean married Elizabeth Lulham on 14 Feb 1721 at Chalvington ("William of Willingdon, Elizabeth of this parish").

Family Tree
See Tree 2. "The Beans of Willingdon and Chiddingly"

24. Will of Henry Bean, Gentleman of Seaford, 1763

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/60/672)
Made: 16 Jul 1760
Proved: 31 Jul 1763

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Henry Bean** of Seaford in the County of Sussex Gent touching the Disposition of my worldly Estate First I give and bequeath unto my Daughter **Ann Bean** Two hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her in Twelve Months after my Decease by my Executrix herein after named Also I give and devise All that Messuage or Tenement Garden and premises in Seaford aforesaid now in the Tenure or Occupation of **Jane Hughes** widow with their and every of their Appurtenances unto my Son **Henry Bean** To hold to him his Heirs and Assigns forever All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate both Real and Personal whatsoever and wheresoever I give devise and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof (after payment of my just Debts Legacy aforesaid Funeral Charges and Probat of this my Will) unto my loving Wife **Elizabeth Bean** To hold to her my said Wife her Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever And I do nominate constitute and appoint my said loving Wife full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixteenth day of July in the Thirty fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty **Hen Bean** Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Testator **Henry Bean** as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed as Witnesses Robert Bean Joseph Stevens W Wheeler

31 July 1763 Proved by Commission before the Revd Mr Tho Hurdis Junr Clerk [to **Elizabeth Bean** the executrix].
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell October 2019.

NOTES

People
Henry Bean, testator
Elizabeth Bean, his wife
Ann Bean, daughter
Jane Hughes, widow, tenant
Henry Bean, son
Robert Bean, witness
Joseph Stevens, witness
W Wheeler, witness

Places
Seaford

Relevant Events
Henry Bean was buried 20 Feb 1763 at Seaford St Leonards.
Henry Bean married Elizabeth Dunn on 6 Apr 1713 at St Mary's Fish Street, London ("Henry of Litlington, Elizabeth of Cobham, Surrey")

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

25. Admon of William Bean of Willingdon, 1768

(ESRO: PBT/1/3/19)
Granted: 21 Oct 1768

21 Oct 1768
Admon of the Goods of **William Bean** late of Willingdon intestate deceased was granted to **John Bean** his natural and lawful brother and one of his next of kin.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 7 July 2026

NOTES

People
William Bean
John Bean

Places
Willingdon

Relevant Events
It is likely that this administration is for the Rev. William Bean who served as vicar of the parishes of Willingdon and Arlington. He passed away on 29 Feb 1768 and was buried at Willingdon St Mary on 5 March 1768. He never married and had no children.

There is a plaque inside the church at Willingdon which reads:

Near this Place lies Buried
The Body of the Revd Wm Bean A.M
Late Vicar of this Parish & of Arlington
Who died 29th February 1768.
His Behaviour was so inoffensive
And his Disposition so benevolent
That he died greatly lamented
by all that knew him.

The following information was provided by Google AI and has not been verified:

> William attended St John's College, Cambridge and his matriculation and admission records show that he was the son of John Bean, a yeoman. He was admitted on 25 Jun 1726 at the age of 19 years and was born at Alice Holt in Hampshire. William graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in 1729/30 and a Master of Arts (M.A.) in 1733. He was appointed vicar of Willingdon in 1738.
> His baptism is recorded on 10 May 1707 at the neighbouring St Andrew's Church in Farnham, Surrey, son of John Bean.

Family Tree
None.

26. Will of Ann Bean, Widow of Litlington, 1768

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/61/737)
Made: 17 Jul 1760
Probate: 17 Dec 1768

In the name of God Amen I **Ann Bean** of Litlington in the County of Sussex Widow being in good health and of sound mind memory and understanding (praised be god for the same) and Considering the Certainty of my death but the uncertainty of the time when it will happen Do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) First I desire to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor herein after named And that my Executor will fully pay and discharge all my just debts funeral Expense and the probate of this my will as soon as he can after my decease out of my personal Estate and Effects I Give and Bequeath unto my Son **John Bean** of Litlington aforesaid gentleman the sum of five hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain Upon This Special Trust and Confidence that the said **John Bean** shall and do within one month next after my decease place out at Interest the said Sum of five hundred pounds on good land or Government Security or Securities or some other good and sufficient security or securities and pay and apply the Interest or produce thereof as the sume becomes due and payable unto my daughter **Sarah Davis** wife of **Benjamin Davis** for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease then upon this Special further Trust and Confidence that my said son **John Bean** shall pay the said Sum of five hundred pounds and all Interest thereof due and to grow due to and amongst all and every the Child and Children of the said Sarah Davis lawfully begotten that shall be living at the time of her decease to be equally divided between them and to share and share alike as soon as they attain their respective Age or ages of twenty one years and the child or children of such Child or Children if any of them shall happen to dye leaving Issue in equal Shares and Proportions but the Child or Children of such of the Sons or Daughters of the said **Sarah Davis** as shall happen to be dead shall be entitled only to the share which his her or their Father or Mother would have been entitled to if living equally to be divided amongst such Children if there be more than one the wholly to that one and in case the said **Sarah Davis** at the time of her decease shall not leave any Child or Children living lawfully begotten of her Body or any child or children of such Child or Children then I Give and bequeath the said Sum of five hundred pounds and all Interest thereof due and to grow due unto my said Son **John Bean** and his Heirs for ever I give and bequeath unto my said Son **John Bean** and my daughter **Sarah Davis** All my Household Goods and Furniture of what nature or kind soever to be equally divided between them to share and share alike All the rest residue and Remainder of my Personal Estate and effects I give and bequeath unto my said Son **John Bean** and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint him sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set to this my last Will and Testament my hand and seal this seventeenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty

Ann Bean

Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Ann Bean** the Testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other

Walter Auger James Bean William King

17th Decr 1768 Then was Sworn John Bean Sole Executor in this will named To whom was committed the burthen of the Execution thereof
By Us Robt Austen Sur.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 25 July 2026

Notes

People
Ann Bean, testatrix
John Bean, son, executor
Sarah Davis, daughter
Benjamin Davis, husband of Sarah Davis
Walter Auger, witness
James Bean, witness
William King, witness

Places
Litlington

Relevant Events
Ann Bean was buried on 6 Nov 1766 at East Blatchington ("of Litlington").
Sarah Bean married Benjamin Davis on 16 Nov 1750 at Hamsey, "Sarah of this parish, Benjamin of Lewes St John's".

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

27. Will of Ann Bean, Widow of Rye, 1771

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/62/367)
Made: 22 Apr 1769
Probate: 30 Apr 1771

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In the Name of God Amen I **Ann Bean** of the Ancient town of Rye in the County of Sussex Widow being but weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding (praised be God for the same) do this twenty second day of April in the ninth Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith &c And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following First and principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator who gave it me and my body I commit to the Earth to receive a decent christian burial at the discretion of my Executor herein after named (in hopes of a joyful resurrection through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ) and as to my Temporal estate I dispose thereof as follows First my will and desire is that all Funeral expenses be in the first place fully paid and satisfied out of my Ready moneys and after all my just debts and Funeral expenses are paid and discharged all the rest and residue of my ready moneys I Give and bequeath unto the three Children of my late daughter **Rebecca Fagg the wife of John Fagg of Lydd** in the County of Kent to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike and to be paid them by my Executor herein after named as soon as they shall attain their Respective ages of one and twenty Years and if any or either of my said Grandchildren shall happen to depart this life before he she or they shall attain their age of one and twenty years then his or her share of the said money to go and be equally divided between the survivors Item I give and bequeath unto **Frances Wittwer** the wife of **Daniel Wittwer** of Rye aforesaid gunner my best silk gown one gold ring one feather bed one bolster two pillows two blankets one quilt and one pair of sheets Item I give and bequeath unto my two daughters in law **Mary Burnell and Sarah Bean** of Rye aforesaid all the rest and residue of my wearing apparel not hereinbefore disposed of to be equally divided between them share and share alike Item all the rest residue and remainder of my household goods and effects whatsoever and wheresoever which I have not herein before disposed of I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid **Frances Wittwer** nevertheless if I should happen to live to spend all my ready moneys or so much of it that there should not be sufficient left to pay and discharge my debts and funeral expenses then my mind and will is and I do hereby order and direct that my executor do sell and dispose of my wearing apparel and household goods to have money to discharge the same Item I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint **Daniel Wittwer** of Rye aforesaid gunner sole executor of this my last will and testament and lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made IN WITNESS whereof I the said **Ann Bean** the testatrix have to this my last will and testament written and contained on one sheet of paper set my name and seal the day and year first above written
The mark of × **Ann Bean**
Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Ann Bean** for and as her last will and testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written who did each of us subscribe our names as witnesses at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other.
Richd Jarrett

Benjn Verrier
John Waters

The Will of **Ann Bean** late of Rye within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Widow deceased was proved the thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one before the Reverend William Whitear Clerk Surrogate and so forth upon the oath of **Daniel Whittwer** sole executor therein named To whom was committed the administration of the goods &c he being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 28 July 2026

Notes

People
Ann Bean, testatrix
Rebecca Fagg deceased, daughter
John Fagg of Lydd, husband of Rebecca
Daniel Wittwer, executor
Frances Wittwer, wife of Daniel
Mary Burnell, daughter in law
Sarah Bean, daughter in law
Richard Jarrett, witness
Benjamin Verrier, witness
John Waters, witness

Places
Rye
Lydd, Kent

Relevant Events
Ann is likely to be Ann WAUN who married George Ogle on 27 Feb 1710 at London (clandestine marriage).[22] The residence for George is given as "Cott Suttons Regmnt" which may be a mis-spelling of Col. Sutton's Regiment. Richard Sutton was appointed Colonel of a newly raised regiment of foot on March 23, 1709. During this period, the War of the Spanish Succession was taking place, and Sutton's regiment served in Flanders and Britain. The burial of George and Ann's daughter Sarah Ogle at Rye in 1721 states that her father George Ogle is a soldier.

George Ogle died in 1740 at Rye leaving Ann a widow. Anne Ogle married Thomas Bean on 3 Dec 1741 at Rye, "Anne a widow, both of Rye". There are no other OGLE marriages in the SFHG marriage index.

Anne Bean died 5 May 1770 at Rye, aged 85 years (from headstone). She was buried 9 May 1770 at Rye St Mary, "widow". The following headstone is in the Rye churchyard:

[22] The National Archives; Kew, England; General Register Office: Registers of Clandestine Marriages and of The burial of GEBaptisms in the Fleet Prison, King's Bench Prison, the Mint and the May Fair Chapel; Class: RG 7; Piece: 26

[Left Side]
Here lyes ye body of
Miles, the son of
George and Ann
Ogle, who dyed ye 1st
Octobr 1731 in ye
19th year of his age
Also here lies one son
and 3 daughters more
of ye above said
George and Ann
Ogle Willm died
June ye 2nd 1726 in
ye 2nd year of his age
Sarah died Septr 23d
1721

[Right side]
Also here lieth the
body of George Ogle,
their father, who departed
this life the
27th of November 1740
aged 55 years
Also Ann his wife who
died May ye 5th 1770
aged 85 years

Her daughter Rebecca Ogles was bap. 12 Nov 1729 at Rye, daughter of George and Ann Ogles. She married John Fagg on 3 Dec 1749 at Lydd, Kent. Rebecca Fagg was buried 14 Jun 1762 at Lydd, Kent.

Family Tree
See Tree 4. "The Beans of Rye".

28. Will of Elizabeth Bean, Widow of Seaford, 1772

(ESRO: SAS/DD 227, also PBT/1/1/62/566)
Made: 13 Feb 1772
Proved: 11 Jul 1772

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Elizabeth Bean** of Seaford in the County of Sussex widow First I order and direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expences be paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named I give and devise to my Son **John Bean** and his Heirs All that Piece of Ground late part of a certain Plot of Ground situate in Seaford aforesaid containing by Estimation in length Eighty two Feet and in Breadth Forty two Feet and now in his Occupation To hold to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give and devise to my Son **Henry Bean** and his Heirs Executors and Administrators All those my two Warehouses and all that my House Stable and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Bishopston in the said County To hold to him my said Son **Henry Bean** his Heirs Executors and Administrators for ever Also I give to my said Son **Henry** my Lighter or Barge Also I give to my Grandson **Henry Bean** Youngest Son of my late Son **William Bean** the Sum of Twenty five pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain Also I give to my Granddaughter **Ann Bean** Eldest Daughter of my said Son **Henry** the Sum of Twenty five pounds of like lawful money which said Legacies or Sums of Money I do hereby Order and direct shall be paid by my Executors within One Year next after my Decease Also I give to the said **Ann Bean** All my Wearing Apparel of what Nature or kind soever Together with such Silk and Linen as shall be in my Custody at the time of my Decease as shall not be made up into Apparel Also I give to the said **Ann Bean** one Oak box and two Paper boxes with what shall be contained therein and now standing in the Parlor Chamber of my Dwelling house Also the Garrett Bed Steadle Hangings One Pair of Sheets and all other Appurtenances thereunto belonging Also one Corner Cupboard and Mahogany Tea Table now standing in my Parlor Also Six Silver Tea Spoons two Silver Table Spoons and One pair of Silver Tea Tongs Also a Mahogany Tea board and one Swing Glass All which said Specifick Legacies I do hereby Order and direct shall be delivered by my Executor immediately after my Decease And all the Rest and Residue of my Household Goods I give to my said two Sons **John and Henry** to be equally divided between them share and share alike Also I give and Devise to my said Son **Henry Bean** and to **John Bean** of Litlington in the said County Gentleman and their Heirs All that my House Stables Two Gardens and the Remainder of the Plot of Ground not herein before given to my said Son **John Bean** Situate in Seaford aforesaid and now in the occupation of The **Reverend Mr. Williams** To hold to them and their Heirs In Trust that my said Trustees shall and do within One Year next after my Decease Sell and dispose of the said House and Premises for the most Money that can be got for the same And I do herby Order and direct that the Money arising by such Sale shall be applied and disposed of in manner following that is to say One half part thereof I give to the said **Henry Bean** and the other half part thereof I do hereby Order and direct shall remain in the Hands of my said Trustees to be by them laid out or invested in or upon such Security or Securities as they shall think Proper In Trust to permit and suffer my said Son **John Bean** to receive the Interest and Profits thereof untill **Ann Bean** the Natural Daughter of **Ann Breach** late of Seaford aforesaid Singlewoman deceased arrives to the Age of Twenty one Years And from and imediately after her Arrival to that Age I give one Third part of the said half part to the said **Ann Bean** last mentioned Also I give one other Third part of the said half part to **John Bean** one other of the Natural Children of the said **Ann Breach** when he shall attain the Age of Twenty one Years and the remaining Third part of the said half part I give to **Elizabeth Bean** another of the Natural Children of the said **Ann Breach** when she shall attain the Age of Twenty one

Years And I do hereby Order and direct that my said Son **John** shall have the Interest as well of the said two last mentioned third parts as to the first mentioned third part untill the said **John and Elizabeth** the Natural Children shall have respectively arrived to their Ages aforesaid And all the Rest and Residue of my Estate Money Securities for Money not hereinbefore by me given or bequeathed I give and dispose thereof as follows that is to say One half part thereof I give to my said Son **Henry Bean** and the other half part I give to my said Trustees **John Bean** and **Henry Bean** In Trust to be by them paid laid out and invested in such manner and for such Uses as I have before directed in Regards to the half part of the Purchase Money which will arise by Sale of the House and Premises so given to them as aforesaid And it is my Will and Meaning and I do hereby Order and direct that in Case any or either of the said Natural Children shall happen to depart this Life before she he or they shall have attained the Age of Twenty one years that the part or share parts or shares of her him or them so dying shall be paid to such Survivors or Survivor as shall live to arrive to such Age And in Case all such Children shall happen to dye before they or any or either of them shall have attained the Age of Twenty one years then I give such part and share so bequeathed to them as aforesaid unto my said Son **John Bean** his Executors and Administrators And I do hereby Charge my said House at Seaford with the payment of the said Legacies or Sums of Money so by me given to the said **Ann Bean and Henry Bean** my Grand Children in case my Personal Estate should not be sufficient to discharge the same And lastly I Constitute and appoint my said Son **Henry Bean** and the said **John Bean of Litlington** my Executors hereof hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Testimony whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in three Sheets of Paper set my Hand to the two first Sheets thereof and my Hand and Seal to the third and last Sheet thereof this Thurteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two **The Mark of Elizabeth Bean** Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said **Elizabeth Bean** the Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her Request Subscribed our Names as Witnesses and in the presence of each other William Stanford Edward Spice John Wood Seannor

11th July 1772 Then were sworn **Henry Bean and John Bean** the Executors named in this Will To whom was committed the Burthen of the Execution thereof By Us Ed Lund Surrogate
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell September 2019.

NOTES

People
Elizabeth Bean, widow, testatrix
John Bean, son
Henry Bean, son
William Bean deceased, son
Henry Bean, grandson, son of William Bean
Ann Bean, granddaughter, eldest daughter of Henry Bean
John Bean of Litlington, gentleman
Rev. Mr Williams
Ann Breach deceased, singlewoman
Ann Bean, natural daughter of Ann Breach
John Bean, natural son of Ann Breach
Elizabeth Bean, natural daughter of Ann Breach
William Stanford, witness

Edward Spice, witness
John Wood senior, witness

Places
Seaford
Litlington

Relevant Events
Elizabeth Bean was buried on 8 Jul 1772 at Seaford St Leonard, "widow".
She was Elizabeth Dunn of Cobham, Surrey, who married Henry Bean of Litlington on 6 Apr 1713 at St Mary Magdalen Old Fish Street, London.
Henry Bean was buried 20 Feb 1763 at Seaford St Leonard ("Mr., freeman").

Their eldest son John Bean had three illegitimate children with Ann Breach. He never married her and was buried at Seaford St Leonard on 25 Mar 1770). John Bean left a will made in 1784 in which two of the illegitimate children (the daughters) are beneficiaries (see "Will of John Bean, Gentleman of Seaford, 1785").

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

29. Will of John Bean, Innkeeper of Rye, 1773

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/62/780)
Made: 8 Sep 1773
Probate: 18 Nov 1773

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of the ancient Town of Rye in the County of Sussex Innkeeper made this eight day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three and in the Thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for pardon and remission of allmy Sins and eternal life through the merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named And as to the worldly estate and effects which God hath been pleased to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as follows First I give and Bequeath to my dear and loving wife **Elizabeth Bean** the Sum of Five pounds of lawful money of Great Britain and also all my Shirts and handkerchiefs Item all the rest and residue of my wearing apparel I give and bequeath unto my son **John Bean** Item I give and bequeath my watch unto my daughter **Elizabeth Bean** and my will and desire is that the above Legacies be paid and delivered within one month next after my decease Item it is my will and desire and I do hereby order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named or the Survivor of them do as soon as conveniently may be after my decease sell and dispose of all my household Goods Stock in trade chattels and effects of what kind and nature soever which I Shall have or shall anyways belong to me at the time of my decease (not hereinafter by me given and disposed of) and to apply the money arising from the sale and disposition of my goods Chattles and effects as follows that is to say first to pay and discharge thereout all my just debts funeral expences the probate of this my will the legacy and all incidental expences and the residue and remainder of the said money together with all the ready money I may have at the time of my decease or that shall be anyways due owing or belonging to me at that time I will and require my Executors or the Survivor of them to put and place out at interest on securitie or securites in their own names or in the name of the Survivor of them and that they or the Survivor of them do pay the interest and proceeds of the said money quarterly to the said **Elizabeth** my wife or her Assigns for and during the term of her natural Life And from and immediately after the decease of the said **Elizabeth** my wife I give and bequeath all the aforesaid Principal money to my aforesaid son **John Bean** and to my aforesaid daughter **Elizabeth Bean** to be equally divided between them share and share alike Item I nominate constitute and appoint **James Lamb** of Rye aforesaid Esquire and my said son **John Bean** joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament and further it is my Will and desire that my said Executors or their Executors or Admors shall not be accountable for any Loss by bad debts or insufficient securities so as such Loss do not happen by or through their wilful default or gross neglect And I do hereby desire and order that it Shall and may be lawful for my said Executors or their Executors or Admors to deduct and reimburse themselves out of my vaid [said] estate all such Loss costs charges and expences as they Shall sustain expend or be put unto from time to time in the Execution of this my Will or any thing relating thereto And Lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me at anytime heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said **John Bean** the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above

written — **John Bean** — Signed Sealed published and declared by the said **John Bean** the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names hereto in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other — John Linfield — Abraham Ruck — Richd. Jarrett —

The Will of **John Bean** late of the ancient Town of Rye within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Innkeeper deceased was proved the eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three Before the Reverend William Whitear Clerk Surrogate and so forth Upon the oath of **James Lamb** and **John Bean** the Executors named in the said Will To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods &c they being first Sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 8 July 2026

NOTES

People
John Bean, testator
Elizabeth Bean, wife
John Bean, son, joint executor
Elizabeth Bean, daughter
James Lamb, joint executor

Places
Rye

Relevant Events
John Bean was buried 11 Oct 1773 at Rye St Mary.
Elizabeth Bean was buried 9 Dec 1774 at Rye St Mary, "widow".

