

**Will of Job Spencer 1840**  
**Proved in Lichfield**

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I **Job Spencer** of Middleton by Wirksworth in the county of Derby do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say;

I give and devise all that my messuage or dwelling house with the garden and appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Middleton aforesaid now in the occupation of **my son Isaac Spencer** unto him his heirs and assigns forever;

and as to all others my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments and real estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what "sencore or kind soever I give devise and bequeath the same unto **my dear wife Hannah Spencer** and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life or so long as she shall continue my widow;

and from and immediately after the decease or marriage of my said wife which shall first happen I give and devise all these two parcels of land by name Meadow Rood or Meadow Roods numbers on the plan 351 and 352 but now in one piece or parcel and commonly called Walker Close now in my own occupation situate in Middleton aforesaid unto **my said son Isaac Spencer** his heirs and assigns forever;

I also give and devise from and immediately after the decease or marriage of my wife as aforesaid all that piece or parcel of land Spencers Piece or "Heastre" now in my own occupation situate in Middleton aforesaid with all appurtenances thereto belonging unto **my said son Isaac Spencer** his heirs and assigns forever;

I also give and devise from and immediately after the decease or remarriage of my said wife which shall first happen all that piece or parcel of land called Ash Piece containing two roods and 32 perches be the same more or less now in my occupation situate in Middleton aforesaid and to **my said son Isaac Spencer** his heirs and assigns forever;

I also give and devise from and immediately after the decease or remarriage of my said wife which shall first happen all that piece or parcel or land called Spanigers Close or Middle Piece on plan 13 containing one acre 3 roods and 23 perches or thereabouts be the same more or less now in my own occupation situate in Middleton aforesaid unto **my son Ruben Spencer** his heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless to and charge and chargeable with the payment of the sum of £20 unto **my daughter Ann the wife of William Roper** at the expiration of 12 calendar months next after the decease or remarriage of my said wife as aforesaid and I direct that she my said daughter shall take the vested interest in the said sum of £20 immediately on my decease;

and also direct and it is my will that **my said son Ruben Spencer** from and immediately after the decease or second marriage of my said wife is subject to and chargeable with the payment of a further sum of £5 in part and discharge of the sum of £40 so owing by me on mortgage to Mr William Torr of Wirksworth in the said county of Derby.;

I also give and devise from and immediately after the decease or remarriage of my said wife as aforesaid all that piece or parcel of land called Hall Croft also all that my

allotment adjoining the same at the top number on plan 80 and also all that piece or parcel of land called Springers Piece with a barn or cowhouse on the same piece or parcel of land all which are now in my own occupation in Middleton aforesaid with all appurtenances thereto belonging unto **my son Arthur Spencer** his heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless to and charge and chargeable with the payment of the sum of £25 in further part and discharge of the said sum of £40 so owing by me on mortgage as aforesaid;

I also give and devise from and immediately after the decease or marriage of my said wife as aforesaid all that piece or parcel of land called Nether Boller piece adjoining and on one side belonging to Obadiah Adams and adjoining land on the other side belonging to Arthur Spencer and also extending and adjoining Boltas Lane now in my own occupation situate in Middleton aforesaid unto my **daughter Sarah wife of Edward Mather her heirs and assigns forever;**

I also give and devise and immediately after the decease or marriage of my said wife as aforesaid all these my two allotments near Eugrise House known on plan as 10 & 11 containing by a measurement one acre and 16 perches or thereabouts be the same more or less **unto my son in law John Sheldon** his heirs and assigns forever the house being situate in Middleton aforesaid and now in my own occupation subject nevertheless to and charge and chargeable with a payment of a sum of £10 being the residue of the said sum of £40 so owing by me on mortgage to the said Mr William Torr of Wirksworth aforesaid;

I also will and direct that the aforesaid allotments no 10 & 11 which I have bequeathed to my said son-in-law John Sheldon is subject to charge and chargeable with the payment of the further sum of £10 unto **my deceased daughter Elizabeth's children (who was the wife of William Marples)** to be equally divided amongst them at the expiration of 12 calendar months next after the decease or second marriage of my said wife I also direct that my said **grandchildren** take a vested interest in the said sum of £10 at my decease;

and it is my will and I do hereby direct that **my said wife** during her life or until her marriage as aforesaid do pay and keep down the interest on the said mortgage so owing by me as aforesaid;

and I also give and devise and it is my will that all my Mines and Shares of Mines which I possess be equally divided amongst my children as follows

**my son Isaac Spencer one fifth share**  
**my said son Reuben Spencer one fifth share**  
**my son Arthur Spencer one fifth share**  
**my son-in-law Ino (John?) Sheldon one fifth share**  
**and my son-in-law Ed Mather one fifth share**

I give devise and bequeath all that my messuage dwellinghouse or tenement wherein I now dwell situate in Middleton aforesaid with all the buildings gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining unto **my dear wife Hannah Spencer** her heirs and assigns forever subject nevertheless to and charged and chargeable with the payment of the sum of £10 unto my **granddaughter Mary Slack wife of Samuel Slack** at the expiration of 12 calendar months after my decease; I also give and

bequeath all my live and dead farming stock, stock in trade, household goods and furniture, money and securities for money book and other debts, and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever of what nature or kind soever until **my said wife Hannah Spencer** to and for her own absolute use and benefit nevertheless subject to the payment of all my just debts (except as aforesaid) funeral and testamentary expenses ;

And lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said **son Isaac Spencer** and my said **son in law John Sheldon** join executrix and executor of this my last will and testament revoking all former and other wills at any time heretofore made:

IN WITNESS whereof I the said Job Spencer the said testator to my last will and testament contained or written on one sheet of paper have set my hand the fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty (**Job Spencer**)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Job Spencer** the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunder set and subscribed our names as witnesses

Obadiah Adams – William Buckley – Job Spencer