

PRC 32/68/162b **Will of Thomas Kemp, Labourer of Deal, Dated 25th May 1789 who was buried at St. Leonard's Deal 11th March 1812 (aged 77) and whose Will was Proved 1st May 1812**

In the name of God Amen

I **Thomas Kemp** of Deal in the County of Kent Labourer do make and publish my last will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

I Give and devise unto my loving **wife Sarah Kemp** All that my Messuage or Tenement with the Outhouses Backside Garden and other Premises with their Appurtenances thereunto belonging Situate at a certain [place] called Deaux Smock otherwise De Smock in Deal* aforesaid and now in the Occupation of my Son in Law Thomas Goodson All which said Premises were lately purchased by me of and from John Stace Gentleman and Sarah his wife

* *Probably close to the Windmill.*

To Hold the said Premises unto and to the use of my said **Wife Sarah** and her Assigns for and during the Term of her Natural life She keeping the said Premises in good and tenantable repair And from and immediately after her decease Then I Give and Devise All and singular the same premises unto and to the use of my beloved **Daughter Sarah Goodson** the wife of the aforesaid William Goodson* and to her heirs and Assigns for ever

* *Does not agree with that written in the previous paragraph.*

Also I Give and Bequeath unto my Wife Sarah during her Natural life the free use and enjoyment of All and Every my Household Goods and Furniture she preserving and keeping the same in good order and condition And from and after her decease I Give and Bequeath such Household Goods and Furniture unto my said **Daughter Sarah Goodson** her Executors Administrators and Assigns

And as to all the rest and residue of my Estate Real and Personal and all other my Estate Goods Chattels and Effects of every nature and kind soever and wheresoever the same may be I Give devise and bequeath the same unto my said **Wife Sarah Kemp** and to my said **Daughter Sarah Goodson** equally to be divided between them share and share alike and to their several Heirs Executors and Administrators for ever

And I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my said **Wife and Daughter** Executrices of this my Will In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set and put my Hand and Seal this twenty fifth day of Ma in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

The mark of **Thomas Kemp**

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said **Thomas Kemp** the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Dorothea Bond

John Bond

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Admⁿ [*Administration*] with the before Registered Will of Thomas Kemp deceased was on the first day of May 1812, before the Reverend John Francis Clerk Surrogate to the RightHonorable

Sir William Scott Doctor of Laws Commissary General of the City and Diocese of Canterbury lawfully constituted granted to Mary wife of John Skinner the Granddaughter and one of the next of Kin of the deceased **Sarah Kemp Widow** the Relict and **Sarah Wife of Thomas Goodwin the Daughter** and Executrix both [having] died in the lifetime of the Testator She being first sworn well and truly to admin. [administer].

Notes:

Thomas Kemp married Sarah Lingfield at St. Leonard's Deal on 25th October 1762.

They had one known child: **Mary** c. 18 Mar 1764 at St. Leonard's.

Sarah predeceased Thomas - she died and was buried there on 3rd November 1796.

Thomas died and was buried there (aged 77) on 11 March 1812 - giving an approximate birth date of 1735. He is probably the son of **Thomas and Mary Kemp**, christened at St. Augustine, Northbourne (less than 4 miles from Deal) on 3rd August 1735.

Sarah Kemp (the daughter mentioned in the Will) is not found, nor is her marriage to a William or a Thomas Goodson (or Goodwin, as per the proving of the Will). This seems to be a complete mess!

However, a **Mary Kemp** DID marry a Thomas Goodson on 22nd January 1789 at St. Leonard, Deal - and that is the only marriage of a female Kemp to a male Goodson or Goodwin in the right area or time-frame that I have found.