

Transcription of the will of Elizabeth Catlin (Elisabeth Massey) of Mortlake

Will: 17/02/1776
Probate: 26/11/1776

In the Name of God Amen

I Elizabeth Catlin of the Parish of Mortlake in the county of Surry widow being sick and weak in body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following First of all I desire to be decently buried in Mortlake Church Yard at the discretion of my Executrix here after named Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Sarah Phillips all my Stock in Trade of every kind and all my Book Debts of every kind subject nevertheless for her the said Sarah Phillips to pay thereout the foregoing legacies and all my Just Debts Item I give also unto my said Daughter Sarah Phillips thirty pounds and my pint silver mug and pewter dish I give unto Elizabeth Davis my loving Daughter twenty pounds I give also unto my loving Daughter Mary Catlin thirty pounds I give unto my son Edward Catlin twenty pounds I give unto my Daughter Massey Jump thirty pounds I give unto my son in law William Jump my Gold Ring I give unto all my Grandchildren living at my death two guineas each I give devise and bequeath unto my said Daughters Sarah Phillips and Mary Catlin all my Household Goods Plate China and Household Linen (not otherwise before bequeathed) to be equally divided between them in as equal a proportion as can be done requesting them to do it in an amicable manner and all the rest residue and remainder of my Worldly Goods and Effects whatsoever after all my Just Debts and Legacies are paid I give devise and bequeath unto my said Daughter Sarah Phillips subject to no controul whatever provided nevertheless that if my Stock in Trade and Book Debts should after my Just Debts are first paid be insufficient to pay the said Legacies in full then my will is that they shall be so proportioned as near as may be to the said several sums so bequeathed as aforesaid and further in case any person or persons to whom any Legacies or benefit out of or from or by reason of this my will shall sue or cause to be sued in any Court of Law or Equity or by any means sue or disturb or cause to be sued or disturbed my Executrix herein named then my will is that all and every such Legacy by me so given to such person or persons who shall so sue or disturb my Executrix in the due Execution thereof such Legacy shall cease determine and be void and that then I give such Legacy so forfeited to my Executrix for her only use and benefit and I hereby nominate and appoint my said Daughter Sarah Phillips sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former will or wills by me heretofore made and declare this my last will contained on one sheet of writing paper In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy six *Eliz. Catlin* Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Testatrix Elizabeth Catlin as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto and in the presence of each other *Elizth Morgan Charles Baker Wm Quick* of Mortlake.

This Will was proved at London the twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six before the worshipful Thomas Bever Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Sir George Hay Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Sarah Phillips widow the Daughter of the deceased and sole Executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.