Family Tree
See Tree 4. "The Beans of Rye".

30. Will of John Bean, Yeoman of Rottingdean, 1775

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/63/304)
Made: 3 Apr 1775
Proved: 20 May 1775

In the name of God Amen I **John Bean** of Rottingdean in the County of Sussex, yeoman do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) First I give and bequeath unto my son in law **Thomas Newington** of Rottingdean aforesaid cordwainer the sum of ten pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid him within six months next after my decease by executor and trustee herein after named. Also I give and bequeath unto my loving wife **Martha Bean** one full third part of all and singular my household goods, linen, plate and furniture which at the time of my decease shall be standing, lying or being in and about my now dwelling house in Rottingdean aforesaid for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease I do hereby give and bequeath the same unto my daughter **Mary the wife of Stephen Marten** of Rottingdean aforesaid taylor, her executors and administrators. Also all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate of what nature or kind soever or wheresoever the same may be found at the time of my decease I give, devise and bequeath unto my said daughter **Mary** the wife of the said **Stephen Marten** her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my nephew **William Playsted** of Jevington in the said county of Sussex yeoman sole executor and trustee of this my Will hereby revoking all former wills. In witness whereof I the said John Bean the testator have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.
John Bean
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said **John Bean** the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request and also in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.
Wm Knight
Tho Wood Jur.
William Attree

20 May 1775 – Then was sworn **William Playsted** the sole executor named in this Will to whom was committed the burden of the execution thereof.
By us
Ed Lund Sur.
Transcribed by Denise Borer October 2021.

NOTES

People
John Bean, testator
Martha Bean, wife
Mary Martin, daughter, wife of Stephen Martin of Rottingdean
Thomas Newington of Rottingdean, son-in-law
William Playsted of Jevington, nephew, executor
William Knight, witness
Thomas Wood, witness
William Atree, witness

Places
Rottingdean
Jevington

Relevant Events
John Bean was buried on 13 May 1775 at Rottingdean St Margaret.
A possibility for his first marriage is to Ann Rosson on 6 May 1733 at Shoreditch St Leonard, Middlesex.
His second marriage was to Martha Mills on 21 Feb 1744/45 at Falmer. Martha was a widow as the following manorial record mentions a previous marriage:

> 1762: Surrender by John and Martha Bean of a house, and 1.5 yardland (35 acres) in Rottingdean, together with the Butt (1 acre) called Frylands held of the Manor of Rottingdean to John Mills (son of Martha by previous marriage). (SAS BRD 1/11/2)

Martha's previous marriage was to William Mills on 11 Jul 1721 at Rottingdean. They had four children and William was buried on 26 Jan 1734 at Rottingdean. His admon reads:

> The Twelfth Day of April 1735
> Administration of the Goods of William Mills late of Rottingdean deced was comitted to Martha Mills his Relict etc. Invty exhibited to £214 10s 7d

John Bean is mentioned in his father's will (see "Will of William Bean, Farmer of Jevington", 1751).

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

31. Will of John Bean, Innholder of Rye, 1777

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/63/787
Made: 8 Nov 1777
Probate: 20 Nov 1777

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of the Ancient Town of Rye in the County of Sussex Innholder made the Eighth Day of November in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c And in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven as follows First I Give and Bequeath unto my Nephew **Charles Bexhill** Son of my Sister **Elizabeth Bexhill** the Sum of five pounds of Lawful money of Great Britain to be paid him in twelve Months next after my decease Item I Give and Devise unto my Beloved Wife **Sarah Bean** All and every my Messuages Buildings Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever which I am Seised of Interested in or Intitled to in the Town of Rye aforesaid or elsewhere to hold to her the said Sarah my wife and to her Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I Give and bequeath unto the said **Sarah** my Wife all my Ready Monies Securities for Monies Debts due to me Household Goods and Furniture (in and about my House and premises) Plate Linnen China Wearing apparel Stock in Trade Chattels Effects and Estate whatsoever and wheresoever which I shall die possessed of or which shall be any ways due owing or belonging to me at the time of my decease (not herein before by me disposed of) To hold to her the said **Sarah** my Wife her Executors Administrators and assigns as her and their own proper Goods and Chattels absolutely and for ever She the Said **Sarah** my Wife paying and discharging thereout all my just Debts funeral Charges the probate of this my Will the Legacy and all incidental expences Item I do hereby Nominate Constitute and appoint the said **Sarah** my Wife Executrix and my good friend **James Small** of Rye Executor jointly of this my last Will and Testament And lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said **John Bean** the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written and contained on part of one sheet of paper Set my Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written.

The Writing on this Sheet of paper was Signed and Sealed by the above named **John Bean** the Testator and by him published and declared as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto Subscribed our Names as witnesses thereto in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other
Thos Whorwell Wm Farr Richd Jarret
Jno Bean

On the 20th Novr 1777 then were sworn **Sarah Bean and James Small** joint executors in this will named, to whom was committed administration of the goods etc and the burthen of the execution of the same, by us W. Whitear Surr.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 8 July 2026

NOTES

People
John Bean, innholder, testator
Sarah Bean, wife, joint executor
Elizabeth Bexhill, sister
Charles Bexhill, son of Elizabeth Bexhill
James Small of Rye, friend, joint executor

Thomas Whorwell, witness
William Farr, witness
Richard Jarret, witness

Places
Rye

Relevant Events
John Bean was buried 11 Nov 1777 at Rye St Mary.
John Bean married Sarah Coachman on 12 Nov 1776 at Rye.
Charles Bexhill married Elizabeth Bean on 16 Jun 1776 at Beckley.

Family Tree
See Tree 4. "The Beans of Rye".

32. Will of Robert Bean, Yeoman of East Blatchington, 1781

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/64/323)
Made: 11 Aug 1780
Proved: 26 May 1781

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Robert Bean** of Blatchington in the County of Sussex Yeoman First I order and direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expences be paid and discharged by my Executor hereinafter named I give and devise all and every my Lands Tenements and Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever with the Appurtenances unto my Wife **Ann Bean** and my Son **John Bean** for and during the natural Life of my said Wife and from and immediately after her Decease I do hereby give and devise the same unto my said Son **John Bean** his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath unto the said **John Bean** all and every my Monies Goods Chattels Stock Securities for Money and Personal Estate Charged and chargeable and I do hereby charge the same with and for the payment of my Debts and Funeral Expences and also with the payment of one full Moiety or half Part of the neat annual Interest profits and produce thereof unto my said Wife for and during the Term of her natural life to be paid to her halfyearly by my said Son towards her Support and Maintenance And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Son sole Executor of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made In Testimony whereof I the said **Robert Bean** have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the eleventh Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty.
The Mark and
[X]
Seal of Robert Bean
Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Robert Bean** the 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
J. Hoper Junr. Thos. Smith Geor. Mare

26th. May 1781 Then was sworn **John Bean** the sole Executor named in this Will To whom was committed the Burthen of the Execution thereof (Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased do not amount unto Three Hundred Pounds)
By us
Peter G Crofts Surr[ogat]e
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, July 2026

NOTES

People
Robert Bean, testator
Ann Bean, wife
John Bean, son, executor
J Hoper jnr, witness
George Mare, witness
Thomas Smith, witness

Places
East Blatchington

Relevant Events
Robert Bean was buried on 18 May 1781 at East Blatchington, St Peter.
Robert Bean married Ann Washer on 23 Feb 1732/33 at Lullington.
He is mentioned in the will of his brother Henry Bean (see "Will of Henry Bean, Gentleman of Seaford, 1763").

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

33. Will of John Bean, Gentleman of Seaford, 1785

(TNA: PROB 11/1125/230)
Made: 14 Sep 1784
Probate: 29 Jan 1785

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of Seaford in the County of Sussex Gentleman Imprimis I will and direct that all my just debts Legacies Funeral Expences and probate of this my last Will and Testament be fully paid and satisfied by my Executors hereinafter named I Give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife **Charity Bean** all my Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises together with all and singular my Goods Household Goods plate Linnen Silver Moneys ready Monies and Securities for Money and all other my real and personal Estate whatsoever & wheresoever and of what nature and kind soever I may die possessed for and during the time of her natural life or widowhood and from and immediately after her decease or second marriage which shall first happen I give devise and bequeath unto **Lancelot Harrison** of Seaford in the County of Sussex Esquire and **John Bean of Clapham** in the said County Esquire all and singular my said Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises & also all and singular my personal estate whatsoever that I may die possessed of as aforesaid and to their heirs and assigns On Trust nevertheless and my Will and mind is that they the said **Lancelot Harrison and John Bean** shall and do as soon as conveniently may be after the decease or second Marriage of my said Wife by Auction or otherwise sell and dispose of or cause to be sold and disposed of for the best price or prices that may be got for the same all and singular the said Lands hereditaments and premises and with the monies arising therefrom by such sale together with my personal estate to pay and apply the same in manner and form following that is to say I Give and bequeath unto my daughter **Arabella Bean** the sum of One hundred pounds I give and bequeath unto my said daughter **Arabella Bean** and to my natural daughters **Ann and Elizabeth Bean** begotten on the body of **Ann Breach** all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my said personal estate so converted by the said **Lancelot Harrison and John Bean** as aforesaid to be equally devided between them the said **Arabella Bean Ann Bean and Elizabeth Bean** share and share alike And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said **Lancelot Harrison and John Bean** joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Will and Wills by me at any time heretofore made and I do declare this and this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand to the first sheet of this my last Will and Testament contained in two sheets of paper and my hand and seal to this last sheet thereof the fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty four – **John Bean Esq** – Signed sealed published and declared by the said **John Bean** the 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 the Interlineations and Erazures appearing therein being first made T G Willard Henry Bean James Brett

On the twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five Appeared personally **Thomas George Willard** of Eastbourne in the County of Sussex Gentleman and made oath that he is one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of **John Bean** late of Seaford in the County of Sussex Gentleman deceased hereto annexed bearing date the fourteenth day of September one

thousand seven hundred and eighty four and saw the said deceased sign seal publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and well knows the word 'aforesaid' was appearing to be obliterated in the seventh line from the top of the first sheet of the said will, the word 'Gentleman' now appearing to be obliterated in the twelfth line from the top of the said first sheet of the said will, the word 'my' now appearing to be obliterated in the sixteenth line from the top of the said first sheet of the said will and the words 'the or second marriage of my said Wife' now appearing to be interlined between the fifteenth and sixteenth line from the top of the first sheet of the said will were obliterated and interlined therein before the said deceased so executed his said will by reason that this deponent did at the said deceased's request and in his presence make such obliterations and interlineations immediately before the execution thereof And he lastly made Oath that at the time the said deceased so executed his said Will the same was in all respects in the same plight and Condition in which it now appears except that the names of this deponent and the other attesting witnesses were subscribed thereto immediately after the execution thereof – **T G Willard** – Same day the said **Thomas George Willard** was duly sworn to the truth of this Affadavit by virtue of the Commission hereto annexed before me
R Cowperthwaite Commissioner

Probate granted 29th January 1785 to **Lancelot Harrison and John Bean**, the Executors.

Transcribed by Julian Elphick May 2020.

Notes

People
John Bean, testator
Charity Bean, wife
Lancelot Harrison
John Bean of Clapham [in Litlington]
Arabella Bean, daughter
Ann Bean, natural daughter of Ann Breach
Elizabeth Bean, natural daughter of Ann Breach
Thomas George Willard, witness
Henry Bean, witness
James Brett, witness

Places
Seaford
Litlington, Clapham [Clapham Farm, Litlington]

Relevant Events
John Bean was buried on 26 Nov 1784 at Seaford ("Freeman"). He was the son of Henry Bean and Elizabeth Dunn.

John Bean had three illegitimate children with Ann Breach (Anne 1759, John 1760 and Elizabeth 1768) before marrying Charity Tiltman on 6 Feb 1772 at Seaford. He had one child, Arabella, in 1772 with Charity. His son John is not mentioned in this will, although he is mentioned in his grandmother Elizabeth Bean's will (see "Will of Elizabeth Bean, Widow of Seaford, 1772").

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

34. Will of John Bean, Gentleman of Litlington, 1785

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/65/31)
Made: 31 Oct 1772
Codicil: 2 Nov 1781
Codicil: 9 Apr 1785
Probate: 21 Apr 1785

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This is the Last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of Litlington in the County of Sussex Gentleman First I Order and Direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expences be paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named I give and Bequeath unto my Housekeeper **Mrs. Mary Bridgeman** for and during the Term of her Natural Life One Annuity or Yearly Rent-Charge of Fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain clear of all Deductions whatsoever to be paid her half Yearly And to be Issuing and payable out of all and every my Manors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments which I do hereby charge with the Payment thereof And I Give unto the said **Mary Bridgeman** full power and Authority as often as any one half Yearly Payment of the said Annuity or Yearly Rent Charge shall be in Arrear and unpaid to enter on all or any part of my said Manors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments and distrain for the same in such manner as the Law directs in Cases of Distress for Rent Also I give and Bequeath unto **Barbara** (the Natural Daughter of the said **Mary Bridgeman**) now called **Barbara Bean** and who lives with me the Sum of Three Thousand pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid her by my Executors within Twelve Months next after my Decease And in Case my Personal Estate shall be Deficient to pay the same or any part thereof I do hereby Charge my Real Estate with and for the Payment of the same and do Give my Executors and the Survivor of them his Heirs Executors or Administrators full power and Authority either by Mortgage or Sale of my Real Estate or such part thereof as may be necessary or as he or they shall think proper to raise and levy the said Sum of Three Thousand pounds or such part thereof as my Personal Estate shall not be sufficient to pay And charged and chargeable with the said Annuity or Yearly Rent Charge and the said Legacy of Three thousand pounds and the Powers for raising and recovering thereof as aforesaid I do hereby Give and Devise all and every my Manors Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate of what Nature or kind soever and wheresoever and every part and parcel thereof with the and every of their Appurtenances unto **John** (the Natural Son of the said **Mary Bridgeman**) now called **John Bean** and residing with me and his Assigns for and during the Term of his Natural Life without Impeachment of Waste And from and immediately after the Determination of that Estate I Give and Devise my said Manors Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate unto **Joseph Calverley** of Hellingly in the said County of Sussex Esquire and **John Ingram** of Chailey in the said County Gentleman and their Heirs for and during the Natural Life of the said **John Bean** In Trust nevertheless for the said **John Bean** and his Assigns and to preserve and support the contingent Remainders hereinafter limited from being defeated or destroyed and for that purpose to make Entries and bring Actions as Occasion may require but to permit and suffer the said John Bean and his Assigns to receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof to his and their own Use and Uses for and during the Term of his Natural Life And from and after his Decease I Give and Devise my said Manors Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate and every Part thereof with the Appurtenances unto the First Son of the said John Bean and the Heirs of

the Body of such first Son lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue unto the Second Son of the said John Bean and the Heirs of the Body of such Second Son lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue unto the third fourth fifth sixth and all and every other Son and Sons of the said **John Bean** and the Heirs of the Body and Bodies of such Son and Sons lawfully Issuing severally successively and in Remainder one after another in order as they shall be in Seniority of Age and Priority of Birth the Elder of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body being preferred before the Younger of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body And it is my Will and Desire that the said **John Bean** and such of his Sons as may happen to come into possession of my Real Estate by virtue hereof do take the Name and Arms of Bean and do take all such lawful steps and means as may be necessary to Entitle them thereto And in Case the said **John Bean** shall leave no Son or Sons or for Default of such Issue of all the Sons of the said John Bean I Give and Devise my said Real Estate to the First Daughter of the said **John Bean** and the Heirs of her Body lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue to the Second Daughter of the said **John Bean** and the Heirs of her Body lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue unto the Third fourth Fifth sixth and all and every other Daughter and Daughters of the said **John Bean** and the Heirs of the Body and Bodies of such Daughter and Daughters lawfully Issuing severally successively and in Remainder one after another in order as they shall be in Seniority of Age and Priority of Birth the Elder Daughter and the Heirs of her Body being preferred before the Younger of such Daughters and the Heirs of her Body And for want of Issue of the said **John Bean** or in Case all such Issue shall die without leaving any Heir or Heirs of his her or their Body or Bodies lawfully begotten then I Give and Devise my said Real Estate unto the said **Barbara Bean** and her Assigns for and during the Term of her Natural Life without Impeachment of Waste And from and immediately after the Determination of that Estate I Give and Devise my said Manors Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate unto the said **Joseph Calverley** and **John Ingram** and their Heirs for and during the Natural Life of the said **Barbara Bean** In Trust nevertheless for the said Barbara Bean and her Assigns and to preserve and support the contingent Remainders hereinafter limited from being Defeated or destroyed and for that purpose to make Entries and bring Actions as Occasion may require but to permit and suffer the said **Barbara Bean** and her Assigns to receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof to her and her own Use and Uses for and during the Term of her Natural Life And from and after her decease I Give and Devise my said Manors Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Real Estate and every part thereof with the Appurtenances unto the First Son of the said **Barbara Bean** and the Heirs of the Body of such first Son lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue unto the Second Son of the said **Barbara Bean** and the Heirs of the Body of such Second Son lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue unto the third fourth fifth sixth and all and every other Son and Sons of the said **Barbara Bean** and the Heirs of the Body and Bodies of such Son and Sons lawfully Issuing severally successively and in Remainder one after another in order as they shall be in Seniority of Age and Priority of Birth the Elder of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body being preferred before the Younger of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body And in Case the said **Barbara Bean** shall leave no Son or Sons or for Default of Issue of all the Sons of the said **Barbara Bean** I Give and Devise my said Real Estate to the First Daughter of the said **Barbara Bean** and the Heirs of the Body of such First Daughter lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue to the Second Daughter of the said **Barbara Bean** and the Heirs of the Body of such second Daughter lawfully Issuing And for want of such Issue unto the Third fourth fifth sixth and all and every other Daughter and Daughters of the said **Barbara Bean** and the Heirs of the Body and Bodies of such Daughter and Daughters lawfully Issuing severally successively and in Remainder one after another in order as they shall be in Seniority of Age and Priority of Birth the Elder of such Daughters and the Heirs of her Body being

