

*Note: The original Will has been written in continuous script with no apparent sentence ends, apart from a clear word beginning with a capital letter at the start of the next sentence. In the interests of clarity I have punctuated the end of such an apparent sentence with a full stop. In addition I have also separated each sentence for clarity of reading and, for Genealogy reasons, highlighted persons mentioned in bold. Otherwise the Will is as originally written.*

## **THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF BENJAMIN JOSEPH GIBSON**

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Benjamin Joseph Gibson** of Whitby in the County of York Basket Maker made this thirteenth day of July in the Year One thousand nine hundred and eight.

I appoint my son **Robert Brown Gibson** and my daughter **Hilda Rachel Gibson** to be Executors of this my Will and Trustees for the purposes hereinafter expressed.

And I declare that they or other the trustees and any the sole trustee of this my Will are and is hereinafter referred to as my trustees.

I bequeath the specific legacies following namely

To my son **Henry Brown Gibson** my brass kettle

To my son **Robert Brown Gibson** my circular mirror with gilt frame

To my daughter **Emma Carnall Thompson** my gilt timepiece and glass case

To my daughter **Frances Edith Blythe** my oblong mirror with gilt frame

To my daughter **Marianne Roe** my oblong mirror with polished wood frame

To my daughter **Hilda Rachel Gibson** the portraits in oil of my dear deceased father and mother and my corner cupboard

I devise appoint and bequeath all the real and personal estate to which I shall be entitled or over which I shall have any disposing power at the time of my decease and not hereby otherwise disposed of unto and to the use of the said **Robert Brown Gibson** and **Hilda Rachel Gibson** their heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively

Upon trust to sell call in collect and convert the same into money at such time or times and in such manner as they shall think fit and so that they shall have the fullest power and discretion to postpone the sale calling in or conversion of the whole or any part or parts thereof during such period as they shall think proper without being responsible for any loss

I declare that my Trustees shall stand possessed of the moneys to arise by such sale calling in collection and conversion as aforesaid upon trust thereout to pay my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses and subject thereto

In Trust for my children **Elizabeth Ann Harrison Henry Brown Gibson Robert Brown Gibson Emma Carnall Thompson William Richard Benjamin Gowland Gibson Frances Edith Blythe Marianne Roe** and **Hilda Rachel Gibson** to be divided equally among them their respective executors administrators and assigns

I declare that notwithstanding any postponement of conversion of my real estate hereinbefore directed to be converted the same shall for the purposes of transmission be considered as converted from the time of my decease

And I revoke all former Wills

In witness whereof I have signed my name at the foot or end of this my Will the day and year first before written in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses

***Benjamin***

***Benjamin Joseph Gibson***

The above writing having been signed by Benjamin Joseph Gibson of Whitby in the County of York Basket Maker as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time we

without quitting his presence do attest and subscribe we subscribe in his presence and in the presence of each other.

*Middleton Smith Solr Whitby*  
*Fredk T Ryder his clerk*

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On the thirteenth day of January 1912 Probate of this Will was granted at York to **Robert Brown Gibson** one of the Executors.

This is a true copy