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Transcript of Last Will of Elizabeth Ephgrave (1855)

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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Elizabeth Ephgrave** of **Gustard Wood** in the Parish of **Wheathamsted** in the County of Hertford widow first I give and devise all those my four free hold [?] acres gardens and [?]ments situate at Gustard Wood aforesaid with the respective occupations of **Thomas Groom Caroline Norris James Reeves** and **Robert Wright**? in manner following that is to say the cottage and garden in the occupation of **Thomas Groom** to my daughter **Sarah** the wife of **John Archer** her heirs and [?] for ever the cottage and garden in the occupation of **Caroline Norris** to my son **Charles Ephgrave** his heirs and [?] for ever and the two remaining cottages in the respective occupations of **James Reeves** and **Robert Wright** to my son **Ffредerick Ephgrave** his heirs and [?] forever subject nevertheless as to the two last mentioned cottages and premises to the payment [?] of ten pounds to each of my three grandchildren **Ann Elizabeth Thomas** and **Joseph** the children of my late son **John Ephgrave** such legacies to be paid to them as soon as conveniently may be after my decease I give and bequeathe all my wearing apparel to my daughter the said **Sarah Archer** I also give and bequeathe to each of my two grandchildren **Ann Elizabeth** and **Thomas Ephgrave** the further legacy or sum of twenty pounds to be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and subject thereto and to the payment of all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses I give and bequeathe all the rest and residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever unto my executors herinafter named ??? with all convenient speed after my decease to sell and convert the same into money and to pay and divide the net proceeds thereof to and amongst my three surviving children the said **Sarah Archer** and **Charles Ephgrave** and **Ffредerick Ephgrave** in equal share and proportions the share of my said daughter not to be subject to the debts control or engagements of her said husband but to be paid to her for her own sole separated and absolute use and benefit and I hereby nominate and appoint the said **Sarah Archer** and **Charles Ephgrave** and **Ffредerick Ephgrave** executrix and executors of this my will and lastly hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of **February one thousand eight hundred and fifty five Elizabeth Ephgrave** {flourish} signed sealed published and declared by the said **Elizabeth Ephgrave** the testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other at the same time have hereunto scribed our names as witnesses attesting to the same **Tho Ward Blagg** Solr. St Albans **Saml A?** his clerk Proved at London **10th May 1855** before the worshipful **George Edward Douglas** Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oaths of **Sarah Archer** wife of **John Archer** the daughter and **Charles Ephgrave** and **Ffредerick Ephgrave** the sones the executors to whom admon was granted having been first sworn only to administer.