preferred before the Younger of such Daughters and the Heirs of her Body And for want of Issue of the said **Barbara Bean** or in Case all such Issue as aforesaid shall Die without any Heir or Heirs of her his or their Body or Bodies lawfully begotten then I Give and Devise my Farm and Lands called Charlston Farm situate lying and being in Westdean in the said County late Constables and Sawyers together with the Tithes of the said Farm and Lands which I lately purchased of **Lancelot Harison** Esquire and my Farm call Upper Clapham Farm in Lullington in the said County And also my Farm and Lands in Willingdon in the same County unto my Nephew **John Davis** Son of **Benjamin Davis** of Hamsey in the said County Gentleman his Heirs and Assigns for ever And all the Rest of my Lands Tenements and Real Estate of what Nature or Kind soever and wheresoever I Give and Devise unto my Nephew **Henry Read** Son of **Henry Read** of Brookland in the County of Kent Esquire his Heirs and Assigns for ever Provided always and it is my Will and meaning that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said **John Bean** and **Barbara Bean** respectively being in the actual Possession of my said Real Estate by any Deed or Deeds Indented under his or her Hand and Seal to be Executed from time to time to make any Lease or Leases in Possession and not in Reversion or Remainder or by way of future Interest of all or any of my said Real Estate unto any Person or Persons for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty one Years so as no such Lease be made dispunishable of Waste and so as upon all and every such Lease and Leases there be reserved to continue payable during the Term by such Lease or Leases to be granted respectively the best and most improved Yearly Rents that can be reasonably had and obtained without taking any Sum or Sums of Money or other thing or things by way of Fine or Incomes for the same and so as in every such Lease there be contained a clause of Re Entry for Nonpayment of the Rent or Rents to be thereby reserved and so as the Lessee or Lessees to whom such Lease or Leases shall be made as aforesaid do Seal and Deliver a Counterpart or Counterparts of such Lease and Leases respectively to be made as aforesaid And as for all and every my ready Money Bonds Bills Book Debts Securities for Money Goods Chattels and Credits Estate not hereinbefore disposed of I Give and Bequeath the same and every part thereof unto the said **Joseph Calvery**[sic] and **John Ingram** and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators In Trust that they the said **Joseph Calvery**[sic] **and John Ingram** and the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators shall and do improve the same to the best Advantage and from time to time do pay the Interest Dividends and Profits to be made or arise therefrom unto the said **John Bean** for his support and Maintenance until he Attains the Age of Twenty one Years and from and immediately afterwards do pay and deliver up their said Trust Premises with all the Interest Dividends and Profits then due in respect thereof unto the said **John Bean** for his own Use and Benefit (the Expences of the said Trustees in the Execution thereof being thereout first deducted) And in case the said **John Bean** shall Depart this Life before he Attains his said Age that the said **Joseph Calverley**[sic] **and John Ingram** and the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators shall and do in like manner pay the Interest Dividends and Profits to be made or arise from the said Trust Premises from and after the Decease of the said **John Bean** unto the said **Barbara Bean** until she Attains her Age of Twenty one Years And from and immediately afterwards do pay and deliver up their said Trust Premisses with all the Interest Dividends and Profits then due in respect thereof unto the said **Barbara Bean** for her own Use and Benefit the said Trustees Expences in the Execution hereof being thereout first deducted And in Case the said **Barbara Bean** shall likewise Die before she Attains her Age of Twenty one Years then I do hereby direct my said Trustees from and immediately after her Decease to pay and divide my said Personal Estate unto and equally between my said Nephews **John Davis and Henry Read** Share and Share alike And I constitute and appoint my said Trustees the said **Joseph Calverley and John Ingram** joint Executors of this my Will And I do hereby revoke all former Wills

by me made In Witness whereof I the said John Bean the Testator have set my Hand to each of the first four Sheets of this my last Will and Testament contained in five Sheets of Paper and my Hand and Seal to this the Fifth and last Sheet thereof the Thirty first day of October In the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy two .
J Bean Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testator **John Bean** 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 hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses (the Word October in the last Line but one of the said Will being wrote on an Erasure before the Execution thereof) Chars Gilbert Rd Watts James Dunstall

Be it Remembered that on the Eighteenth day of December In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy three the within named Testator **John Bean** did Acknowledge and declare the Name **J Bean** subscribed to the several Sheets hereof respectively to be his own Hand writing and did reseal republish and declare the Writing within contained 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 hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses Char:s Gilbert Rd Watts John Hoper Junr

A Codicil to be annexed to and taken as Part of the Last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of Litlington in the County of Sussex Gentleman Whereas by my Will I have given to my Housekeeper **Mary Bridgeman** Fifty pounds a Year for her Life now I do hereby give her Ten pounds a Year more making together Sixty Pounds to be paid in the same manner as the Fifty pounds a Year is by my Will directed to be paid And whereas by my Will I have given to **John Bean** who now lives with me amongst other Lands and Hereditaments my House and Garden called the Malthouse House in Litlington aforesaid and to his Issue with divers Remainders over Now I do hereby revoke so much of the said Devise as relates to the said House and Garden during the Life of the said **Mary Bridgeman** and do hereby give and Devise the said House and Garden to her for her Life and from and after her Decease I Give and Devise the same to the said **John Bean** and his Issue and to such other Uses as are mentioned in my Will I also give to the said **Mary Bridgeman** such Part of my Household goods and Linen as will be necessary or sufficient to furnish the said House to and for her Use and Benefit I Also Give to her and to my Brother in Law **Benjamin Davis** & my Sister **Davis** his Wife and to each of their Children **John Davis Ann Joannah and Sarah** Fifty pounds a Piece to buy them Mourning to be paid as soon as conveniently may after my Decease by my Executors I Also give to my said Sister for her Life One Annuity or yearly Rent Charge of Twenty pounds and do hereby order and direct that the same shall be paid into her Hands and her Receipt only notwithstanding her Coverture to be a sufficient Discharge for the same to be paid half yearly and had and obtained by the same ways and Means as I have directed respecting the Annuity which is to be paid to the said **Mary Bridgeman** And whereas I have by my Will given to **Barbara Bean** Three Thousand Pounds to be at her own disposal Now I do hereby revoke the said Gift and do give her only One Thousand pounds and no More and Direct that the other Two Thousand pounds shall remain in my Executors and Trustees Hands In Trust to permit the said **Barbara Bean** to receive the Interest Dividends and Profits for her Life and after her Decease to pay and divide the same equally unto and amongst all her Children if more than one Share and Share alike but if only one then the whole to be paid to such Child And in Default of such Issue I do hereby Order and Direct that the said Sum of Two Thousand pounds shall go and be applied to the same Uses as the Residue of my Estate is by my Will directed to be paid and applied

And whereas since the Making of my said Will my Nephew **Henry Read** is departed this Life Now I do hereby in Case the Person called **John Bean** therein named and also the said **Barbara Bean** shall depart this Life without Issue of their bodies respectively as therein mentioned then I Give and Devise the whole of my Real Estate to the said **John Davis** and his Heirs and Assigns for ever and in that Case do hereby Charge the same when and so soon as he shall come into the Possession thereof with and for the Payment of One Thousand pounds to each of his Sisters the said **Ann Joannah and Sarah Davis** And whereas since the making of my said Will I have purchased of **Mr Arthur Brook** certain Lands and Hereditaments in Arlington in the said County Now I do hereby Give and Devise the said Lands and Premises to the said **John Bean** and the Heirs of his Body with remainder to such other Uses as I have in my Will limited respecting the residue of my Real Estate I also hereby Give to **Joseph Calverley** and **John Ingram** the Trustees named in my Will Ten guineas each to buy them Mourning And I Constitute and Appoint the said **John Bean** Also an Executor of my Will jointly with the said **Joseph Calverley** and **John Ingram** my two Executors in Trust And Lastly I Ratify and Confirm my said Will in all other Respects In Testimony whereof I the said **John Bean** the Testator have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Second day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty one **Jno Bean** Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said **John Bean** the Testator as and for a Codicil to 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 (the Interlineation of the Word "her" between the sixteenth and seventeenth lines and the Interlineation of the Words "shall remain" between the seventeenth and eighteenth lines being first wrote) Chars Gilbert J Whichelo James Gill

<u>This is a Codicil</u> to be Added to and taken as part of the last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of Litlington in the County of Sussex Gentleman Whereas by my Said Will and by a Codicil Annexed thereto I have given unto my Housekeeper **Mary Bridgeman** two several Annuities or Yearly Sums of Fifty pounds and Ten pounds making together Sixty pounds for her Life Now I Confirm the said Gifts And in Addition thereto I Give unto the said **Mary Bridgeman** for her Life the further Annuity or Yearly Sum of Forty pounds to be paid her in the same Manner as the said two other Yearly Sums are by my said Will and Codicil directed to be paid And whereas since the Making of my said Will and Codicil I have purchased Divers Lands and Hereditaments in the said County of Sussex Now I Do hereby give and Devise all and every the said Lands and Hereditaments unto **John Bean** in my said Will Named and who now lives with me To Hold the same to the said **John Bean** and the Heirs of his Body with remainder in Default of such Issue to such Uses as I have in my said Will and Codicil limited and declared respecting my Real Estate therein devised And whereas since the making of my said Codicil and previous to the Marriage of **Barbara Bean** therein named with her late Husband the **Rev.d William Hawes deceased** I did covenant and give a Bond for the Payment of the Sum of Three Thousand pounds by my Executors to the Trustees Named in her Marriage Settlement in Trust for the Benefit of the said **Barbara** and her Issue in such manner as therein mentioned Therefore I do hereby confirm the said Covenant and Bond entered into by me as aforesaid and do revoke the Gift of Three Thousand pounds in my said Codicil made to her the said **Barbara** and to certain Trustees therein named for her benefit And I confirm my said Will and Codicil in all respects save as the same is hereby altered In Testimony whereof I the said **John Bean** the Testator have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Ninth day of April In the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty five **Jno Bean** Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said **John Bean** as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament (the word "and Codicil" being first interlined between the Seventeenth and

Eighteenth Lines in the Presence of us who in his Presence at his Request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses Jas. Skinner J Hoper Junr W. Bridgeman

The Will and Codicils of **John Bean** late of Litlington within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Gentleman deceased was proved the Twenty first day of April In the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty five before the Reverend Robert Austen Clerk Surrogate and soforth Upon the Oath of **Joseph Calverley John Ingram and John Bean** the Executors in the said Will named To whom was Committed the Administration of the Goods &c They being first Sworn well and faithfully to Administer the same and soforth.

Notes

People
John Bean, testator
Mary Bridgeman, housekeeper
Barbara Bean, natural daughter of Mary Bridgeman
John Bean, natural son of Mary Bridgeman
Benjamin Davis of Hamsey, yeoman, brother-in-law
John Davis, nephew, son of Benjamin Davis
Ann Davis, daughter of Benjamin Davis
Joanna Davis, daughter of Benjamin Davis
Sarah Davis, daughter of Benjamin Davis
Mr Arthur Brook
Henry Read deceased, nephew, son of Henry Read of Brookland, Kent, esq.
Rev. William Hawes deceased
Joseph Calverley, trustee, joint executor
John Ingram, trustee, joint executor
Charles Gilbert, witness
Richard Watts, witness
John Hoper jnr, witness
James Dunstall, witness
W. Bridgeman, witness
James Skinner, witness
James Gill, witness
J Whichelo, witness

Places
Litlington
Clapham Farm, Litlington
Charleston Farm, Westdean
Willingdon
Hellingly
Chailey
Westdean
Lullington
Hamsey
Arlington

Relevant Events

John Bean was buried on 19 Apr 1785 at Litlington ("Esquire").

John Bean never married, but had a long term relationship with his housekeeper, Mary Bridgeman, with whom he had two children, John (1755) and Barbara (c1759).

He vastly extended the family empire, purchasing Charleston Manor in 1748 and the Manor of Litlington in 1756, absorbing it directly into the Clapham Estate. By this point, the Beans owned nearly the entire village of Litlington.

Monumental Inscription at Litlington Church:

> Sacred to the memory of JOHN BEAN late of Clapham who departed this life 11th April 1785 aged 69. A gentleman well known for his superior judgement as a farmer and grazier as for his great punctuality in business in general. He was rather warm in his disposition altho truly sincere where he professed a friendship; a good master to his servants & ever attentive to the poor, but a man of no ostentation, his principal object was that of husbandry, and wherein this allowed. He made great improvements so that the world by his death lost a valuable member of society. The bulk of his fortune which was very considerable, and which he acquired chiefly by his own industry and good management, he left to his only son, JOHN BEAN, Gentleman, who in testimony of his gratitude and of the great regard he had for his father, caused this tomb to be erected."

SUSSEX MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS. Transcribed by E. H. W. Dunkin and others. Volume III. Barbican reference MI. X. Page 41-2 - Litlington. Second visit - 12 June 1894. April 11, Altar tomb in Litlington churchyard.

John Bean's daughter, Barbara Bean, married Rev. William Hawes on 19 May 1783 at Berwick. William died and was buried at Berwick on 24 Mar 1784, "Rector of this parish".

John Bean's sister, Sarah Bean, married Benjamin Davis on 16 Nov 1750 at Hamsey.

Henry Read Jnr. was buried at Brookland, Kent on 7 Jul 1775. There is a family plaque in the church of St Augustine, Brookland:

Sacred
To the Memory of
Henry Read, late of this Parish Esqr
who died December 29th 1777,
Aged 57 Years.
Also of Ann his Wife, who died Feb^{ry} 14th 1753,
Aged 31 Years.
Likewise of John their Youngest Son,
who died Aug.st 28th 1754,
Aged 2 Years.
And also of Henry Read Esqr
their Eldest Son, who died June 26th 1775,
Aged 24 Years.

Henry Read Snr married Ann Bean on 8 Dec 1749 at Brookland, Kent. His will makes it fairly clear that his wife is the sister of John Bean and Sarah Davis (nee Bean). Henry refers

to Sarah Davis of Ditchling as his sister (left 100 pounds) and John Bean his brother (also left 100 pounds). See "Will of Henry Read Esquire of Brookland, Kent, 1777".

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

35. Will of Elizabeth Bean, Spinster of Seaford, 1792

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/66/360)
Made: 26 Feb 1792
Proved: 28 Apr 1792
FamilySearch: image 83, film 1886098

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Elizabeth Bean** of Seaford in the County of Sussex Spinster First I direct that all my just Debts Funeral Expences and the Charges of proving this my Will shall be payd and discharged by my Executor hereinafter named I give unto my two Sisters **Arabella Bean** and **Ann Bean** Spinsters all my Cloaths and Wearing Apparel equally to be divided between them immediately after my Decease Also I give unto my said two Sisters in equal Shares and Proportions All the Part Share and Interest of and in the Estates and Effects of my late Father **John Bean** to which I am entitled under or by Virtue of his Will and I give and bequeath all the Rest and Residue of my Monies Goods Chattels Estate and Effects unto my Mother in Law **Charity Bean** of Seaford aforesaid Widow for her own Use and Benefit And I appoint my said two Sisters and **William Stevens** of Alfriston in the said County of Sussex Mercer joint Executors of this my Will And lastly I revoke all former Wills by me made In Testimony whereof I the said **Elizabeth Bean** the Testatrix have set my Hand and Seal to this my last Will and Testament contained in one sheet of Paper the Twenty Sixth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two
E Bean
Signed sealed published and declared by the said
Elizabeth Bean the Testatrix as and for her last Will
and Testament in the Presence of us who in her
Presence have hereunto subscribed our Names as
Witnesses
James Brooker
Joseph Stevens Junr
Mary Fowle

28th April 1792 then was Sworn **William Stevens** one of the Executors named in this Will to whom was Committed the burthen of the Execution thereof Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased do not amount in Value unto One Hundred Pounds (Power being reserved of granting the like Commission unto **Arabella Bean** and and [sic] **Ann Bean** two other of the Executors in the said Will named when etc. By Us W: Gwynne Sur.
Transcribed by Vyvyan Jones May 2017.

NOTES

People
Elizabeth Bean, testatrix
Ann Bean, spinster, sister
Arabella Bean, spinster, sister
John Bean, late father
Charity Bean, widow, mother-in-law
William Stevens, mercer of Alfriston
James Brooker, witness
Joseph Stevens jnr, witness
Mary Fowle, witness

Places
Seaford
Alfriston

Relevant Events
Elizabeth was born illegitimate as Elizabeth Breach, daughter of Anne Breach and John Bean. She was baptised 11 Jul 1768 at Seaford St Leonard (father not named). She was one of three illegitimate children by Anne Breach and John Bean. Their mother Anne Breach died in 1770 and the children were raised with the surname Bean.

John Bean married Charity Tiltman on 6 Feb 1772 at Seaford. The marriage licemce states that John Bean, gent of Seaford, is 50+ years and Charity, a spinster, is 30+ years. Their daughter Arabella Bean was baptised 11 Sep 1772 at Seaford St Leonard.

Elizabeth's grandmother left a will (see "Will of Elizabeth Bean, Widow of Seaford, 1772").

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

36. Admon of Humphrey Bean of Waldron, 1804

(ESRO: PBT/1/14/1804/19,20)
Granted: 7 May 1804

7th May 1804
Admon to the Effects of **Humphrey Bean** late of Waldron Intestate deceased was granted to **Fanny Bean** his widow and relict.

(ESRO: PBT/1/14/1798-1813)
7th May 1804 Then was sworn **Fanny Bean** the Widow and relict of **Sir Humphrey Bean** late of Waldron within the Archdeaconry of Lewes in the Diocese of Chichester Innkeeper deceased To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased / Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased do not amount in value unto three hundred pounds
Under due caution
By Us.
E.R.Raynes Sur.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 8 July 2026.

NOTES

People
Humphrey Bean, testator
Fanny Bean, wife

Places
Waldron

Relevant Events
Sir Humphrey Bean of Waldron was an innkeeper. He was buried at Waldron All Saints on 27 Feb 1804.

He married Fanny Pearson on 25 Dec 1780 at St Marylebone parish church in London. They had five children born at Tudeley in Kent between 1784 and 1792, and two born at Waldron, Sussex in 1799 and 1800.

Humphrey was baptised at Southborough, Kent (near Tonbridge) on 24 Apr 1754 to parents Henry Bean and Jane Humphrey. He was never knighted, his parents simply named him **Sir Humphrey Bean** at birth, and so "Sir" became his legal christian name.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

37. Will of Henry Bean, Customs Officer of East Dean, 1805

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/69/589)
Made: 25 October 1797
Proved: 7 Aug 1805

In the Name of God Amen I **Henry Bean** of the Parish of Eastdean in the County of Sussex Officer of his Majestys Customs being in Health of Body and of perfect Mind and Memory make this my last Will and Testament First I give my Soul to God that gave it in hope through the Merits of Jesus Christ to have full and free Pardon for my sins and my Body to be decently buried by my Executrixes hereafter Named And first after my just Debts and Funeral Expences are discharged I give bequeath and dispose of my Worlds Goods in the following manner First I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter **Ann Martin Widow of Thomas Martin** of Lewes in the County of Sussex One hundred and Eighteen Pounds of good and Lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to her in twelve Months after my Decease by my Executrixes if my Daughter **Ann Martin** aforesaid shall die within the twelve months after my Decease then the above sum to be give to her shall be Equally devided between her Children and to be paid to them when they shall separately attain to the Age of twenty one Yeas or before that Time if my said Executrixes should think fit so to do Also I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter **Mary Keating Wife of James Keating** of Lewes aforesaid the sum of Ninety Pounds of Good and Lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid to her in twelve Months after my Decease and if my Daughter **Mary Keating** shall die within the twelve Months after my Decease the above sum of Ninety Pounds as above bequeathed to be Equally divided between the Children of my said Daughter **Mary Keating** (share and share alike) and that part which belongs to my Grandson **John Bean Martin** to remain in the hands of my said Executrixes and to be paid to him when he shall attain to the Age of twenty one Years or before that Time if my said Executrixes should think fit so to do and the other parts to be paid to my Son in Law James Keating twelve Months after my Decease on behalf of his Children by my said Daughter s Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter **Elizabeth Bean** one of my Houses at Seaford namely that House which stands to the south east and joines to the Premises now in the Occupation of **William Baker** together with the Garden and Stable as far as that part of the said House extends and also to half the Necessary House and also to the Draw Well for Water for the Wh.. use of the said Premises and to have free Liberty without controwl at all Times to bring anything in or to carry anything out of that Gate at the end of my other Premises into that Lane leading to the Pelhams Arm Inn that is to say to my said Daughter **Elizabeth Bean** and to her Heirs and Assigns for Ever Item I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter **Barbara Bean** my other dwelling House being the Northwest Premises adjoining to the abovesaid Premises with the Garden and half part the Necessary House aforesaid and also half the Well and the Back Yard adjoining to the same Premises subject to the above Exceptions to my said Daughter **Barbara** her Heirs and Assigns for Ever And I also give and bequeath to my two Daughters **Elizabeth and Barbara** jointly all my Real and Personal Estates and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever to be Equally Divided between them (Except the above bequests) And I likewise constitute make and ordain my two Daughters **Elizabeth and Barbara** abovesaid Joint Executrixes of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every former Testament Wills Legacies Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named Willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety Seven **Henry Bean** Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the within written **Henry Bean** as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us

who in [his] presence and in the Presence of each other have hereunto Subscribed our Names John Hood John Haine William Hide

7th August 1805 Then were sworn **Elizabeth Bean and Barbara Bean** the joint Executrixes named in this Will To whom was committed the burthen of the Execution thereof (Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased do not amount in value unto six hundred pounds) By Us Jas Hutchins Surrogate
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell, November 2019.

