Last Will & Testament of Mary French Admon with will Proved 1800

In the Name of God Amen this is my design me Mary French of Reading in the County of Barks Widow being weak in body but of sound memory Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament ffirst I resign my Soul to God Almighty that gave it me and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hear after named and as for my temporal Estate and Effects I dispose thereof in Manor folloing I will that all my Just Debts and ffuneral expences be paid and satisfied by my Executors in the first Place then I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Titus Tisdal the Son of my late Sister Elizabeth Tisdal the sum of Ten Pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain I give and bequeath unto my two Sisters Jane Higgs Wife of Thomas Higgs and Sarah Land Wife of Thomas Land and my late Brother Titus Strong All my redey money to be divided share & share alike take notiss out of my late Brother share of the money ffortey pounds reducted as he borrowed in his life time and what remains from his share to go to his Children then living share & share alike then my Sister Higgs and my Sister Land to have the rest of the money share & share alike my Sister Higgs to enjoy there share & after there death to go to there Children share & share alike and after my Sister Land death to go to her Children share and share alike Tomas Land husband to my Sister Land not to have nothing to do with her share take notiss Titus Land Son of Sister Land has had ffifty Pounds of me if that ffifty Pounds is not paid before my death that som to be Reducted out of Sister Land share take notiss all my Plate and other effects to be devided between then my Sister Higgs & my Sister Land And Lastly I nominate and appoint my said Brother in Law Thomas Higgs and my Nephew George Strong Son of my late Brother Titus Strong full and hole Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty third of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety fife Mary French Joseph Lay Willm Land

As it pleased Almighty God to take my Sister Jane Higgs in the month of March last I desier that her Children should have her share of my Wareing Aparill Plate and other effects at my death _ Mary French September 16 1799

(Affidavit as to manner and character of handwriting of deceased sworn by Titus Higgs of Heckfield in the county of Hants Painter and William Strong also of Heckfield on 10 March 1800)

Proved at London 24 March 1800 to George Strong the surviving Executor

Further Grant 24 April 1800 Administration with Will and Codicil annexed in respect of Goods Chattels and Credits of Mary French formerly of Abingdon in the County of Berks but late of Reading left undaministered by George Strong deceased to Titus Higgs son of Jane Higgs widow one of the Residuary Legatees

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