

PROBATE OF WILL – 22 June 1844

Descriptions

A single sheet of vegetable parchment, 52cm x 39cm, heavily outlined in red, to which is affixed a printed form, 24cm x 24cm also on vegetable parchment, both threaded through the foot with the registry seal.

reverse

Probate
of the Will of
Mr Edward Owens
deceased

extracted by John Hill Clifton N.P.
Deputy Registrar and Proctor, Worcester

Will

This is the last Will and Testament of me

Edward Owens of the Township of Stourbridge in the parish of Oldswinford¹ and County of Worcester Yeoman being of sound mind and memory and understanding Thanks be to Almighty God **First** I will order & direct that my just debts, funeral and testamentary expenses be fully paid and discharged by my Executor and Executrix (hereinafter named) out of my Freehold and Personal Estate and Effects and after payment thereof **I give and bequeath** all the residue and remainder of my personal Estate and Effects of what nature or kind soever unto my dear Wife Maria Owens for her sole use and benefit **I give and devise** Also all that my freehold Messuage, garden and Closes of ground called the New House in the Township of Cleobury Mortimer in the County of Salop unto my said dear Wife Maria Owens her heirs and assigns for ever, but subject to and chargeable with all liabilities thereon which said freehold I direct to be sold by my Executors as soon as convenient after my decease and the proceeds dispersed as afore directed **And Lastly** *I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Mr Paul Matthews of Stourbridge (my present employer) Executor and my said Wife Maria Owens Executrix* of this my last Will and Testament and do revoke all former Wills by me made **in witness** whereof I the said Testator Edward Owens to this my Last Will and Testament set my hand the **9th** day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four

(signed Edward Owens)

Signed published and declared by the said Testator Edward Owens 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 set our names hereto as witnesses **John Truman N E Bathurst**

Probate (attached with seal)

By the Tenor of these presents We Joseph Phillimore doctor of Law Vicar General in Spirituals of the right Reverend Father in God Henry by divine permission Lord Bishop of Worcester and principal Official of his consistory court there lawfully appointed _____
make known to all Men That on the twenty second day of June
_____ in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred
and forty four Before the Reverend William Henry Weston our surrogate at

¹ The copyist, who may have been unfamiliar with the area, or was presented with very poor handwriting, transcribed this as 'Oldoroinford'

Worcester *The Last Will and Testament of Edward Owens* late of the
Township of Stourbridge in the Parish of Oldswinford in the County
and diocese of Worcester Yeoman deceased _____

_____ *hereunto*

*annexed was proved approved and registered and Administration of
all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased and any
way concerning his Will was granted to Maria Owens Widow the _____*

_____ *Executrix named in the said
Will she having been already Sworn well and faithfully to administer
the said Goods Chattels and Credits and to exhibit the same unto the Registrar
of the Consistory Court of Worcester _____ on or before the last day of _____
~~next ensuing~~ and also to render a Just and true Account thereof when
lawfully required. Given under the Seal of our Office the day and yer
above written*

(Signature of)

John Hill Clifton

N.P. De[put]y Reg[istra]r

Endorsements

Stamped

Ten shillings
Worcester 29.4.44

*Sum under
£100
and that the Testator
died on or about the
9th day of March
1844*

Preprinted stamp

Six pence V.R Pro

Attached seal

SOLICITOR GENERAL & OFFICIAL PRINCIPAL OF THE DIOCESE OF WORCESTER 1832