NOTES

People
Henry Bean, Customs Officer, testator
Ann Martin, daughter, widow of Thomas Martin of Lewes
Mary Keating, daughter, wife of James Keating of Lewes
John Bean Martin, grandson
Elizabeth Bean, daughter, joint executor
William Baker of Seaford, tenant
Barbara Bean, daughter, joint executor
John Hood, witness
John Haine, witness
William Hide, witness

Places
East Dean
Seaford
Lewes

Relevant Events
Henry Bean was buried 10 May 1805 at Seaford St Leonard, "82 years, senior, Freeman".
Henry Bean married Elizabeth Wood on 19 Mar 1751 at Bishopstone (Henry of Seaford, Elizabeth of Bishopstone). Elizabeth was buried 12 Jul 1794 at Seaford St Leonard, "wife of Henry Bean of East Dean".

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

38. Will of John Bean of [East] Blatchington, 1813

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/71/459)
Made: 14 May 1812
Proved: 12 Apr 1813

This is the last Will and Testament of me **John Bean** of Blatchington in the County of Sussex Yeoman First I direct that my Debts and Funeral and Testamentary Expenses shall be paid by my Executors out of my Personal Estate And after Payment thereof I direct my Executors to stand possessed of my Personal Estate Upon Trust to pay unto or permit and suffer my dear Wife **Mary Bean** and her Assigns to receive and retain to her and their own Use the Interest and annual Produce of my said Personal Estate for her natural Life And after her Decease I do hereby give unto my Nephew **William Towner** of Seaford in the said County and his Executors and Administrators absolutely all my said Personal Estate Subject nevertheless to the Payment of the several Legacies hereinafter mentioned And after the Decease of my said Wife I direct the said **William Towner** or his Executors to pay and apply the Sum of fifty Pounds Sterling in such Manner for the Benefit of my Sister **Ann the Wife of Thomas Bateman** independently of her Husband as she my said sister shall by any writing under her hand direct and I declare that the receipt of my said sister above notwithstanding her coverture shall be a sufficient discharge to the said **William Towner** or his Executors or Administrators for the said Sum of fifty Pounds And in case of the death of my said Sister in the lifetime of my said Wife I give the said sum of fifty Pounds unto and equally between all her Children who shall be living at the death of my said Wife Also I give (after the death of my said Wife) to my Nephew **John Bean** fifty Pounds to my Nephew **Robert Bean** fifty Pounds to my Cousin **Henry Bean** of Hawkhurst nineteen Guineas to my Nephew **John Towner** nineteen Guineas to my Great Nephew **William Towner** the Younger Son of the said **William Towner** nineteen Guineas to my Niece **Mary Relfe** of Tonbridge Wells Nineteen Guineas to my niece **Ann Stanford** of Tonbridge Wells Nineteen Guineas to my wifes niece **Mary Pearce** now living with me two hundred Pounds and to **John Pearce** the Brother of the said **Mary Pearce** ten Pounds Also I give (after the death of my said Wife) to my Nephew **Thomas Bean** fifty Pounds and to my Nephew **Thomas Towner** fifty Pounds And in case either of them the said **Thomas Bean and Thomas Towner** shall die in the lifetime of my said Wife and leave lawful Issue then I give the Legacy or Legacies of him or them so dying unto the Issue of his or their Body or respective Bodies equally to be divided between them if more than one And I direct that all the before mentioned Legacies shall be paid by the said **William Towner** or his Executors or Administrators within six Months next after the Death of my said Wife And I constitute and appoint my said Wife and the said **William Towner** joint Executors of this my Will In Testimony whereof I the said **John Bean** the Testator Have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve **John Bean**[signed] Signed sealed published and declared by the said **John Bean** the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his Presence have hereunto Subscribed our names as Witnesses
James Brook
George Roper

13 April 1813 Then were Sworn **Mary Bean and William Towner** the joint Executors in this Will named To Whom was Committed the burthen of the Execution thereof Sworn also that The Goods Chattels and Credits of the Deceased do not account in Value unto three thousand and five hundred Pounds
By us E.R. Raynes Sur.
(*Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 30 June 2026)*

NOTES:

People
John Bean, Yeoman, testator
Mary Bean, wife
William Towner of Seaford, nephew
Ann Bateman, sister, wife of Thomas Bateman
John Bean, nephew
Robert Bean, nephew
Henry Bean of Hawkhurst, cousin
John Towner, nephew
William Towner the younger, great nephew, son of William Towner
Mary Relfe of Tunbridge Wells, niece
Ann Stanford of Tunbridge Wells, niece
Mary Pearce, wife's niece
John Pearce, brother of Mary Pearce
Thomas Bean, nephew
Thomas Towner, nephew
James Brook, witness
George Roper, witness

Places
East Blatchington
Seaford
Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Hawkhurst, Kent

Relevant Events
John Bean was buried 9 Mar 1813 at East Blatchington St Peter, "55 years".
John Bean married Mary Hide on 13 Jun 1788 at East Blatchington. Mary was buried at East Blatchington St Peter on 10 Nov 1816. It appears that they had no surviving children, as none are mentioned in John's will.

In 1800, John & Mary Bean became the tenants of the manor house at Blatchington. The owner was William Chambers. His daughter Barbara Challen (nee Chambers) inherited it when William died on 7 May 1808.[23]

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

[23] Rodner Castleden, "On Blatchington Hill: History of a Downland Village," Blatchington Press, Revised Edition (2013) 978-1-4478-5768-6, page 88

39. Will of William Bean, Cordwainer of Wivelsfield, 1828

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/76/456)
Made: 16 Jun 1827
Proved: 9 Dec 1828

In the Name of God Amen I **William Bean** of Wivelsfield in the County of Sussex Cordwainer beieng of sound and disposing Mind do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) after payment of all my just Debts and funeral Expenses and proving of this my Will I give devise and bequeath unto my Kinsman **John Farncomb** of Cuckfield Yeoman all my personal property In trust nevertheless I will and direct that my Wife shall be permitted to have the use of all my Furniture for and during the Term of her natural Life and that an Inventory and Account shall be taken of the same and I hereby charge my said Executor with the several Legacies hereinafter described and which I hereby direct shall be paid at the Expiration of twelve months from the sixteenth day of February next after my decease (viz) fforty pounds each to my Brothers **John Bean Thomas Bean & Stephen Bean** and the like Sum to my Sister **Mary Marten** should either of my Brothers or Sister die before such Legacie should become due then I give such Legacie to be eaqually devided among the Children of such Brother or Sister I also give unto the Children of my late Brother **Simeon Bean** the Sum of Thirty pounds to be eaqually devided I also give unto the Children of my late Sister **Sarah Parsons** the Sum of ffifteen pounds to be
eaqually devided and when my said Executor shall have faithfull discharged the Trust I have hereby in him reposed and paid the said Legacies I have hereby charged him with then I give him all the Rest and Residue of my Money Securities for Moneys and all my personal property whatsoever and wheresoever And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said **John Farncomb** aforesaid sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven **William Bean** Signed sealed declared and published by the above named **William Bean** as and for his last Will and Testament, who at his Request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto Jesse Kensett Jonah Anscomb Michael Denman

The Will of **William Bean** late of Wivelsfield within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Cordwainer deceased was proved the ninth day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight Before The Reverend George Proctor Clerk surrogate and so forth Upon the Oath of **John Farncomb** the sole Executor in the said Will named To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods &c He being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased do not amount in Value unto Three hundred pounds.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 7 July 2026

NOTES

People
William Bean, testator
John Farncomb, kinsman
John Bean, brother
Thomas Bean, brother
Stephen Bean, brother
Mary Marten, sister

Simon Bean, late brother
Sarah Parsons, late sister
Jesse Kensett, witness
Jonah Anscomb, witness
Michael Denman, witness

Places
Wivelsfield
Cuckfield

Relevant Events
William Bean was buried on 30 Jul 1828 at Wivelsfield, "72 years".
William Bean married and Ann Farncomb on 1 Oct 1778 at Wivelsfield, both of this parish. The marriage licence dated 25 Sep 1778 states "William jnr cordwainer of Wivelsfield age 19+ years with consent of father William Bean cordwainer of Wivelsfield. Ann a spinster of the same parish, 25+ years".
William Bean was baptised 23 Jul 1758 at Wivelsfield, son of William Bean and Mary Parsons.

William's sister Mary Bean married George Martin on 4 Jun 1781 at Wivelsfield, both of this parish.
His brother Simon Bean was baptised 29 Nov 1773 at Wivelsfield St Peter & St John, son of William and Mary Bean. He married Mary Angell on 24 Jul 1796 at St Ann Lewes and was buried on 4 Mar 1819 at Lewes St John sub Castro, "45 years".

William Bean's parents were William Bean and Mary Parsons, married 11 May 1756 at Wivelsfield, both of this parish. The father, William Bean, was buried 3 Sep 1806 at Wivelsfield, "75 years". He was likely the person baptised on 24 Jan 1730/31 at Wivelsfield, son of William Bean and Sarah Wisden. Note that Mary Parsons father, John Parsons of Wivelsfield, left a will (see "Will of John Parson(s), Cordwainer of Wivelsfield, 1747").

Going back another generation, William Bean married Sarah Wisden on 26 Nov 1727 at Westmeston, with William "of Petworth", so it would appear that he has no connection to the earlier Beans of East Sussex. A cursory look at the marriage records suggests that this line goes back further in Petworth at least to 1661.

Family Tree
See Tree 3. "William Bean of Wivelsfield"

40. Will of William Bean, Yeoman of Frant, 1830

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/77/190)
Made: 3 November 1829
Proved: 13 October 1830

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **William Bean** of the parish of Frant in the County of Sussex Yeoman I desire that I may be decently but not expensively buried under the [nr / or] Direction of my Executors hereinafter named And that within Three Calendar months after my decease my said Executors do sell the Lease of my Farm my farming Stock and other property of what kind soever and out of the Money pay all my just Debts and having so done that they immediately pay the whole of the Money remaining in their hands to the **Revd John Griffiths** D.D. Vicar of St Margaret next Rochester And my will is that the said **John Griffiths** shall pay out of that Money eight shillings weekly and every week during her natural life to my wife **Elizabeth Bean** if she shall survive me and at her death to defray the Expence of her Funeral if the said Funeral do not exceed the Sum of Four pounds and that he then pay the Remainder of the Money in his hands to my Nephew **Allen Anscomb** Miller of Hampton Common in Middlesex And I hereby appoint **George Trice** Ostler at the Sussex Tavern Tunbridge Wells and **Thomas Huggett** Farmer of Frant aforesaid Executors to this my will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of november in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine **William Bean** (LS) Signed sealed published and declared to be his last Will and Testament by the said **William Bean** in the presence of **George Russell** and **Elizabeth Williams** who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other subscribed the same as witnesses George Russell Elizabeth Williams Servants to the Revd Dr Griffiths

The Will of **William Bean** late of Frant within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Yeoman deceased was proved the thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Before the Reverend John James Saint Clerk Surrogate and so forth Upon the Oath of **Thomas Huggett** one of the Executors in the said Will named To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods &c He being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth (Power being reserved for granting the like Commission to **George Trice** the other Executor in the said Will named when &c / Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased do not amount in value unto One hundred pounds.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 26 July 2026

NOTES

People
William Bean, testator
Rev. John Griffiths of St Margaret near Rochester
Elizabeth Bean, wife
Allen Anscomb, miller, nephew of Hampton Common
George Trice, ostler of Tunbridge Wells
Thomas Huggett, farmer of Frant

Places
Frant
Tunbridge Wells, Kent
St Margaret nr Rochester, Kent
Hampton Common, Middlesex

Relevant Events
William Bean was buried on 8 Sep 1830 at Frant St Alban, "73 years".

Allen Anscombe married Frances Bean on 13 Apr 1790 at St Paul, Covent Garden, London.

William is likely:
William Bean bap. 24 Oct 1757 at Chiddingly, son of Thomas Bean and Ann Moor. His age at burial matches perfectly with this.
The marriage of Frances Bean to Allen Anscome also supports this as this William had a sister Frances Bean bap. 23 Sep 1759 at Chiddingly.

The parents of William, Frances and their brother Samuel had both died by 1773 when William would have been 16 years, Frances 14 years and Samuel 11 years.

Family Tree
See Tree 2. "The Beans of Willingdon and Chiddingly"

41. Will of Henry Bean, Yeoman of Hastings, 1832

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/77/592)
Made: 21 October 1829
Proved: 9 January 1832

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Henry Bean** of the Town and port of Hastings in the County of Sussex Yeoman First I will and direct that all such Debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my decease my funeral Expenses and the Charges of proving and executing this my Will be fully paid and satisfied And from and after payment and satisfaction thereof and subject and chargeable thereto and therewith I give and devise to my Daughter **Mary Enefer** Widow All that the Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell together with the two Deezes or Dryhouses Yards Gardens and Ground thereto belonging without side of the Stable or as the same are now used and occupied by me situate lying and being in the parish of Saint Clement in the Town and port of Hastings aforesaid To hold the same to her my said Daughter **Mary Enefer** her heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath to my said Daughter **Mary Enefer** all such Household Goods and Furniture Monies Securities for Money and other personal Estate and Effects as shall be found in or about the said Messuage or Tenement and premises at the time of my decease and which shall belong to me And also I give and bequeath to her my said Daughter **Mary Enefer** One Annuity or clear yearly Sum of Fifty two pounds Also I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter **Mary Enefer** One Annuity or clear yearly Sum of Fifteen pounds which said Annuities to my said Daughter **Mary Enefer** and Grand Daughter **Mary Enefer** I will and direct to be paid quarterly to each of them the said Annuitants respectively or to their respective Assigns by my Executors out of the Rents and profits of my Real Estate for and during their respective natural lives And also I will and direct that the Sum of Fifty pounds be annually appropriated and paid out of such Rents and profits by my Executors for and towards the Reduction and paying off the Principal Money due on Mortgage of my Real Estate and over and besides the Sum of Forty pounds the annual amount of the Interest payable for such Mortgage Money And I do hereby subject and charge the whole of my said Real Estate with the payment of the said two several Annuities or yearly sums of Fifty two pounds and Fifteen pounds And also with the payment of the said Sum of Fifty pounds yearly for and towards the Reduction and paying off the said principal Mortgage Money as aforesaid And in Case there shall be any surplus of the said Rents and profits remaining after the payments aforesaid I will and direct that such surplus shall be considered as part of the Residue of my Personal Estate and that the same shall go and descend accordingly And all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Real and personal Estate not hereby otherwise given devised or disposed of I give devise and bequeath to my Sons **Henry Bean Thomas Bean and William Bean** and my said Daughter **Mary Enefer** their respective Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever in equal parts Shares and proportions as Tenants in Common but subject nevertheless and chargeable as aforesaid And in Case any or either of them my said Children shall happen to die without leaving any lawful Issue then I give the part or Shares of him her or them so dying of and in my said Real and personal Estates to the Survivors or Survivor of them my said Children to be equally divided between them their respective Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns as Tenants in Common And if there shall be only one such Survivor then the whole thereof to him or her his or her Heirs Executors

Administrators or Assigns Subject and chargeable as aforesaid And I do hereby appoint her my said Daughter **Mary Enefer** and my said Son **Thomas Bean** Executors of this my Will In witness whereof I the said **Henry Bean** the Testator have to this my Will contained in two Sheets of Paper set my hand and seal (that is to say) my hand to the first Sheet and my hand and seal to the second and last Sheet thereof this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine **Henry Bean** (L.S.) Signed sealed published and declared by the above named **Henry Bean** the 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 hereunder subscribed our names as witnesses thereto W[illa]m Browne — N. Wingfield —Fred[eric]k More.

The Will of **Henry Bean** late of Hastings within the Archdeaconry of Lewes Yeoman deceased was proved the ninth day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty two Before the Reverend Thomas Richards Clerk Surrogate and so forth Upon the Oaths of **Mary Enefer** and **Thomas Bean** the Executors in the said Will named To whom was committed the Administration of the Goods &c They being first sworn well and faithfully to administerthe same and so forth Sworn also that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased do not amount in value untoTwo hundred pounds
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, August 2026

NOTES

People
Henry Bean, yeoman, testator
Mary Enefer, daughter
Mary Enefer, granddaughter
Henry Bean, son
Thomas Bean, son
William Bean, son

Places
Hastings

Relevant Events
Henry Bean was buried 12 Jul 1831 at Hastings, All Saints, age 79 years.
He married Mary Kemp on 4 Jan 1776 at Hastings St Clement. Mary was buried on 26 Apr 1822 at Hastings All Saints, age 72 years.

Their daughter Mary Bean married John Sinnock on 28 Aug 1806 at Hastings St Clement, but she remarried after he died in 1808 to John Enefer on 26 Nov 1809 at Hastings St Clement.

There is a marriage of a Henry Bean and Mary Ann Enefer on 4 Feb 1798 at St James Paddington, Westminster. This is possibly Henry and Mary's son Henry who was baptised 7 Apr 1776 at Hastings All Saints.

