THOMAS HOUSEMAN 1855

This is the last Will and testament of me Thomas Houseman in the parish of Shrawley in the county of Worcester farmer and of this my will I appoint Joseph Partridge of Shrawley aforesaid farmer and Richard John Roberts of the city of Worcester gentleman executors. First I direct my said executors to pay all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses including the payment of £6 being £1 each to the six pallbearers at my funeral out of my residuary personal estate. I give and bequeath to the said Joseph Partridge all my farming stock both live and dead and implements of husbandry and the cider and barrels I shall be possessed of at my decease and also all my household goods and furniture, plate, linen, china, books and household stores and other personal estate (Except my wearing apparel) for his sole benefit, subject nevertheless ,to the payment of Parish Clerk of Shrawley £5 (To whom I also give all my wearing apparel) and to my nephew John Henry Housman £5 and I desire my said executors to see that the said pecuniary legacies be paid within 12 calendar months after my decease either by the said Joseph Partridge or by sale and conversion into money of a sufficient portion of the said stock furniture and other effects hereinbefore bequeathed to the said Joseph Partridge.....??? retained by the said Joseph Partridge for his own use and I declare that my said Executors shall be at liberty to retain to and reimburse themselves all costs and expenses which shall be incurred in their said Executorship and that the said Richard John Roberts shall be paid such fair and reasonable charges for (louwiers?) transacted in such Executorship and otherwise in the carrying out of these bequests of this my Will as he would be entitled to receive for such business if he did not fill the office of Executor and lastly I revoke all Wills by me heretofore made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in testimony whereof I the said Thomas Housman the Testator have hereunto unto set my hand this 18th day of April 1855

Signed by the said Testator Thomas Houseman as and for his last Will and. Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request In his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Thomas Houseman

Thomas S Thornbery. Fred Simms

Clerks at Messrs Roberts and Richards

Solicitors Worcester

28th December 1856

Under £200 Died 28th nov 1856 The Executors in this Will named appeared and were sworn in common form of Law. Also that this personal Estate of this Testator who died on or about 28^{th} Nov 1856 does not amount in value to the sum of Two hundred pounds

Before me Robert Sarjeant -surrogate