From Emma Jane's will - 1940

Dear John (Grampa).

We are enclosing a money order for £3.10.0 (approx. \$300.00 Cdn in today's dollars).

Your late dear Aunt Emma left the residue of her estate equally between her nephews and nieces which residue was £42 for twelve: -Dennis & Mary: Uncle Heber's 2 children and youselves, making 3 .10 pounds each.

Auntie Ruth & myself were left Executors. We obtained money orders some time ago but before we sent them on, the m.o.'s were cancelled and the money returned. Now we hope all will be in order and arrive safely......

Many German raiders pass over Broad Oak trying to get to London but many of them fail.

Signed your affectionate Uncle & AuntRuth & John Cook

From Sarah Aldworth West's will - dated 1925

I give to my son William Daniel West my Grandfather Clock. I give to my daughter Emma Jane West my Mahogany Writing Table and Kitchen Armchair. I give to my son Asher West my Marble Top Washstand. I give to my son Frederick West my Loo Table. I give to my son Percy West my Horsehair Sofa and Copper Coal Scuttle. I give to my daughter the said Elsie Sarah West my Tea Service given to me on the occasion of my marriage and my Chippendale Armchair. I give to my son John Aldworth West an Armchair. I give to my daughter mary Westell West my Oak Gateleg Table. I give to my son Heber West my High Back Windsor Armchair. I give to my daughter the said Ruth Naomi West my Bureau Bookcase and five Maple Photograph Frames containing photographs of various ministers. I give my Headless Dragon Tea Service to my four daughters to be divided equally between them during their respective lives and on the death of either daughter the surviving daughters are to take in equal shares the portion belonging to the deceased daughter for their respective lives and so that the last surviving daughter shall have the whole of the said Tea service for her own use abolutely. I declare that neither of my said daughters shall be reponsible for any loss or breakage which my occur to that portion of the said tea service which my be in her possession during her life.

10. Family Antiques

Sarah's 19th c. Lowenstoft Headless Dragon tea service, now in the possession of Helen Barker (via Mary Irish via Ruth Naomi)





Sarah's wedding dress, designed for many subsequent uses. For example, it has a adjustable front panel to allow it to be worn when pregnant.



19thc. tea caddy, used at Venn Mill house



Edward VII watch presented to Grampa after the Boer War.