Family Tree
See Tree 5. "The Beans of Hastings"

42. Will of Thomas Bean, Sailmaker of Hastings, 1836

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/79/235)
Made: 19 March 1836
Proved: 26 October 1836

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Thomas Bean** of Hastings in the County of Sussex Sail-maker and whereof I appoint my Friends **George Wingfield** of Hastings aforesaid Mariner and **George Wingfield** of the same place Sail-maker to be Executors and direct payment to be made by them of all my just debts (except Mortgage debts) funeral and testamentary expenses as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and I hereby charge my Real as well as Personal Estate with the payment thereof and subject thereto I give and bequeath all my Household Goods and Furniture Personal Estate Property and Effects whatsoever unto and equally between my Wife **Margaret Bean** and my two Sons **Thomas Bean** and **John Henry Bean** To hold to them their executors and administrators absolutely I give and devise unto the said **George Wingfield** Mariner and **George Wingfield** Sail-maker All my Real Estate and Property whatsoever and wheresoever To hold to them their heirs and assigns Upon the trusts hereinafter declared concerning the same, that is to say Upon trust that they my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivor do and shall permit and suffer my said Wife **Margaret Bean** to hold occupy possess and enjoy and receive and take the rents issues and profits of my Messuage or Tenement called "Castle Cross" now in the occupation of **William Whiting** and the Messuage Tenement or Cottage wherein I now dwell respectively situate in the parish of Saint Mary of the Castle in Hastings aforesaid with their respective appurtenances for and during the term of her natural life she keeping the premises in tenantable repair and from and immediately after her decease I give and devise the said Messuage or Tenement called Castle Cross and the said Messuage Tenement or Cottage wherein I now dwell with their respective appurtenances subject to such Mortgage or Mortgages or other incumbrance as may be affecting the same unto and equally between my said two sons **Thomas Bean** and **John Henry Bean** their heirs and assigns as tenants in common and not as joint tenants provided they shall be then respectively living But in case of the death of either of my said sons in my life time or in the life time of my said Wife without leaving lawful issue then and in such case from and after the decease of my said Wife I give and devise the whole of the said premises unto the survivor of them his heirs and assigns And in case of the death of either or both of my said sons in my life time or in the life time of my said Wife leaving lawful issue then from and after her decease I give and devise the moiety or share of such of my said sons so dying unto their respective issue lawfully begotten and if more

Thos Bean

than one child equally between them as tenants in common and to their respective heirs and assigns And upon further Trust that they my said Trustees and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns do and shall during the life of my said Wife let and manage All those my Five Messuages Tenements or Cottages situate likewise in the said Parish of Saint Mary of the Castle and now or lately occupied respectively by **[blank] Broadbridge, Thomas Bean, [blank] Murdock, John Gutsell, [blank] Cruttenden, James Broadbridge and [blank] Thatcher Widow** and out of the rents and profits thereof keep down pay and discharge the Interest of any Mortgage or Mortgages or other incumbrance that may be

affecting any part of my Real Estate and in exoneration of the parts thereof given to or in trust for my said Wife during her natural life as aforesaid and pay the remainder of the rents and profits of the said Five Messuages or Cottages after deducting the expence of keeping the same in repair and paying the Insurance of all my said Messuages unto
and equally between my said two sons **Thomas Bean and John Henry Bean** if living and in case of the death of either of them without issue then to pay the whole of such surplus Rents unto the survivor but in case of the death of either of them in the life time of my said Wife leaving issue then to pay one moiety of the said surplus rent unto or for the benefit of such issue and if more than one child equally between them the same to be applied in any manner my said Trustees may deem advisable And from and after the decease of my said Wife I give and devise the said Five Messuages Tenements or Cottages unto my said two sons or their issue as the case may happen and to their heirs and assigns in manner hereinbefore mentioned with respect to the other portion of my Real Estate devised to them from and after the death of my said Wife as aforesaid subject nevertheless to such Mortgage or Mortgages or other incumbrance as may be affecting the same Provided always and I do hereby declare my will and mind to be And in case any Mortgage or other incumbrance affecting my said Real Estate or any part thereof at the time of my decease shall happen to be called in during the life time of my said Wife I do hereby authorize and empower my said Trustees and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns to resort to and effect any Mortgage Furthercharge Transfer or other Security of my said Real Estate or any part thereof for the purpose of discharging and satisfying the same and all incidental expenses (the Interest of any such last mentioned Mortgage Furthercharge Transfer or other Security to be kept down and paid by my said Trustees out of the rents of my said Five Cottages in ...
Thos Bean
manner hereinbefore mentioned And in case a Sale of any portion of my said Estate shall be necessary or thought desirable for the purpose of discharging any such Mortgage or Mortgages or other incumbrance then and in such case I hereby likewise authorize and direct my said Trustees and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns to make Sale of such part of my Real Estate as may be found requisite first disposing of my said Five Cottages or such of them as may be necessary for the purpose required and to pay and divide any surplus there may be of the purchase money unto and equally between my said two sons **Thomas Bean and John Henry Bean** or their respective issue in manner directed with respect to the surplus Rents and profits of the said Five Cottages Provided that in case my said Five Cottages shall not realize sufficient to discharge such Mortgage or Mortgages or other incumbrance and it shall in consequence be necessary to dispose of any portion of the premises devised in trust for the benefit of my said Wife during her life as aforesaid Then and in such case I direct my said Trustees after making up by Sale thereof or of any part thereof the deficiency required to lay out and invest the residue or surplus of such last mentioned purchase money at Interest in his or their own names or name and pay the Interest and Dividends thereof unto my said Wife **Margaret Bean** for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her decease Upon trust to pay assign or transfer the said principal money unto and equally between my said two sons **Thomas Bean and John Henry Bean** or their respective issue in the manner hereinbefore directed with respect to the surplus purchase money if any arising from the sale of my said Five Cottages to whom I give and bequeath the same accordingly And for facilitating any Sale Mortgage or other transaction hereby directed or authorized and the general execution of this my Will and the trusts thereof I hereby expressly declare that the receipt of my said Trustees and the survivor of them and the heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively of such survivor shall be a good and sufficient discharge to every Purchaser Mortgagee and other person for the money in and by each such receipt acknowledged or

expressed to be received and that the person paying the same shall be bound to see to the application of the money or to enquire into the necessity or expediency of any Sale or Mortgage **And** that my said Trustees and Executors shall be chargeable only for such monies as they and each of them shall respectively receive by virtue of this my Will or the Trusts thereof notwithstanding the joining in any receipt or receipts for the sake of conformity or satisfaction And that the one of them shall not be answerable
Thos Bean
for the other of them but each for his own acts and receipts only neither shall they be answerable for any involuntary loss whatever which may happen or occur in the execution of this my Will or the Trusts thereof And also that it shall be lawful for my said Trustees and executors respectively by and out of the monies which shall come to their hands by virtue of this my Will to reimburse themselves and each other all loss costs damages and expenses whatsoever incident to the execution of this my Will and the trusts thereof together with their reasonable charges for Journies loss of time and other trouble And lastly I hereby revoke all my former Wills and Testamentary dispositions **In Witness** whereof I the said **Thomas Bean** the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in Four sheets of paper set my hand and seal, that is to say, my hand to the first Three sheets and my hand and seal to this Fourth and last sheet thereof this Nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.
Thos Bean
Signed sealed published and declared
by the said **Thomas Bean** the 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 hereunder subscribed our names
as Witnesses thereto
Hy Bishop
Wm Thorpe Junr
Edward Burbidge

17th October 1836 Then were sworn **George Wingfield**, of Hastings, Mariner, and **George Wingfield** of the same place Sail Maker, the Executors in this Will named, To whom was committed the Execution thereof And the said **George Wingfield**, Mariner, and **George Wingfield**, Sail maker, were also sworn That the Goods, Chattels, & Credits of the said Deceased were under the value of Twenty Pounds
By us
J. G. Foyster Surrogate

Testator died
18th April 1836
Probate passed the Seal
26th October 1836
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, August 2026

NOTES

People
Thomas Bean, sailmaker, testator
Margaret Bean, wife
George Wingfield, mariner
George Wingfield, sailmaker
Thomas Bean, son
John Henry Bean, son
William Whiting, tenant
John Gutsell, tenant
James Broadbridge, tenant
Widow Thatcher, tenant
Henry Bishop, witness
William Thorpe junior, witness
Edward Burbidge, witness

Places
Hastings

Relevant Events
Thomas Bean was buried 21 Apr 1836 at Hastings All Saints, "57 years, of St Clements".
Thomas Bean married Margaret French of All Saints Hastings on 24 Jan 1802 at Battle.

Family Tree
See Tree 5. "The Beans of Hastings"

43. Will of Elizabeth Bean, Spinster of Lewes, 1843

(TNA: PROB 11/1976/50)
Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Made: 23 Jan 1843
Proved: 17 Mar 1843

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Elizabeth Bean** late of Seaford but now of Lewes both in the County of Sussex spinster I direct my executors or administrators for the time being to pay the interest dividends and annual proceeds of the sum of three hundred pounds three and a half per cent reduced annuities part of the stock now standing in my name in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England unto my nephew **Henry Bean Martin** of Croydon in the County of Surrey tin plate worker during his lifetime immediately after the payment of my funeral expenses out of the said sum and I further direct to pay the said sum of three hundred pounds part of the said stock or the residuary part thereof to be equally divided between his children by his first wife that is to say **Ann Martin Elizabeth Keating the wife of James Keating (before Elizabeth Martin spinster) Thomas Martin and ~~Mary~~ ^Henry^ Martin** or such of them as shall be living at the decease of the said **Henry ^Bean^ Martin** share and share alike Also I direct my executors or administrators for the time being to pay the interest dividends and annual proceeds of the sum of three hundred pounds three and a half percent reduced annuities other part of the said stock now standing in my name as aforesaid unto my nephew the said Henry Martin son of my said nephew **Henry Bean Martin** during his life and immediately after his decease I give the last mentioned sum of three hundred pounds unto and equally between the said **Ann Martin Elizabeth Keating and Thomas Martin** or such of them as shall be living at the decease of the said **Henry Martin** share and share alike and after and subject to the payment of my just debts the said legacies or sums of money hereinbefore by me respectively given and my funeral and testamentary expenses I direct my said executors or administrators to stand possessed of all the residue of my stock in the public funds monies securities for money and other my Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever Upon trust to pay the interest dividends and annual proceeds thereof unto my sister **Barbara Bean** during her life and immediately after her decease Upon trust to pay the several legacies hereinafter mentioned that is to say, To my nephew **Thomas Martin** of Friars Walk in Lewes aforesaid three hundred pounds sterling To my nephew **John Bean Martin** of number 42 Duke Street Saint James Street Westminster three hundred pounds sterling To my nephew **George Keating** of Lewes two hundred pounds sterling To my said niece **Ann Martin** eighty pounds sterling and to my said niece **Elizabeth Keating** and my nephew **Thomas Martin** sixty pounds sterling apiece and in case any or either of them the said **Ann Martin**

Elizabeth Keating and Thomas Martin shall die in the lifetime of my said sister **Barbara Bean** Then I give the legacy or legacies of him her or them so dying unto and equally between the survivors and survivor of them the said **Ann Martin Elizabeth Keating and Thomas Martin** share and share alike Also to pay to my great nephews **George Tolly Martin and Charles Martin** and my great niece **Mary Ann Martin** (children of my said nephew **John Bean Martin**) sixty pounds sterling apiece And in case any or either of them the said **George Tolly Martin Charles Martin and Mary Ann Martin** shall die in the lifetime of my said sister **Barbara Bean** Then I give the legacy or legacies of them so dying as aforesaid unto and equally between the survivors or survivor of them the said **George Tolly Martin Charles Martin and Mary Ann Martin** share and share alike Also to pay to my great nieces **Mary Keating Ann Keating and Barbara Keating** sixty pounds sterling apiece And in case any or either of them the said great nieces **Mary Keating Ann**

Keating and Barbara Keating shall die in the lifetime of my said sister **Barbara Bean** Then I give the legacy or legacies of her or them so dying unto and equally between the survivors and survivor of them share and share alike And I direct that all the said legacies hereinbefore by me respectively given shall be paid to the respective legatees within six calendar months next after the decease of my said sister **Barbara Bean** And subject to the interest for life hereinbefore by me given to my said sister and to the payment of the said legacies and sums of money I direct my executors or administrators for the time being to pay distribute and divide the said residue of my personal estate unto and equally between the said legatees hereinbefore and hereinafter by me named that is to say, the said **John Bean Martin George Tolly Martin Charles Martin Mary Ann Martin Henry Bean Martin Ann Martin Elizabeth Keating Henry Martin Thomas Martin the son of Henry Bean Martin Thomas Martin of Lewes George Keating Mary Keating Ann Keating and Barbara Keating** ~~and Henry Martin of Croydon~~ share and share alike And in case any of them the said Residuary Legatees hereinbefore named by me severally named shall die in the lifetime of my said sister **Barbara Bean** I give the share or shares of and in my said residuary personal estate of him her or them so dying unto the survivors of them my said residuary legatees severally hereinbefore named share and share alike And I constitute and appoint my said nephews **John Bean Martin and Thomas Martin** of Lewes and my friend **Charles Edwards** late of Lewes aforesaid but now of Hove in the said County of Sussex Gentleman Executors of this my will and I give the said **Charles Edwards** nineteen pounds and nineteen shillings as a gratuity for his trouble And I authorize my executors and administrators for the time being to continue or invest and place out at interest on government or any real security or securities where they or he shall think proper any sum or sums of money which may come to their or his hands by virtue of this my will and from time to time to sell out or call in and reinvest and replace the same at interest in manner aforesaid And I declare that my said executors or administrators or the executors or administrators of any of them shall not be accountable for the acts deeds or defaults of each other the joining in receipts for conformity notwithstanding / nor for any loss that may happen by any means whatsoever without his or their or his or their respective wilful neglect or default And I further authorize my said executors or administrators and every of them and their respective executors or administrators in the first place to deduct and retain to himself and themselves respectively out of my estate all such costs damages and expenses as he or they shall respectively pay expend sustain or be put unto in or about the execution of this my will or in anywise touching the same with a reasonable allowance for their journeys trouble and loss of time And lastly I revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made In testimony whereof I the said **Elizabeth Bean** the testatrix have to the three first sheets of this my last will and testament contained in four sheets of paper set my hand

and to this fourth and last sheet thereof my hand and seal the twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three **=Elizabeth Bean=** Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Elizabeth Bean the testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the word "Mary" in the first sheet having been first obliterated with a pen and the word "Henry" written over the same and the obliteration in the fifth line from the top of the third sheet having been first made

Fr. Harding Gell Lewes, James Inskip his clerk.

Proved at London 17th March 1843 before the Worshipful Augustus Frederick Bayford Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oath of **Charles Edwards** one of the Executors to whom administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer. Power

reserved of making the like grant to **John Bean Martin and Thomas Martin** the nephews the other executors when they shall apply for the same.

Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 21 June 2026

NOTES

People

Elizabeth Bean, spinster, testatrix
Barbara Bean, sister
Henry Bean Martin of Croydon, nephew
Ann Martin, daughter of Henry Bean Martin
Elizabeth Keating (before Martin), daughter of Henry Bean Martin, wife of James Keating
Thomas Martin, son of Henry Bean Martin
Henry Martin, son of Henry Bean Martin
Thomas Martin of Lewes, nephew, joint executor
John Bean Martin of Westminster, nephew, joint executor
George Keating of Lewes, nephew
George Tolley Martin, great nephew, son of John Bean Martin
Charles Martin, , son of John Bean Martin
Mary Ann Martin, , daughter of John Bean Martin
Mary Keating, great niece
Ann Keating, great niece
Barbara Keating, great niece
Charles Edwards of Hove, friend, joint executor

Places

Lewes
Seaford
Croydon, Surrey
Westminster, London
Hove

Relevant Events

Elizabeth Bean was buried on 20 Feb 1843 at St Leonards Seaford, ("85 years, All Saints Lewes").

Elizabeth Bean was bap. 26 May 1757 at Seaford, the daughter of Henry Bean (1723-1805) and Elizabeth Wood (c1730-1794).

Family Tree

See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

44. Will of Barbara Bean, Spinster of Lewes, 1845

(TNA: PROB 11/2022/172)
Made: 19 April 1843
Proved: 13 August 1845
Prerogative Court of Canterbury

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Barbara Bean** of Lewes in the County of Sussex Spinster I give unto each of my nephews **John Bean Martin Thomas Martin George Keating and James Keating** one hundred and fifty pounds three now three and a half per cent annuities part of the stock now standing in my name solely or in the names of myself and my late
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Sister **Elizabeth Bean** in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England I give to each of my two nephews **John Martin** Tailor and **Harry Bean Martin** (tin plate maker) one hundred pounds other part of the same stock I give to each of my great nephews **Henry Martin and Thomas Martin** sons of my said nephew **Henry Bean Martin** fifty pounds other part of the same stock I give unto each of my great nephews **George Tolley Martin and Charles Martin** sons of the said **John Bean Martin** fifty pounds other part of the same stock which said several specified legacies hereinbefore by me given I direct to be paid or transferred to my legatees respectively as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and after and subject to the payment of my said legacies hereinbefore by me given and my debts and funeral and testamentary expences I give all the residue of my monies other invested in the public funds or elsewhere securities for money and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto and equally between my said nephews **John Bean Martin, Thomas Martin, and George Keating James Keating, John Martin and Henry Bean Martin** and my said great nephews **Henry Martin Thomas Martin George Tolley Martin and Charles Martin** share and share alike and in case any or either of them my said nephews and great nephews hereinbefore by me severally named shall die in my lifetime and leave lawful issue who shall be living at my decease then I give as well the legacy or legacies of him or them so dying as the part or respective parts of and in my residuary estate of him or them so dying unto his or their respective lawful issue equally to be divided between them if more than one but so that such issue shall only take or be entitled to such share and no more as his her or their parent or respective parents would have been entitled to if living and in case any or either of them my said nephews and great nephews hereinbefore by me severally named shall die in my lifetime and have no lawful issue who shall be living at my decease then I direct that as well the legacy or legacies of him or them so dying or his or their part or parts of and in my residuary personal estate ^shall sink into my residuary personal estate^ and be distributable accordingly And I appoint my friends **Charles Edwards** and my said nephew **James Keating** Executors of this my Will and give the said **Charles Edwards** ten pounds as a Gratuity for his trouble and I declare that my Executors hereinbefore named or the Executors or Administrators of either of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the acts deeds or defaults of each other the joining in receipts for conformity notwithstanding not for any loss which may happen by any ways or means whatsoever without his or their respective wilful neglect or default And I further authorise and empower my said Executors and each of them and their respective executors or administrators in the first place to deduct and retain to himself and themselves respectively all such costs charges damages and expences as he or they shall respectively pay expend sustain or be at or put unto in or about the performance and execution of this my will or

in anywise concerning] the same together with a reasonable allowance for their journies trouble and loss of time And Lastly I revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made In testimony whereof I the said **Barbara Bean** the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. **Barbara Bean** - Signed sealed published and declared by the above named **Barbara Bean** the Testatrix as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each
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other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses. Ann Martin. Inigo Gell Lewes Sussex Gent.

Proved at London the 13th day of August 1845 before the Worshipful John Daubeny Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oaths of **Charles Edwards and James Keating** the Executors to whom Administration was granted having been first sworn duly to Administer.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 22 June 2026

NOTES

People
Barbara Bean, spinster, testatrix
Elizabeth Bean deceased, sister
John Bean Martin, nephew
Thomas Martin, nephew
George Keating, nephew
James Keating, nephew, joint executor
John Martin, nephew
Henry Bean Martin, nephew
Henry Martin, son of Henry Bean Martin
Thomas Martin, son of Henry Bean Martin
George Tolley Martin, son of John Bean Martin
Charles Martin, son of John Bean Martin
Charles Edwards, friend, joint executor
Ann Martin, witness
Inigo Gell, witness

Places
Lewes

Relevant Events
Barbara Bean was buried on 26 July 1845 at St Leonards Seaford, ("86 years, Lewes").
Barbara Bean was bap. 2 Jun 1759 at Seaford, the daughter of Henry Bean (1723-1805) and Elizabeth Wood (c1730-1794).

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

45. Admon of Henry Bean, Farmer of Isfield, 1851

(ESRO: PBT 2/1/13)
Granted: 16 Dec 1851

On the sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one The Reverend Anthony Nott Clerk Surrogate and so forth committed Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and credits of **Henry Bean** late of Isfield within the Deanry of Southmalling Farmer deceased intestate to **Ann Bean** of Isfield aforesaid the Widow and Relict of the said **Henry Bean** She being first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same and so forth. And that the said Goods &c were under the Value of one thousand and five hundred pounds.

The said **Ann Bean** and **James Bean** of Hurstperpoint in the said County Farmer and **Henry Bean** of Isfield aforesaid Farmer are respectively bound in this Behalf in the penalty of three thousand pounds. - died 21st Septr 1851.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 25 July 2026.

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NOTES

People
Henry Bean, testator
Ann Bean, wife
James Bean, surety
Henry Bean, surety

Places
Isfield
Hurstpierpoint

Relevant Events
Henry Bean died on 21 September 1851 and was buried on 26 September 1851 at Isfield St Margaret, ("61 years"). A headstone survives for him and his family.

> HENRY BEAN
> DIED 21 SEPT 1851, AGED 61 YEARS.
> ANN BEAN, HIS WIDOW
> DIED 12 MAR 1875, AGED 85 YEARS.
> ANN BEAN, THEIR DAUGHTER
> DIED 22 SEPT 1832, AGED 23 YEARS.
> JEMIMA HANDLEY, THEIR DAUGHTER
> DIED 19 AUG 1839, AGED 25 YEARS.
> BENJAMIN BEAN, THEIR SON
> DIED 11 MAY 1853, AGED 27 YEARS.
> EMILY FLEET, THEIR DAUGHTER
> DIED 7 APRIL 1863, AGED 35 YEARS.

PHILADELPHIA EVERSON, THEIR DAUGHTER
DIED 6 JULY 1863, AGED 46 YEARS.
JAMES BEAN, THEIR SON
DIED 3 MAR 1872, AGED 63 YEARS.

He was the son of Sir Humphrey Bean and Fanny Pearson (see "Admon of Humphrey Bean of Waldron, 1804").
Henry Bean married Ann Harris on 30 Apr 1809 at Lewes All Saints.

Henry and Ann Bean are in the 1851 census for Isfield where his place of birth is given as Tudeley, Kent.

