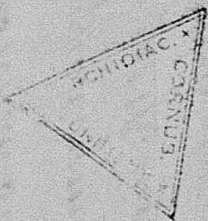


6<sup>th</sup> May 1836

Mr Robert Keane's  
Will.



S<sup>r</sup> Blazey  
12<sup>th</sup> April 1837

Will of  
Robert Keane  
Yeoman, deceased, proved in  
Common Form. before  
John Wallis the younger  
Clerk, Surrogate &c

And Administration of  
all and singular the Goods &c  
of the said deceased, and any way  
concerning his Will was granted  
to Matthew Keane the  
sole executor.

Effects under £300  
paid Jan'y 1837

4<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1836 Stamp £5

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This is the last Will and Testament of me Robert Keam of the  
 Parish of Saint Blazey in the County of Cornwall Yeoman I give the dwelling  
 house garden and premises now occupied by my Son Humphrey to all his Children  
 that shall be living at the time of my decease during all my interest therein share  
 and share alike as tenants in common I give the dwelling house garden and  
 premises now occupied by my Daughter Joan and her Husband to all her Children  
 that shall be living at the time of my death share and share alike as tenants in common  
 I give to the Children of my deceased Daughter Charity as tenants in common the  
 dwelling house and premises now occupied by their Father during all my interest therein  
 I give to my Daughter Mary one shilling and to my Son John five shillings I give to  
 my Grandson John the Son of my said Son John ten pounds I give to my Grandson  
 Robert the Son of my said Son John all my estate and interest in Bedelwa Pot Water  
 belonging to my Ten Bounds I give to my Son William all my household goods &  
 furniture and also the dwelling house and garden which I now occupy I give to my  
 Son Nicholas the house and garden now occupied by William Tamblyn during so much  
 of my interest therein as shall run out in the lifetime of the said Nicholas I give to  
 Mary the Daughter of my Son Arthur four Guineas and to her female Bastard Child  
 fifteen guineas to be paid to her when and if she shall attain the age of twenty one years or  
 be married which shall first happen with lawful interest for the same All the rest  
 residue and remainder of my goods and chattels rights and credits ready money personal  
 estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath to my Son Matthew  
 whom I constitute the sole Executor of this my Will & the trustee for & the guardian of the  
 said female bastard child and I revoke all former Wills by me made In witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixth day of May one thousand eight  
 hundred and thirty six.

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator  
 Robert Keam as and for his last Will and Testament in  
 the presence of us who at his request and in his presence  
 have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Walter Pomey  
 Elizth Pomey

Robert Keam

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# Robert Keam's Will, 6 May 1836

By Wesley Johnston, 3 Jun 2021

Robert Keam died at St. Blazey, Cornwall, in January 1837 and was buried 8 Jan 1837. He had made his last Will 6 May 1836. His Will was proved 12 Apr 1837.

The Will is on a single sheet of paper. The paper was then folded into quarters along the vertical axis of the Will. Text was then written in the second and third quarters, which were the exterior quarters after folding. The second quarter contained his name and the date of the Will. The third quarter contained the information from the proving of the Will.

The images of the exterior and interior are online in the FamilySearch collection "Original wills, administrations and inventories for the Consistorial Court of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall". Specifically, this is from the Probate Court.

The image of the exterior is online at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-XSM3-4Z2?i=1006&cat=329778>

The image of the interior was photographed twice and is online at

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-XSM3-8SM?i=1007&cat=329778> and at

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-XSM3-97V?i=1008&cat=329778>

The following is a transcription of the exterior and interior images. All names are highlight in bold text (which is not bold in the original). The line breaks are as in the original.

Wikipedia has the following entry for "Tin bounds" ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tin\\_bounds](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tin_bounds)):

**Tin bounds** were an ancient legal arrangement used in the counties of Devon and Cornwall in South West England to encourage the exploitation of land for the extraction of tin.[1]

Tin bounds were created by the miner (or 'boulder') pitching stones or turves at the four corners of the land he intended to work.[1] The boulder was required to declare his bounds to the stannary court and to renew them annually by re-pitching the stones or turves. During the early history of mining, the boulder was also required to actually work the land for tin in order for the bounds to remain valid, although this requirement was diluted over time.

Tin bounds did not confer any rights of ownership over the land, only protection against others mining for tin in the same plot of land. The arrangement applied only to tin, not to other metals or minerals.

The boulder was required to pay the freeholder of the land a portion of the tin extracted. This portion was known as toll tin.

Although tin bounding has never been abolished, the use of tin bounds as the mechanism for permitting and regulating the right to work for tin was later superseded by the use of mining setts.

## References

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## Exterior Image

### Second Quarter's Text

6<sup>th</sup> May 1836

Mr. **Robert Keam's**  
Will.

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### Third Quarter's Text

St. Blazey

12<sup>th</sup> April 1837

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And Administration of  
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Sole Executor

Effect under £300

Died Jany 1837

No 87 P60 Stamp £5

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## Interior Image

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## Robert Keam

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator }  
**Robert Keam** as and for his last Will and Testament in }  
the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence }  
have subscribe our names as witnesses thereto . . . . . }

**Walter Pomery**  
**Elizth Pomery**