

Will of Edward Silvester of Little Canfield, Yeoman

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Summary

- Sealed: 21st April 1826
- Proved: 20th July 1826
- Testator: Edward Silvester of Little Canfield (Essex), yeoman
- Executrix: Jane Silvester, widow of testator
- Witnesses: John Barnard & Jane Hockley
- Beneficiaries:
 - John Silvester, eldest son: Copyhold cottage in Great Canfield (then in the occupation of John Stock) upon the trust that Edward's widow receives the profits of the property during the term of her natural life.
 - Jane Silvester, widow: the rents and profits of said hereditaments for her own use and benefit during the term of her natural life. Also, money, goods, chattel and personal effects for her own absolute disposal.
 - Joseph Silvester and Elizabeth Perryn, son and daughter: £10 each within twelve months of the decease of Edward's widow Jane

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1. In the name of the most Holy and Undivided Trinity. I Edward Silvester of Little
2. Canfield in the County of Essex yeoman being of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory do hereby
3. make and declare my last Will and Testament in manner following. I do hereby give devise unto my Eldest
4. Son John Silvester and his heirs All that my copyhold cotage or Hereditaments with the outhouses yard Garden or
5. Orchard thereunto belonging with their appurtenance situate lying and being in Great Canfield in the said County
6. of Essex and held by Copy of Court Roll of the manor of Great Canfield, which said premises are now in the

7. tenure or occupation of John Stock or his assigns and all my Estate Right Tithe and Interest there in To Hold all
8. the said premises with the Appurtenance unto the said John Silvester his Heirs and Assigns for ever But upon
9. this special Trust and confidence that the said John Silvester his Heirs and Assigns do and shall permit and suffer
10. Jane my Wife and her Assigns to have receive and enjoy the rents, issues and profits of the said Hereditaments to her and
11. their own use and benefit for and during the Term of her natural life; she my said Wife nevertheless paying and discharging
12. the Fine and Fees that will become due in the admission of the said John Silvester to the said Copyhold premises, and
13. maintaining and keeping the same in good and tenable repair at her own proper costs and charges during her Life
14. And moreover I do hereby subject and charge all the said copyhold cotage and Hereditaments with the Appurtenances
15. from and after the Decease of my said Wife to and with the payment of the sum of Ten Pounds of lawful
16. money current in England to my Son Joseph Silvester and my daughter Elizabeth now the wife of William Perryn
17. of Little Canfield aforesaid Labourer and to the each of them severally and respectively within twelve months after my said
18. Wife's Decease And I will that if default shall be made in payment of the said several sums of Ten Pounds or
19. either of them at the time aforesaid Then it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Son and Daughter his or
20. her executors administrators and Assigns to whom the same shall be so owing and in arrears into and upon my said
21. copyhold cotage and Hereditaments hereby before devised to enter and the same to hold and enjoy and the rents and profits
22. thereof to receive and take until the said several sums of Ten Pounds and every part thereof shall be fully paid and
23. satisfied together will all his her or their necessary costs and charges to be sustained by reason of such default or
24. defaults of payment. And as to all my monies securities for many credits household Goods and after Goods Chatels
25. and personal Estate of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever situate (after payment of my just Debts
26. Funeral Expenses and the charges of proving this my Will) I give and bequeath the same and every part

27. there unto the said Jane my Wife for her own absolute use and disposal And
lastly I hereby nominate
28. constitute and appoint my said Wife sole Executrix of this my last Will and
Testament In testimony whereof I have
29. hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord
One Thousand eight Hundred & twenty six

Signed Sealed Published and declared by
the said Edward Silvester
the Testator as and for his last Will and
Testament in the presence
of us who have hereunto subscribed our
Witnesses thereunto at his request
and in his presence

X The mark of
Edward Silvester

John Barnard
Jane Hockley

Notes:

- Edward's widow Jane was his second wife and the step-mother of his children John, Joseph and Elizabeth.
- Edward was buried at All Saints Church in Little Canfield on the 2nd July 1826 as recorded in the parish register