Family Tree
See Tree 1. "John Beane the Elder of [East] Blatchington"

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Chapter 4 - Other Related Wills and Documents

46. Will of Susan Seaman, Spinster of East Blatchington, 1677

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/43/115)
Made: 13 May 1673
Proved: 13 November 1677
(Familysearch Film: 1885871, Image 566)

In the Name of God Amen the [page tear]th day of May 1673 I **Susan Seaman** of Bletchington in the County of Sussex spinster being weake in bodie but of perfect memorie Doe make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner and forme following, First I comend my Soule to Allmightie god my maker hoping through the death & passion of Christ Jesus my Saviour and redeemer to have pardon for all my sines, And my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent maner as becometh one of my degree, And as touching such worly (sic) good as it hath pleased god bestowe uppon mee I doe devise the same as followeth, And first I give unto **Anne Daniell** the wife of **William Daniell** of winton, the summe of two pounds & ten shillings to be paid unto her or her assignes within twelve monethes after my decease by my executor, and unto her fower Children twelve pence a peice in like maner, w'ch two pounds is in consideracion of the money due unto her by the death of **Thomas Beane**, Item I give unto **Joane Van** the wife of **William Van** of hersemounsoe the sume of two pounds & ten shillings to bee paid unto her or her assignes within twelve moneths after my decease by my executor in consideration of the money due unto her by the death of **Thomas Beane** and to her two Children twelve pence apeice, Item I give unto **Martha Beane** the summe of two pounds & ten shillings of lawfull english money to be paid unto her by my executor within twelve monethes after my decease in consideracion of the money due unto her by the death of **Thomas Beane**, Item I give unto **Henry Beane** my Gransunne the summe of ten pounds of lawfull English money to be paid unto him or his assignes when hee shall accomplish the age of one & twentie yeares, Item I give unto **Margaret Seaman** my Daughter all the rest of my goods & Chatles not disposed of whome I make my full & whole executor, In witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written – the marke of **Susan Seaman**
Signed sealed Published and delivered in the p'sents of
Nicho: Gilbert Miles Marchant

Probate 13 November 1677 to **Margaret Seaman** the Executrix.
Inventory £65 1s.
Transcribed by Julian Elphick, December 2024
The above transcription comes from the original will. The date of the will and the date of probate was taken from the copy of the will made at the time of probate.

Note: The father of the above children Anne [Daniel], Joane [Van], Martha Beane and Henry Beane was John Beane who died in 1659. The reference to "due to her by the death of Thomas Beane" in the will is thought to be a mistake. Although the father John Beane did have a brother Thomas, he died in 1679, after this will was made, and his will makes no mention of these children.
Both the children's father John Beane and mother Martha Beane (nee Seaman) died in 1659. However, no wills have been found for them.
The confusion may have come about because Susan's father-in-law was Thomas Seaman who also left a will in which the Susan's daughter Martha (mother of the above children) was left 10 shillings.
Another mistake in the will is that Susan Seaman was not a spinster, she was a widow.

NOTES

People
Susan Seaman, testatrix
Anne Daniell, wife of William Daniell
William Daniell of Winton [Alfriston]
Joane Van, wife of William Van
William Van of Herstmonceux
Thomas Beane deceased
Martha Beane
Henry Beane, grandson
Margaret Seaman, daughter, executor

Places
East Blatchington
Herstmonceux
Winton [House], Alfriston

Relevant Events
Susan Seaman married Humphrey Seaman on 8 Oct 1622 at Seaford. They had two daughters, Martha (1623) and Margaret (1631).
Martha Seaman married John Bean on 21 Jan 1640 at East Blatchington while Margaret remained unmarried. John Bean was the son of John Bean and Joan Lock and is mentioned as a grandson and beneficiary in the "Will of John Bean, Jurat of Seaford, 1642".

Family Tree
See family tree below.
All places are in Sussex except where shown. The people who left wills/admons are highlighted. The abbreviation E.B. is used for East Blatchington in some places to improve formatting.

Thomas Seaman, bur. 20 Nov 1639 at E. Blatchington
+unknown spouse
- **James Seaman,** b. circa 1589, bur. 9 Jun 1640 at Beddingham
  - **+Margery Weston,** b. circa 1587, m. 29 Apr 1633 at Beddingham, pro. 14 Nov 1657 [*see note below*][24]
    - **Elizabeth Seaman,** bap. 24 Aug 1634 at Beddingham
- **Joan Seaman,** bap. 8 Oct 1591 at E. Blatchington
- **John Seaman,** bap. 28 Dec 1593 at E. Blatchington
- **Humphrey Seaman,** bap. 8 Feb 1595/96 at E. Blatchington, bur. 18 Apr 1652 at E. Blatchington
  - **+Susan Smith,** b. circa 1600, m. 8 Oct 1622 at Seaford, bur. 14 Aug 1677 at E. Blatchington
    - **Martha Seaman,** bap. 29 Jul 1623 at E. Blatchington, bur. 15 Jan 1659 at E. Blatchington
      - **+John Bean,** bap. 22 Nov 1612 at E.B., m. 21 Jan 1639/40 at E.B., bur. 29 Apr 1659 at E.B.
        - **Anne Bean,** bap. 9 May 1641 at E. Blatchington
          - **+William Daniel,** m. 27 Sep 1660 at E. Blatchington
            - **Anne Daniel,** bap. 3 Jun 1661 at Alfriston
        - **John Bean,** bap. 16 Mar 1642/43 at E. Blatchington
        - **Joan Bean,** bap. 21 Jun 1644 at E. Blatchington
          - **+William Van,** m. 8 Oct 1668 at Herstmonceux
            - **William Van,** bap. 28 Jun 1670 at Herstmonceux
            - **Martha Van,** bap. 24 Feb 1671/72 at Herstmonceux
            - **Ann Van,** bap. 6 Feb 1673/74 at Herstmonceux, bur. 12 Feb 1674 at Herstmonceux
            - **John Van,** bap. 27 Jun 1675 at Herstmonceux
            - **Elizabeth Van,** bap. 2 Jun 1678 at Herstmonceux
        - **Martha Bean,** bap. 13 May 1647 at E. Blatchington
        - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 10 Feb 1649/50 at E. Blatchington
        - **John Bean,** bap. 25 Oct 1653 at E. Blatchington, bur. 25 Feb 1654/55 at E. Blatchington
        - **Henry Bean,** bap. 29 Jun 1656 at E. Blatchington, bur. 7 Mar 1703 at E. Blatchington
          - **+Mary Savage,** b. circa 1657, m. 29 Apr 1684 at Alfriston, bur. 26 Feb 1752 at E.B
            - **John Bean,** bap. 8 Mar 1684/85 at E. Blatchington, bur. 10 Jan 1750 at E.B
              - **+Ann (--?--),** m. circa 1720, bur. 6 Nov 1766 at E. Blatchington
                - **John Bean,** b. circa 1720, bur. 19 Apr 1785 at Litlington
                - **William Bean,** bap. 21 Dec 1723 at Litlington, bur. 30 Jul 1753 at E. Blatchington
                - **Sarah Bean,** bap. 9 Feb 1726/27 at Litlington, bur. 16 Mar 1787 at Plumpton
            - **Henry Bean,** bap. 26 Jun 1687 at E. Blatchington, bur. 20 Feb 1763 at Seaford
              - **+Elizabeth Dunn,** b. circa 1690, m. 6 Apr 1713, bur. 8 Jul 1772 at Seaford
                - **John Bean,** bap. 3 Nov 1715 at Seaford, bur. 26 Nov 1784 at Seaford
                - **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 18 Jul 1718 at Seaford
                - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 24 Apr 1723 at Seaford
                - **Henry Bean,** bap. 24 Apr 1723 at Seaford, bur. 10 May 1805 at Seaford
                - **William Bean,** bap. 8 Feb 1729/30 at Seaford
                - **Ann Bean,** bap. 11 Oct 1735 at Seaford, bur. 13 Jan 1765 at Rye
            - **Mary Bean,** b. 1689 at E. Blatchington, bur. 31 Aug 1689 at E. Blatchington
            - **Thomas Bean,** bap. 26 Oct 1690 at Litlington
            - **Elizabeth Bean,** b. circa 1692
            - **William Bean,** bap. 15 May 1696 at Litlington
            - **James Bean,** bap. 21 Aug 1698 at Litlington
            - **Robert Bean,** bap. 7 Mar 1702/3 at Litlington, bur. 18 May 1781 at E. Blatchington
              - **+Ann Washer,** m. 23 Feb 1732/33 at Lullington, bur. 11 Jun 1793 at E. Blatchington
                - **Robert Bean,** bap. 16 Mar 1732/33 at Alciston, bur. 1 Jun 1765 at E. Blatchington
                - **Anne Bean,** bap. 2 May 1738 at E. Blatchington
                - **John Bean,** bap. 8 Feb 1748/49 at E.B, bur. 9 Mar 1813 at E. Blatchington
    - **Margaret Seaman,** bap. 20 Oct 1631 at E. Blatchington
- **Nicholas Seaman,** bap. 1 Mar 1602/3 at E. Blatchington

[24] Margery was the widow Margery Young when she married James Seaman. Her previous husband was Christopher Young of Beddingham, identified from his probate granted on 1 Dec 1630 which states "probate by relict Margery and son Thomas". Margery named her son Samuel Young as executor in her will, providing further evidence.

47. Will of John Savage, Husbandman of Litlington, 1698

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/43/115)
Made: 3 June 1698
Proved: 13 August 1698, Archdeaconry of Lewes

In The Name of God Amen I **John Savage** of Litlington in the County of Sussex husbandman being sick and weake in body but sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same And being desirous to dispose of what God has seene to make me Steward of I give and dispose thereof as followeth Impris I recommend my soule into the hands of Almight God firmely hopeing and beleiving I shall receive full pardon and remission for my sins in and through the merritts of my blessed Lord and Savior: Jesus Christ, And I desire my body should be decently interred att the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving Sister **Judith Waivell wife of John Waivell** the sume of tenn pounds to be paid her by my Executors hereinafter named Item I give and bequeath unto my loveing sister **Elizabeth Dickenson** the sume of twenty pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid her as hereinafter named Item I give will and bequeath unto my loveing brother **William Savage** the sume of tenn pounds of like lawful money of England to be paid him as is hereinafter mentioned. Item I give will and bequeath unto my brother **Richard Savage** the sume of twenty pounds of like lawful money to be paid him in such manner as is hereafter expressed Item I give and bequeath unto my cozen **Elizabeth Beane** the sume of five pounds of like lawful money of England to be paid her by my Executors hereinafter named Shee beingthe daughter of my brother **Henry Beane** Item I give and bequeath unto my said brother **Richard Savage** one feather bedd and bedstoole with two blanketts coverlett one bolster and one paire of sheets And all my waring apparell both linnen and woollen to be delivered unto him by my Executors within the space of one month next after my decease All whith said several sumes of money above mentioned I order desire and appoint should be well and timely paid by my Executors hereinafter named within the space of twelve months imediately from and after my decease And that my Executors should make true payment of the said sevrall sumes of money before by me bequeathed I give devise and bequeath unto my loveing brother & sister **Henry Beane & Mary Beane** all that my messuage or tenemt with a garden and barne And fourteene acres of land more or less lying and being in the parish of Willington in the said County of Sussex and holden of the Mannor of Willington To have & to hold to the said **Henry Beane and Mary Beane** and their heires of their two bodyes lawfully begotten or to be begotten And of this my said Will I make and ordaine the said **Henry Beane and Mary Beane** sole executors: In testimony whereof I ye said **John Savage** have to this my last Will and Testament: revoking all will by me formerly made sett my hand and seale this third day of June Anno Dom one thousand six hundred ninety eight.

John Savage
his marke

Signed Sealed published declared and delivered
by the said Testator to be his last Will & Testamt
in ye presence of us who have hereunto sett our hand
W. Marckwick
Robart Tutt
Edward Basden

Probate:
On the 13th day of August in the Year 1698 **Henry Beane** one of the executors named in this testament, was sworn ….. power being reserved to **Mary Beane**, the other executor, when she shall come [to request it], etc.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 19th June 2026

NOTES

People
John Savage, husbandman, testator
Judith Waivell, sister
John Waivell, husband of Judith
Elizabeth Dickenson, sister
William Savage, brother
Richard Savage, brother
Henry Savage, brother
Elizabeth Beane, cousin
Mary Beane, sister
Henry Beane, brother-in-law
W. Marckwick, witness
Robart Tutt, witness
Edward Basden, witness

Places
Litlington
Willingdon

Relevant Events
John Savage was baptised 14 Jan 1651/52 at St Mary the Virgin, Eastbourne, son of John Savage and Elizabeth Tutt.
He was the brother of Mary Savage who married Henry Beane on 29 April 1684 at Alfriston and they were the first Beans to live at Clapham Farm at Litlington.

Their father died intestate and the grant of administration states:
28th September [1678]
Administration of the goods rights and credits of **John Savage** late of Willingdon deceased intestate was granted to **Elizabeth Savage** his Relict sworn well and faithfully to administer
The same **Elizabeth**, **Edward Howell** of Willingdon yeoman and **Robert Coopper** of the Cliff next Lewes were bound in the sum of £200
Inventory extended to £58 3 4d
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell April 2024.

Family Tree

See below.

All places are in Sussex except where shown. The people who left wills/admons are highlighted. The abbreviation E.B. is used for East Blatchington in some places to improve formatting.

John Savage, b. c1620, bur. 1678 at Willingdon
+**Elizabeth Tutt,** b. c1620, m. c1647, bur. 1685 at Willingdon
├── **Judith Savage,** bap. 1648 at Eastbourne
│ +**Henry Wymarke,** m. 1672 at E. Blatchington
│ +**John Wavill,** m. 1696 at Tarring Neville
├── **John Savage,** bap. 1651 at Eastbourne, bur. 1651 at Eastbourne
├── **John Savage,** bap. 1652 at Eastbourne, pro. 1698
├── **Elizabeth Savage,** b. c1653
│ +**(--?--) Dickenson,** m. c1680
├── **William Savage,** b. c1655
│ +**Elizabeth Mott,** m. 1682 at Lewes
├── **Mary Savage,** b. c1657, bur. 1752 at E. Blatchington
│ +**Henry Bean,** bap. 1656 at E. Blatchington, m. 1684 at Alfriston, bur. 1703 at E. Blatchington
│ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1685 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1750 at E. Blatchington
│ │ +**Ann (--?--),** m. c1720, bur. 1766 at E. Blatchington
│ │ ├── **John Bean,** b. c1720, bur. 1785 at Litlington
│ │ │ +**Mary Bridgeman,** bur. 1798 at Litlington
│ │ │ ├── **John Bean,** b. 1755 at Litlington, bur. 1829 at Litlington
│ │ │ │ +**Catharine Willard,** b. 1767 at Eastbourne, m. 1793 Litlington, bur. 1825 Litlington
│ │ │ │ └── **John Bateman Bean,** bap. 1794 at Litlington, bur. 1798 at Litlington
│ │ │ └── **Barbara Bean,** b. c1759
│ │ │ +**William Hawes,** m. 1783 at Berwick, bur. 1784 at Berwick
│ │ ├── **William Bean,** bap. 1723 at Litlington, bur. 1753 at E. Blatchington
│ │ └── **Sarah Bean,** bap. 1727 at Litlington, bur. 1787 at Plumpton
│ │ +**Benjamin Davis,** m. 1750 at Hamsey, bur. 1786 at Brighton
│ │ ├── **Ann Davis,** bap. 1751 at Hamsey
│ │ ├── **Joanna Davis,** bap. 1753 at Hamsey
│ │ ├── **Sally Davis,** bap. 1754 at Hamsey
│ │ └── **John Davis,** bap. 1755 at Hamsey
│ ├── **Henry Bean,** bap. 1687 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1763 at Seaford
│ │ +**Elizabeth Dunn,** b. c1690, m. 1713, bur. 1772 at Seaford
│ │ ├── **John Bean,** bap. 1715 at Seaford, bur. 1784 at Seaford
│ │ │ +**Ann Breach,** b. 1737 at Piddinghoe, bur. 1770 at Seaford
│ │ │ ├── **Anne Breach,** bap. 1759 at Litlington
│ │ │ │ +**James Simmons,** m. 1792 at Seaford
│ │ │ ├── **John Breach,** bap. 1760 at Litlington
│ │ │ └── **Elizabeth Breach,** bap. 1768 at Seaford, bur. 1792 at Seaford
│ │ │ +**Charity Tiltman,** m. 1772 at Seaford, bur. 1808 at Seaford
│ │ │ └── **Arabella Bean,** bap. 1772 at Seaford
│ │ │ +**John Gorringe,** m. 1794 at Seaford
│ │ ├── **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1718 at Seaford
│ │ ├── **Thomas Bean,** bap. 1723 at Seaford
│ │ ├── **Henry Bean,** bap. 1723 at Seaford, bur. 1805 at Seaford
│ │ │ +**Elizabeth Wood,** b. c1730, m. 1751 at Bishopstone, bur. 1794 at Seaford
│ │ │ ├── **Elizabeth Bean,** bap. 1752 at E. Dean, bur. 1752 at E. Dean
│ │ │ ├── **Ann Bean,** bap. 1753 at Seaford
│ │ │ │ +**Thomas Martin,** m. 1779 at Lewes, bur. 1789 at Lewes
│ │ │ │ ├── **John Martin,** b. 1780 at Lewes
│ │ │ │ ├── **Henry Bean Martin,** b. 1782 at Lewes
│ │ │ │ ├── **Thomas Martin,** b. 1784 at Lewes

- **Charles Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes
- **William Martin,** b. 1788 at Lewes

Mary Bean, bap. 1755 at Seaford, bur. 1818 at Lewes
+**John Martin,** m. 1782 at Seaford, bur. 1790 at Lewes
- **John Bean Martin,** b. 1784 at Lewes, bur. 1848 at Westminster
- **William Martin,** b. 1785 at Lewes, bur. 1785 at Lewes
- **Charles Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes, bur. 1786 at Lewes
- **William Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes, bur. 1786 at Lewes
- **George Martin,** b. 1786 at Lewes, bur. 1786 at Lewes

+**James Keating,** b. c1761, m. 1797 at Lewes, bur. 1837 at Lewes
- **James Keating,** bap. 1804 at Lewes
- **George Keating,** bap. 1804 at Lewes, bur. 1838 at Hellingly

Elizabeth Bean, bap. 1757 at Seaford, bur. 1843 at Seaford
Barbara Bean, bap. 1759 at Seaford, bur. 1845 at Seaford

William Bean, bap. 1730 at Seaford
+**unknown spouse**
- **Henry Bean,** b. c1755

Ann Bean, bap. 1735 at Seaford, bur. 1765 at Rye
+**John Swaine,** m. 1763 at Seaford
- **Nanny Brown Swaine,** bap. 1764 at Rye, bur. 1765 at Rye

Mary Bean, b. 1689 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1689 at E. Blatchington
Thomas Bean, bap. 1690 at Litlington
Elizabeth Bean, b. c1692
William Bean, bap. 1696 at Litlington
James Bean, bap. 1698 at Litlington
Robert Bean, bap. 1703 at Litlington, bur. 1781 at E. Blatchington
+**Ann Washer,** m. 1733 at Lullington, bur. 1793 at E. Blatchington

Robert Bean, bap. 1733 at Alciston, bur. 1765 at E. Blatchington
+**Jane Daw,** b. c1730, m. 1754 at Bishopstone
John Bean, bap. 1755 at Alfriston, bur. 1755 at E. Blatchington
Jane Bean, bap. 1756 at Alfriston
Robert Bean, bap. 1757 at Alfriston
Thomas Bean, bap. 1759 at Alfriston
William Bean, b. c1760 at Alfriston
Ann Bean, bap. 1761 at Alfriston, bur. 1842 at E. Blatchington
+**(--?--) Hook**
- **George Hook Bean,** b. 1802 at E. Blatchington

Sarah Bean, bap. 1762 at Litlington, bur. 1764 at Litlington
Henry Bean, bap. 1764 at Litlington, bur. 1764 at Litlington
John Bean, bap. 1765 at Litlington

Anne Bean, bap. 1738 at E. Blatchington
+**William Towner,** m. 1757 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1762 at Seaford
John Towner, bap. 1757 at E. Blatchington
+**Sarah Stanford,** m. 1778 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1787 at Seaford
- **John Towner,** bap. 1780 at E. Blatchington

+**Sarah Day,** m. 1792 at Denton, bur. 1797 at E. Blatchington
- **Sarah Towner,** bap. 1793 at E. Blatchington
- **Thomas Towner,** bap. 1795 at E. Blatchington
- **Hannah Towner,** bap. 1797 at E. Blatchington

William Towner, bap. 1759 at Seaford
Anne Bean Towner, bap. 1760 at Seaford, bur. 1760 at Seaford
Thomas Towner, bap. 1762 at Seaford

+**William Wood,** m. 1766 at Seaford
John Bean, bap. 1749 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1813 at E. Blatchington
+**Mary Hide,** b. c1758, m. 1788 at E. Blatchington, bur. 1816 at E. Blatchington

Richard Savage, b. c1660
+**Elizabeth Hole,** m. 1688 at Eastbourne

48. Will of Ann Swaine, Widow of Folkington, 1703

(TNA: PROB 11/470/167)
Made: 11 Apr 1702
Probate: 22 Jun 1703

In the Name of God Amen I **Anne Swaine** of Falkington in the County of Sussex widow being weake in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be Almighty God for it, doe make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following First I yield my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator Stedfastly hoping for everlasting life through the only merits of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and redeem'r And my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of the Overseers of this my Will And I give and dispose of my Estate and Goods which God of his goodness hath lent me as followeth. Imprimis I give and devise all that my messuage or Tenement workehouse barnes Stable Garden Orchards Lands arrable meadow, pasture and woodgrounds to the same belonging or appertaining or therewith used or enjoyed containing by estimation fourscore Acres more or less with the appertenances Scituate lying and being in Smarden in the County of Kent now in the tenure or occupation of **James Newenden** or his Assigns and which I lately purchased of **Tho. Rowe** of Westham Gent. and **Anne** his wife onely daughter and Heir of **Samuel Parker** late of East Borne Gent and all other my lands tenements and hereditaments in Smarden aforesaid unto my loving mother **Mary Bean** to be disposed of and Sold for the payment of my debts Item I give and devise unto my son **William Swain** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten All those my freehold lands tenements and Hereditaments with their appertenances whatsoever in Willingdon containing by estimation thirty and four Acres more or less And also all that Copyhold messuage or tenement and fifteene Acres of Land more or less in Willingdon aforesaid and holden of the Mannor of Willingdon all which premisses in Willingdon both Copyhold and Freehold I lately purchased of **Edward Howell** of Chitingly Glover and which remain together in the whole (as reputed) forty and nine Acres whether there be more or less thereof, all which as one Farme is now in the tenure or occupation of my cousin **James Chambers**. And for default of Such issue I give and devise the said premisses in Willingdon unto my dear and loving mother **Mary Bean** for term of her natural life and after her decease unto my loving Sister **Clement Bean** and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue to my said cousin **James Chambers** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for want of Such Issue half of it to the heires of my husband **Willm Swain** deceased And the other half to the heirs of me the said **Anne Swaine** forever. Item I give and devise unto my said son **William Swaine** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten All that my Messuage or Tenement barne Water Corn Mill, Farm Lands and Tenements with the Appertenances containing by estimation Sixty and five Acres and a rood whether more or less Scituate lying and being in the Several parishes of Falkington Jevington Westham Haylsham and Willingdon or in Some of them in the said County of Sussex, now part of it in the occupation of me the said **Anne Swaine** and part in the hands of **George Allen** and others, and which I lately purchased of **Jane Nelson**, and **Anne Manning** Widows late **Charles Lewes's** and for want of Such issue I give and devise the said premisses late Lewes's unto my said loving mother **Mary Bean** for term of her life and after her decease unto my said cousin **James Chambers** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue to his Sister my said cousin **Mary Chambers** and the Heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten And for want of Such issue one half of it to the heirs of **William Swain** my husband deceased and the other half to the heirs of me the said **Anne Swaine** for ever Item I give and devise to my loving

mother **Mary Bean** aforesaid for the terme of her life All that my Freehold Lands Messuage or Tenement, barns, lands tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever with the appertenances in Falkington containing by estimation forty two Acres more or less purchased of **Francis Bodewell** (and his wife) of Dolington, and after her decease to my son **William Swaine** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten And for the want of such Issue to my cousin **Mary Chambers** and the lawfull Heirs of her body and for want of Such Issue to her brother my cousin **James Chambers** and the right Heirs of his body, and for want of such issue to my Sister **Clement Bean** and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue half of it to the heirs of my husband **William Swaine** deceased and the other half to the heirs of me the said **Anne Swaine** for ever Item I give and devise to my said son **William Swaine** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, All that my Copyhold Messuage or Tenement, barn, Lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever with the Appertenances in Bletchington and the Reversion and reversions remainder and remainders thereof, containing in the whole by estimation twelve acres more or less late my Fathers And for want of such issue to my said loving mother **Mary Bean** for the term of her natural life and after her decease then to my said loving Sister **Clement Bean** and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten and for want of Such issue to my said cousin **James Chambers** and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of Such issue to the right heirs of me the said **Anne Swaine** for ever Item I give and devise unto my said son **William Swaine** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, all those my two Messuages or Tenements buildings backsides Gardens all that piece or parcel of Land with the Appertenances containing by estimation one acre called Botlands or by whatsoever other name or names with all houses and buildings thereupon built, now in the tenure of **Tho. Beard** Scituate lying and being in Denton, And also the Ferry between Denton and Newhaven with all and Singular their Appertenances, and for want of such issue unto my said loving mother for term of her natural life and after her decease then to my said loving Sister **Clement Bean** and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten And for want of Such issue then to my said cousin **James Chambers** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten, and for want of such issue to the right heirs of me the said **Anne Swain** for ever Item I give and devise more unto my said son **William Swaine** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten All that the reversion or remainder after or expectant upon the death of my said loving mother, of all that piece or parcel of Land lying in Seaford in Sussex called the Chequer containing by Estimation three acres more or less now in the occupation of my said cousin **James Chambers** or his Assigns And for want of such issue unto my said loving Sister **Clement Bean** and the heirs of her body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue then to my said cousin **James Chambers** and the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten and for want of such issue to my own right heirs for ever Item I give and bequeath unto the poor of the parish of Seaford forty shillings to be distributed by the Overseers and my said cousin **James Chambers** within a month after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister in Law **Mary Elphick**, in case my son die without issue of his body, (and not otherwise) the sum of five pounds yearly during her natural life, to be paid quarterly at four equall payments out of my personal Estate by my Executors hereafter to be named, the first payment to begin the first month after my sons decease without issue And I doe hereby nominate and appoint my Said loving mother **Mary Bean** and my loving Sister **Clement Bean** and my loving cousin **James Chambers** to be Overseers of this my Will and doe give unto each of them the sum of ten pounds of lawfull money for their care and pains to be taken in the performance of this my Will And doe hereby empower and earnestly desire them to take care and manage my Estate both real and personal to the best profit and advantage during the minority of my Executor All the rest and residue of my goods, chattels, Leases, bonds, mortgages Bills and ready money plate and personal

Estate whatsoever (my debts and Legacies and Funeral expences being first paid and discharged which I hereby Authorize and empower my said Overseers to pay and discharge) I give and bequeath unto my said son **William Swaine**, whom I make and ordain sole Executor of this my Will And further my will and mind is that in case my said Executor shall happen to dye before he attain his age of one and twenty years or be married then I give and bequeath unto the said Overseers to be divided equally amongst them whatsoever shall remain after his decease. And I doe hereby in Such case of the death of my Son make nominate and appoint my said loving mother **Mary Bean** and my said Sister **Clement Bean** and my said cousin **James Chambers** Executrixes and Executors of this my Will. Item I doe hereby make and appoint the said **Mary Bean** to be Guardian of my said Son during his minority, and in case she shall happen to dye during his minority then I doe hereby further appoint and direct that my said Sister **Clement Bean** shall be Guardian during his minority Furthermore my will and mind is that if my Son **William Swaine** shall marry one of a good Family and a good Fortune that then whatsoever here is otherwise disposed of shall notwithstanding be employed to Serve to enable him to make a good joynture answerable to such Fortune. In witness whereof I have to this my last will and Testament written in three sheets of paper to each sheet thereof sett my hand and Seal dated this eleventh day of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and two And in the First year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne Queen of England &c – **Anne Swaine**

Signed sealed and published by the said **Anne Swaine** as her last Will and Testament in the presence of Jonath Darby John Page his marke Mary Pegnol her marke

Administration granted 22nd June 1703 to **Mary Bean**, Guardian, during the minority of **William Swaine** the natural and lawful son and sole Executor.

Transcribed by Julian Elphick June 2022.

NOTES

People
Ann Swaine, widow, testatrix
William Swaine, son
Clement Bean, sister
Mary Bean, mother
James Chambers, cousin

Places
Folkington
Smarden, Kent
Eastbourne
Willingdon
Westham
Chiddingly
Jevington
Hailsham
Denton
Newhaven

Relevant Events

Ann was bap. 29 Aug 1654, the daughter of Thomas Bean and Mary Taylor.
She married William Swaine on 16 Nov 1671 at West Dean by Seaford. William Swaine, son

She was buried on 31 Jul 1702 at Seaford St Leonard, "Mrs, widow".

> Here lieth deposited the
> Body of ANN SWAINE
> of Folkington, Widow
> who was the wife of
> William Swaine of
> Denton and was buried
> at Seaford the -- day
> of July 1702 in the
> 45 Yeare of her age
> [This is the oldest surviving monument
> above ground in the churchyard]
> (Seaford Monumental Inscriptions Group)

Ann is mentioned in the will of her father (see "Will of Thomas Beane, Gent of Seaford, 1679") and the will of her husband, William Swaine.[25]

[25] Will of William Swaine, Mercer of Denton, 1685. TNA: PROB 11/380/86, Made: 7th April 1685, Probate: 13th May 1685

49. Will of William Stretton the Elder, Carpenter of Willingdon, 1724

(ESRO: PBT 1/1/51/301)
Made: 5 Nov 1719
Probate: 21 May 1724
(Note: surname spelt STREETTON in the will but the testator signs STRETTON)

In the Name of God Amen I **William Streetton** the Elder of Willingdon in the County of Sussex Carpenter being of Sound and perfect Mind Memory and Understanding (praised be Almighty God for the Same) Considering the Uncertainty of this life and being desirous to Settle my Worldly Affairs, Do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and Declare them Void, And make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner and Forme following First and principally I humbly pray Almighty God my Heavenly Father to receive my Soul trusting through the Merritts Death and Passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to have Pardon and Remission for my Sins And I desire my Body may be in Decent and Christian manner Buried; And for my Worldly Estate I Dispose thereof as followeth Impris I Give unto my Eldest Son **William Streetton** Ten Shillings of Lawfull money of Great Brittain and no more because all my Freehold Estate will descend to him after my Wifes death, And I intend not to Charge any part of it with Payment of any money Except Ten pounds, nor to give any part from him, Except three acres of Land called the Barnes ITEM I Give and devise All that my aforesaid piece or parcell of Land called the Barnes Containing by Estimation three acres more or less lying and being in Willingdon in the County of Sussex unto **Elizabeth** my Dear and Loving Wife for and during the Term of her naturall life and immediately from and after her death I Give and devise the Same Land with th'appurtenances unto my Son **John Streetton** his Heires and Assignes for ever, And Whereas the Said Lands are now Mortgaged unto Mr **Thomas Willard** for Twenty five pounds in Case I do not pay off and Discharge the Said Mortgage in my Life Time, my Will is the same shall be paid Off and Discharged by my Executrix hereinafter named and my Said Son **John** shall have it Free from incumbrances immediately upon his Mother's Death and in Case the Said Mortgage money be not Paid Off by me in my Life Time nor by my Said Wife after my death Then I give unto my Said Son **John Streetton** Thirty pounds of Lawfull money which my Will is Shall be paid him within One Month next after the Death of **Elizabeth** my Wife to the Intent he shall and do pay off and discharge the Said Mortgage money due on the said Land ITEM I Give more unto my Said Son **John Streetton** Ten pounds of Lawfull money of Great Brittain to be paid him by my Executrix herein after named within Six Months next after my Death ITEM I Give and bequeath unto my Third Son **Thomas Streetton** and unto my Daughter **Mary Bean** the Wife of **John Bean** the Sum of Ten Shillings a peece and no more Having already Given them Their Severall portions; ITEM I Give and bequeath unto **Edward Streetton** my Fourth Son, **Henry Streetton** my Fifth Son, **Samuell Streetton** my Sixth Son and **Elizabeth Streetton** my Daughter the Severall sums of Twenty pounds a peece to be Severally paid them by my Executrix within Six Months next after my death ITEM I Give and devise unto my Youngest Son **Charles Streetton** and his heires and Assignes for ever All that Close and peece or parcell of Land with th'appurtenances late Bodles and by me purchased of **Sr George Parker Barrt.**; And also I give him the sum of Ten Shillings and no more because my Copyhold Messuage Land and Tenements will descend to him upon the Death of **Elizabeth** my Wife who hath an Estate in it for Life ITEM All other my freehold Messuages or Tenements Lands and Premises not by me Given away Disposed off or Setled on **Elizabeth** my Wife I Give and devise unto the said **Elizabeth** my Wife for and during the Term of her Naturall Life And my Will is that immediately from and after her death the same shall descend & go as before mentioned and devised Item all the rest and residue of my Goods Chattells and personall Estate not herein before

given away nor disposed off I Give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth** my Dear and loving Wife who I do hereby make nominate Constitute and Ordain sole Extrix of this my last Will upon Speciall Trust and Confidence in her reposed that she cause a true and perfect Inventory to be taken had and made of my personall Estate and sell and dispose of the same (necessaries for her housekeeping excepted) And with part of the money raised by collecting in off my Debts and sale of Goods she in the first place pay off and discharge my Just Debts and Legacies herein before by me given away and disposed off and after these paid the Residue of the money that shall be raised as aforesaid shall be placed out at Interest in the name of my said Wife and my loving Friend **Robert Rochester** of Wannock in the County of Sussex Gent in Trust that my said Wife shall have receive and take the Interest thereof during her life for her better maintenance and after her death the said principall money to be paid and distributed amongst my Children in such manner as is herein after mentioned (that is to say) unto my Sons **Edward Streetton** and **Henry Streetton** and my Daughter **Elizabeth Streeton** the Sum of Twenty pounds a peece of Lawfull money And unto my Son **Samuell Streetton** ten pounds of like money And if any Overplus shall remaine of such personall Estate as shall be left after the Death of my said Wife when the said Severall sums are paid my Will is it shall be Equally divided amongst my Children **William Streetton John Streetton Tho. Streetton, Edward Streetton Henry Streetton Samuell Streetton Charles and Elizabeth Streetton** & my daughter **Mary Bean** share and share alike and in like manner in Case at the time of the death of **Elizabeth** my Wife there shall not be money sufficient left to Satisfie and pay the Severall sums payable after her death as above mentioned that then my will is that my Children to whom my said money is payable shall abate proportionably out of their Severall sums of money to them then payable And Further my Will is that if any of my said Children **Edward Henry Streeton Elizabeth Streetton or Samuell Streeton** shall happen to Depart this Life without Child or Children before his her or their money last mentioned shall become due and payable that then and in such Case the money so to have bin paid to him her or them if living shall be Equally divided amongst the survivors and survivors of them and my Sons **William John and Charles Streetton** to have an Equal Share part and Dividend of the money belonging to him her or them so dying without Issue as aforesaid And Lastly Whereas I have directed but Ten pounds to be paid unto my Son **Samuell Streetton** after the death of his Mother out of that part of the personall Estate as she will enjoy for Life I Do hereby Give him the said **Samuell Streeton** the Sum of Ten pounds of Lawfull money of Great Brittaine to be paid him out of the Freehold half acre of Land lying in the ponnd field and by me purchased of Mr **Nicholas Smersall** which money my Will is shall be paid him by my Eldest Son **William Streetton** within three Months next after the death of **Elizabeth** my Wife who intend shall have the Said Lands during Life, And if my said Son **William Streetton** shall Refuse or neglect to pay the said Ten pounds unto my Said Son **Samuell Streeton** within the said Three Months next after his Mothers death then and in Such Case my Will is that my Said Son **Samuell Streetton** his heires Extors or Assignes shall and may Enter on the said half acre of land And have hold and Enjoy the same and take the rents and proffitts thereof untill the said Ten pounds together with all Interest and charges at Law in and about recovering the same be fully Satisfied Contented and paid In Witness to this my Will Contained in three sheets of paper I have hereto Sett my hand and Seale to each Sheet this Fiffth day of November in the Sixth Year of the reigne of Soveraigne Lord George by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain &c: Annoq Dom 1719

William Stretton (signed)

Signed Sealed Published and declared
in the presence of us who Subscribed our
names in the Testators presence

Tho: Willard
Tho: Williard Junr
Edwd Acton

On the 21st day of the month of May 1724
Elizabeth Stretton, Executrix of this Will, was sworn; to whom Administration and the burden of Execution of the same was committed
by us, Thomas Pierce, Sur.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 6 August 2026

NOTES

People
William Stretton,carpenter, testator
Elizabeth Stretton, wife
William Stretton, eldest son
John Stretton, second son
Thomas Stretton, third son
Mary Bean, daughter, wife of John Bean
John Bean
Edward Stretton, fourth son
Henry Stretton, fifth son
Samuell Stretton, sixth son
Elizabeth Stretton, daughter
Charles Stretton, youngest son
Thomas Willard
Sir George Parker, Baronet
Robert Rochester of Wannock
Nicholas Smersall
Thomas Willard, witness
Thomas Willard junior, witness
Edward Acton, witness

Places
Willingdon
Wannock

Relevant Events
William STRETTON was buried on 2 Apr 1724 at Willingdon St Mary, "senior".
William STREATON married Elizabeth ITEN on 23 Sep 1686 at Willingdon, both of Willingdon.

His daughter Mary STRETTON of Willingdon married John BEAN, yeoman of Wilmington, on 25 Sep 1716 at Willingdon (marriage licence 21 Sep 1716, Archdeaconry of Lewes). The parents of John Bean are considered to be Thomas and Ann Bean of Jevington because of the following:

1) Both John Bean and Mary Stretton's parents were carpenters, and both sides were quite well off going by the wills. This is how John gets to be a yeoman, "of Park Farm".
2) Mary's brother Thomas died in 1724 and the probate inventory was done by William Bean and Thomas Sinnock, and both would have been family. Thomas Stretton's wife

was Katherine Sinnock, so Thomas Sinnock was likely her brother, and William Bean would likely be a brother of Mary Stretton's husband, John Bean. This fits perfectly with John Bean's parentage, as he did have a younger brother William.

3) The other candidate often shown for John Bean is the one baptised 1693 at Willingdon son of John Bean and Mary, however there is a burial for him in 1706, "son of John" so he must be discounted.

50. Will of John Parson(s), Cordwainer of Wivelsfield, 1747

(ESRO: PBT/1/1/57/494)
Made: 22 March 1744/5
Probate: 25 April 1747

In the Name of god amen I **John Parson** of the parish of Wivelsfeild in the County of Sussex Cordwiner being in sound and perfect disposing mind and memory doe make ordaine and Constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner and Forme Following First and principally I Commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty god and my body to the Earth to be buryed in decent maner after the discretion of my Executrex hereafter Named And as for my worldly goods & effects I give and bequeath as Followeth First I give unto my Loveing wife **Mary** (my Just Debts and Funerall Charges being there with First paid and thearwith satisfied) All my household Goods Chatles and Utentials with out & within what and whatsoever and money upon book or other Contract whatsoever Upon this Condition that shee my aforesaid wife Mary shall sell so much of my aforesaid Efects as will pay and discharge the Fine of my Coppyhold Lands and tenimet And if shee my wif **Mary** do refuse so to do by this my will I give power to my trustees hereafter Named to Seese upon the aforesaid Efects and Sell so much as shall be seficient to defray that Charge Item I give unto my Loveing wife **Mary** all the rents and profits of my Coppyhold Lands and tenement Leying and being in the Parish of Hellingly as they arise and becom Due (taxes intrest and repears being Deducted) for her to maintaine and bring up my Small Childeren withall But if my aforesaid wife **Mary** Do marry againe with such a man as Cannot Give Suficinet Securyty or at Lestwise Such Securyty as my trustees shall think proper or seficient for the bringing up of my Childeren in such Case It is my will that my trustees shall fourth with Seese upon all my aforesaid Goods and Chatles with all rents and profits which I have Now Devised and Deposed into the hands of my wife **Mary** for the maintenance and bring up of my Small Childeren as aforesaid I Nominat and apoint my two Freinds **Thomas Atree** of the parish of Wiveslfeild and **Michaell Marten** of the parish of Plomton to be my trustees to this my will and testament to whom I give my Coppyhold Land message barne and outhouses withall the Apartinances thereunto belonging Leying and being in the Parish of Hellingly which I have heretofore Surrendered to the Us of my will In trust and upon this Condition that they shall allow and Dispose of all the rents and profits arising Due of and for the said Land to my aforesaid wife Mary for the Uses above Directed And further it is my will that they shall sell my aforesaid Coppyhold Land and premises for the best price as may be had when my Youngest Child shall ataine to the Age of one and twenty years and Dispose of the money after the maner Folowing First I give unto my Loveing wife **Mary** the Summ of fifty pounds provided she remaine a widdow other wise the fifty pounds to be devided between my Six Childeren Shear and Shear alike Item I give unto my Son **Turle Parsons** the Summ of twenty pounds Item I give unto my Son **John Parsons** the Summ of twenty pounds All the residue of the money that shall arise by the Sale of my aforesaid Coppyhold Land & Premises I give to be Devided between my Six Childeren Namely To my Son **Turle** my Son **John** my Dafter **Mary** my dafter **Elizabeth** my Dafter **Charyty** my Dafter **Sussan** Shear and Shear alike And I do Make and ordaine my Loveing wife **Mary** Hole and sole Executrex of this my Last will and Testament requiring her with my Trustees to Execut the same according to the trew intent and meaning hereof In wittness whereof I have Set my hand and Seale this twenty Second Day of March in the year of our Lord 1744/5 **John Parsons his marke** Signed Sealed published and Declared to be the Last will and testament of the testator in the presence of us **Sam Hider Eizabeth Hider Susanna Hider**

25th April 1747 Then was sworn **Mary Parsons** sole Executrix of this Will To whom was committed the Burthen of the Execution thereof By Us Ed Lund Surrogate.
Transcribed by Rosie Ansell February 2021.

Spellings are as per the original will.

NOTES

People
John Parsons, cordwainer, testator
Mary Parsons, wife
Thomas Atree of Wivelsfield, friend, joint executor
Michael Marten of Plumpton, friend, joint executor
Turle Parsons, son
John Parsons, son
Mary Parsons, daughter
Elizabeth Parsons, daughter
Charisty Parsons, daughter
Susan Parsons, daughter
Sam Hider, witness
Elizabeth Hider, witness
Susanna Hider, witness

Places
Wivelsfield
Plumpton
Hellingly

Relevant Events
John Parsons was buried on 19 Aug 1746 at Wivelsfield St Peter & St John. There is a probate inventory dated 25 Apr 1747 valued at £47 2s 6d (ESRO: PBT 1/10/2966).
John Parson married Mary White on 10 Oct 1728 at Balcombe.
Their daughter Mary Parsons married William Bean on 11 May 1756 at Wivelsfield.

Also, from the Keep catalogue (ESRO: AMS 6142/1-22):
Re **Worlds End Farm, Hellingly**. In 1765 the property was released by the children of John Parsons - Turle Parsons of Wivelsfield cordwainer, John Parsons of Wivelsfield husbandman, Mary wife of William Bean of Wivelsfield carpenter, Elizabeth wife of John Knight of Wivelsfield blacksmith, Charity wife of John Comber of Lindfield husbandman and Susan Parsons of Wivelsfield spinster.

51. Will of Henry Read Esquire of Brookland, Kent, 1779

(TNA: PROB 11/1051/218)
Made: 24 Feb 1777
Codicil 1: 3 Dec 1777
Codicil 2: 28 Dec 1777
Probate: 20 Mar 1779

In the Name of God Amen
I **Henry Read** of Brookland in the county of Kent Esquire being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in writing in manner and form following That is to say First I Give and Bequeath unto each and every of my Servants one whole Suit of Mourning and to be paid their full Years Wages immediately after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Also I Give and Bequeath unto the Poor of the parish of Brookland the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain to be distributed in Three Months next after my decease in such manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think proper whom I desire to distribute this Charity in the most beneficial manner they can Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Sister **Sarah Davis** of Ditchling in the County of Sussex the Sum of one hundred pounds of like Money to be paid her in Three Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named for the great Regard I have for her Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Brother **John Bean** the sum of one hundred pounds of like Money to be paid to him in Three Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named for the great Regard I have for him Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Nephew **John Munn** the Sum of one hundred pounds of like Money to be paid to him in Six Months next after my decease Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Nephews **John Earl** and **Henry Earl** and my Niece **Martha Earl** the Sum of One hundred pounds a piece of like Money to be paid to them in Six Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Godson **William Mayham** Son of **Mary Mayham** of Appledore in the said County of Kent Widow the Sum of Fifty pounds and all Interest that shall be due for the same at the time of my decease on a Note of hand from the said **Mary Mayham** to me and I desire the said Note may be delivered up to the said **William Mayham** immediately after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Also I Give and Bequeath unto **[blank] Wraight** of Brookland aforesaid Widow the Sum of Ten pounds of like Money to be paid to her in Three Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named she being left with a large family of Children Also I Give and Bequeath unto **William Lording** of Brookland aforesaid Carpenter the Sum of Ten Pounds of like Money to be paid to him in Three Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter
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Named hoping it will encourage industry he being a very industrious man but has a large family and is poor Also, I Give and Bequeath unto my Looker **Moses Masters** the Sum of Ten Pounds of like Money to be paid to him in Three Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Looker **Thomas Paine** the Sum of Ten Pounds of the like money to be paid to him in Three Months next after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Tenant **Edward Towner** one years Rent of the Messuage and Premises wherein he now lives and dwells Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Tenant **Richard Miller** one years Rent of the Messuage and Premises wherein he now lives and dwells Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Cousin **Martha Read** the sum of Twenty Pounds of like Money for Mourning to be paid to her immediately after my decease by my Executors hereafter named Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Cousin **John Read** the sum of Twenty Pounds of like Money for Mourning to be paid to him immediately after my decease by my Executors hereafter

named Also I Give and Bequeath unto my said Nephew **John Munn** all my wearing apparel of all sorts Also I Give and Bequeath the residue and remainder of the term of years to come of and in all that farm Lands and premises called the Brensett farm which I hold by Lease from the Heirs of **Sir Robert Fagg** Baronet Also all the residue and remainder of the term of years to come of and in all that piece or parcel of Land called the Thirty two Acres in Brensett which I hold by Lease under **Sir Edward Knatchbull** Baronet and also all the residue and remainder of the term of years to come of and in all those Lands called the Craven Lands which I hold by Lease under Mrs **Martha Hall** unto my said Nephew the said **Henry Earl** Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Son in Law **Thomas Kemp** Esquire and my said Nephew the said **John Munn** the Sum of One hundred Pounds a piece of like Money for their trouble in the Execution of this my Will Also I Give and Bequeath the residue and remainder of the term of years to come of and in all those other Lands and Premises which I hold by Lease under the said **Sir Edward Knatchbull** unto my said Nephew the said **John Munn** he the said **John Munn** paying in one year next after my decease the sum of Five hundred Pounds of like Money unto the said **Sir Edward Knatchbull** but in Case the said **John Munn** shall within one year after my decease deliver up the said Lease to be Cancelled Then the said Sum of Five hundred Pounds so as aforesaid to be paid to the said **Sir Edward Knatchbull** shall be Void and not paid The Reason I do this is to show **Sir Edward Knatchbull** the true regard I have for him and his family which I have certified by a Letter

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I have wrote and desire the same may be sent to him as soon as possible after my decease and hope it will be productive of friendship from **Sir Edward** to my said Nephew the said **John Munn** And I desire my Body may be put into a Leaden Coffin and laid in the Vault which I lately Built in Brookland Church Yard near the Church Also all the rest and residue of my Personal Estate my Just debts Legacies aforesaid funeral Expences probate of this my Will and all other Charges incident thereto being first paid and satisfied I Give and bequeath unto my said Son in Law the said **Thomas Kemp** and my said Nephew the said **John Munn** their Executors and Administrators upon Trust that they the said **Thomas Kemp** and **John Munn** and the Survivor of them and the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor do and shall as soon as Conveniently may be after my decease invest place lay out and dispose of the same from time to time on Real Securities or Parliamentary Funds but not on Personal Securities and Pay the Interest and proceeds thereof as the same shall become due unto my Daughter **Ann** the Wife of the said **Thomas Kemp** for and during the term of her natural life for her sole and own proper use and Benefit and that the receipt of my said Daughter **Ann** shall from time to time a good discharge for the same notwithstanding her Coverture and upon this further Trust that they the said **Thomas Kemp** and **John Munn** the Survivor of them and the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall and do after the decease of my said Daughter **Ann** pay apply and dispose of the whole principal Monies and all arrears of Interest and proceeds thereof unto and amongst all and every the Child and Children of the Body of my said Daughter **Ann** lawfully begotten and to be begotten equally to be divided between them if more than one share and share alike and in case any of them shall happen to be dead leaving Issue unto the Child or Children of such Child or Children which shall be then dead But the Child or Children of the deceased shall be entitled only to the share which his her or their Father or Mother would have been entitled unto if living equally to be divided amongst such Children if there be more than one share and share alike at their several and respective ages of Twenty one years or Days of Marriage which shall first happen And in case there shall be no such Child nor any issue of such child living at the time of the decease of my said Daughter **Ann** or in case there shall be any such Child or any issue of any such child living at the time of the decease of my said Daughter **Ann** and it shall happen that all of them

shall die without Issue before their shares or proportions are payable that then the said **Thomas Kemp** and **John Munn** and the Survivor of them and the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall pay the sum of Four thousand Pounds part thereof unto my said Nephew **Henry Earl** his Executors or Administrators and the remaining principal Monies and all arrears of Interest and proceed thereof unto my said Nephew the said **John Munn**

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his Executors or Administrators. Also I Give and Devise all my Messuages farm Lands Hereditaments and premises situate lying and being in the county of Kent and elsewhere in England unto my said Daughter **Ann Kemp** and her Assigns for and during the term of her natural life and immediately from and after her decease I give and devise the same unto and amongst all and every the Child and Children of the Body of my said Daughter **Ann** which shall be living at the time of her decease and to the survivors and survivor of them in equal proportions share and share alike as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants and to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns for ever and for default of such Issue I give and Devise the same Messuages farm Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises with their and every of their appurtenances unto my said Nephew the said **John Munn** his heirs and assigns for ever he paying thereout unto my said Nephew the said **Henry Earl** the sum of Four thousand Pounds of like Money in twelve Months next after the said **John Munn** comes into possession of the said Estate and I do thereby charge the said premises with the payment thereof accordingly And I do hereby make name and appoint my said Son in Law the said **Thomas Kemp** and my said Nephew the said **John Munn** joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said **Henry Read** the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament contained in five sheets of Paper together affixed set my Hand at the bottom of the four first sheets and my Hand and Seal to this fifth and last sheet of paper this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven Signed **Henry Read** (LS) Signed Sealed published and declared by the said **Henry Read** the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our Names as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other

J. Minser Bachelar Brattle Wm Finch

[Codicil 1]

To all to whom these presents shall come I **Henry Read** of the Parish of Brookland in the County of Kent Esquire send Greeting whereas I have made my last Will and Testament in writing bearing Date on or about the twenty fourth day of February last past before the date hereof now I do in all respects ratify and confirm my said Will except as herein after is mentioned and I do by this my writing declare and declare to be a Codicil to my said Will and direct to be taken as part thereof Give and Bequeath to each of the three Daughters of **Sir Edward Knatchbull** Baronet one thousand pounds a piece of lawful Money of Great Britain That is to say I Give and Bequeath to **Ann Elizabeth Knatchbull** Spinster the Elder Daughter of the said **Sir Edward Knatchbull** one thousand pounds I Give and Bequeath to **Catherine Maria Knatchbull** Spinster the second Daughter of the said **Sir Edward Knatchbull** one thousand pounds and I give and Bequeath to **Alice Knatchbull**

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Spinster the third Daughter of the said **Sir Edward Knatchbull** one thousand pounds all which said legacies I do hereby order and direct shall be paid to them respectively by the Executors named in my said Will within twelve Calendar Months next after my decease I give and bequeath to my Housekeeper **Ann Childrens** Spinster one hundred pounds of like Lawful Money to be paid to her by the Executors named in my said Will within twelve Calendar Months next after my decease I give and bequeath to my Servant **William Hayward** who now lives with me twenty pounds of like Lawful Money and I give and

bequeath to **David Hagben** of Brookland aforesaid Carpenter ten pounds of like Lawful Money which said two last mentioned Legacies I do hereby Direct shall be paid within six Calendar Months next after my decease any thing in my said will contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this third Day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and seventy seven **Henry Read** (LS) This writing was Signed and Sealed by the said **Henry Read** and by him published and Declared as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses the word Maria being first interlined and also the word Money being first interlined
R. Thorne John Secker Jos. Pattenson
[Codicil 2]
This is a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of me **Henry Read** which I duly made and published on or about the twenty fourth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and which Will I do hereby ratify and confirm in all respects First I Give and Devise all that Messuage Farm Lands Marshlands Hereditaments and Premises situate lying and being in Brookland aforesaid and which I purchased of Thomas Halford Esquire unto my Son in Law **Thomas Kemp** and my Nephew **John Munn** their Heirs and Assigns for ever Upon Trust that they the said **Thomas Kemp** and **John Munn** and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of such Survivor do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my decease Sell and dispose of the said Messuage Farm Lands and premises for the best price that may be had or gotten for the same and out of the Monies arising by such Sale do pay and apply the same in such and the same manner as the residue of my personal Estate is in and by my said Will given devised and bequeathed Also I Give and Bequeath unto **John Secker** Butler to **Sir Edward Knatchbull** Bart the Sum of Twenty pounds to be paid to him in three Months next after my decease by my Executors in my said Will named Also I give and Devise all the rest and residue of my Messuages Farms Lands Marshlands Hereditaments and premises situate lying and being in the County of Kent and elsewhere in England unto my Daughter **Ann Kemp** and her Heirs for and during
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the term of her natural life and immediately from and after her decease I Give and Devise the same unto and amongst all and every the Child and Children of the Body of my said Daughter Ann which shall be living at the time of her decease and to the survivors and survivor of them in equal proportions share and share alike as Tenants in Common and not as Joint tenants and to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns for ever and for default of such Issue I Give and Devise the same Messuages Farms Lands Hereditaments and Premises unto my said Nephew the said **John Munn** his Heirs and Assigns for ever he paying thereout unto my Nephew **Henry Earl** the Sum of ten thousand pounds of like Money in Twelve Months next after the said **John Munn** or his heirs comes into possession of the said Estate and I do hereby charge the said Premises with the payment thereof accordingly In Witness whereof I the said **Henry Read** have to this ~ paper contained in this one sheet of paper which I declare to be a codicil to said last Will and Testament and which is to be accepted and taken as part thereof set my Hand and Seal this Twenty Eighth day of December One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven ~**Henry Read** (LS) Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Henry Read** as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereto subscribed our Names as Witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.
A Children William Hayward Wm Finch.
This Will was proved at London with two Codicils the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of

Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of **Thomas Kemp** Esquire and **John Munn** 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.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 18 August 2026

Notes

People
Henry Read Esquire, testator
John Bean, brother
Sarah Davis, sister of Ditchling, Sussex
John Munn, nephew
John Earl, nephew
Henry Earl, nephew
Martha Earl, niece
William Mayham, Godson of Appledore
Mary Mayham, mother of William, of Appledore
Widow Wraight of Brookland
William Lording, carpenter of Brookland
Moses Masters, looker[26]
Thomas Paine, looker
Richard Miller, tenant
Martha Read, cousin
John Read, cousin
Edward Towner, tenant
Sir Robert Fagg, baronet, owner of Brensett Farm
Sir Edward Knatchbull, baronet, landowner
Ann Elizabeth Knatchbull, spinster, eldest daughter of Sir Edward
Catherine Maria Knatchbull, spinster, second daughter of Sir Edward
Alice Knatchbull, spinster, third daughter of Sir Edward
Mrs Martha Hall, landowner
Thomas Kemp, son-in-law
Ann Kemp, daughter, wife of Thomas Kemp
Ann Childrens, spinster, housekeeper
William Hayward, servant
David Hagben, carpenter of Brookland
John Secker, butler to Sir Edward Knatchbull

Places
Brookland, Kent
Appledore, Kent
Brenzett, Kent
Ditchling, Sussex

Relevant Events
Henry Read died on 29 December 1779 at Brookland, Kent.

[26] In the 18th and 19th centuries, men known as lookers were hired to look after the large flocks of sheep in the expanses of Romney Marsh.

There is a monumental inscription in St Augustine's Church at Brookland:

Sacred
To the Memory of
Henry Read, late of this Parish Esq.
who died December 29th 1777
Aged 57 Years.
Also of Ann his Wife, who died Feb. 14th 1753
Aged 31 Years.
Likewise of John their Youngest Son
who died Aug. 28rd 1754
Aged 2 Years.
And also of Henry Read Esq.
their Eldest Son, who died June 26th 1775
Aged 24 Years.

Henry Read married Ann Bean on 8 Dec 1749 at Brookland, Kent.

The John Bean mentioned in this will is the testator in the Will of John Bean, Gentleman of Litlington, Sussex 1785 (ESRO: PBT 1/1/65/31) in which he mentions his nephew, Henry Read, son of Henry Read of Brookland in Kent.

The Sarah Davis of Ditchling (in Sussex) mentioned in this will is John Bean's sister. Sarah Bean married Benjamin Davis on 16 November 1750 at Hamsey, Sussex.

52. Will of John Ranger, Labourer of Mayfield, 1833

(ESRO: PBT 2/1/12/345)
Made: 8 January 1833
Proved: 8 April 1833, Deanery of South Malling

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **John Ranger** of Mayfield in the County of Sussex Labourer First I direct Payment of all my just Debts ffuneral and Testamentary Expenses And I give devise and bequeath unto my Daughter **Mary the Wife of William Bean** of Mayfield aforesaid Labourer All that my Copyhold Messuage or Tenement held of the Manor of Laughton situate in the Parish of Waldron in the said County of Sussex and now in the occupation of **John Verrall Henry Bray and John Hazelden** And also all other my Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever To hold the same to her my said Daughter **Mary Bean** her Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath unto my said Daughter **Mary Bean** All and every my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever To hold the same to her her Executors Administrators and Assigns absolutely and for ever And I give and devise All and every the Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments if any of which I am now seized as Trustee or Mortgagee unto and to the Use of my said Son in Law **William Bean** and his Heirs for all my Estate and Interest therein And I appoint my said Son in Law **William Bean** and Daughter **Mary Bean** Joint Executor and Executrix of this my Will hereby r[evoking all former] Wills and declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said **John Ranger** have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the eighth Day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.
John Ranger [Seal]
Signed sealed published and declared by the said **John Ranger** 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 hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses
Willm. Olive Thomas Dann Henry Holder

Testator died 17 March 1833
On the eighth day of April 1833 was sworn **William Bean & Mary his Wife** the Executors in this Will named To whom was committed the execution thereof and the said **William Bean and Mary his wife** were also sworn that the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Testator were under the value of twenty pounds. Under caution by us John Scobell Surr.
Transcribed by Geoffrey Barber, 7 July 2026

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John Ranger, labourer, testator
William Bean, son-in-law
Mary Bean, daughter, wife of William Bean
William Olive, witness
Thomas Dann, witness
Henry Holder, witness

Places
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Relevant Events
John Ranger married Mary Seymour on 13 Nov 1783 at Waldron. They appear to have had only one surviving child, Mary Ranger bap. 15 Aug 1784.

Mary Ranger married William Bean on 14 Dec 1804 at Waldron. William was the son of Sir Humphrey Bean and Fanny Pearson of Waldron (see " Admon of Humphrey Bean of Waldron, 1804").

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