

**I Mary Ann Meaden** Of the Town and County of the Town of Southampton formerly Mary Ann Clarke Spinster Widow and Relict of Robert Meaden late of the same place Hair Dresser deceased Do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have been informed and believe that William Meaden late of the town and county of the Town of Southampton died in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety six being at the time of his death seised of or otherwise entitled in fee simple to the piece or parcel of land hereinafter mentioned - that the said William Meaden died intestate as to the said piece or parcel of land-that the said Robert Meaden my late Husband was the only son and heir at law of the said William Meaden- that I was married on the Fourteenth day of March One thousand Eight hundred and twenty six to the said Robert Meaden-that such marriage was solemnized in the Parish Church of Saint Mary in the said Town and County of Southampton and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Robert Meaden was at the time of such marriage a Widower without wife And I further declare that the said Robert Meaden had issue by me this Declarant Two Sons only videlicet Mary Ann Dugdale William Dugdale Harriet

Dugdale and George Dugdale and that the said William Dugdale now residing at Reading in the County of Berks was- the eldest Son and that he was born on the Second day of December One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight And I further declare that the said Robert Meaden died in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty five to the best of my knowledge and belief intestate leaving the said William Dugdale Meaden his oldest son and heir at law him surviving whereby the piece or parcel of land hereinafter mentioned became legally vested in the said Willim Dugdale Meaden as such heir at law as aforesaid And I further declare that the said Robert Meaden was as I verily believe at the time of his death seised of or otherwise well entitled to a certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Houndwell Common Field Southampton And I further declare that I have been informed and believe that the said piece or parcel of land has been held by the said William Meaden Robert Meaden and William Dugdale Meaden or some or one of them for the last sixty four years or thereabouts without any claim or demand whatsoever from or by any other person or persons whatsoever to this Declarants knowledge and that the piece or parcel of land in

Houndwell so mentioned to have been held in fee simple by the said William Meaden Robert Meaden and William Dugdale Meaden as aforesaid is the same piece or parcel of land agreed to be sold by the said William Dugdale Meaden to the Corporation of Southampton And further declare that I verily believe that Robert Meaden and Mary Ann Clarke mentioned in the paper writing hereunto annexed marked "A" taken from the Register of Marriages in the Parish of Saint Mary aforesaid are the same persons as are my said late Husband the said Robert Meaden and myself this Declarant, Father and Mother of the said William Dugdale Meaden And that William Dugdale Meaden mentioned in the paper writing hereunto annexed marked "B" taken from the Register of Baptisms in the said Parish of Saint Mary is the same person as the said William Dugdale Meaden \*adult and\* the only\* surviving\* son of my said late Husband Robert Meaden and myself this Declarant And that Robert Meaden mentioned in the paper writing hereunto annexed marked "C" taken from the Register of Burials in the said Parish of Saint Mary is the same person as my said late Husband the said Robert Meaden-And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing

the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the fifth and sixth years of the Reign of his late majesty King William the Fourth entitled “An Act to Repeal an Act of the Present Session of Parliament “-entitled An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State and to substitute “Declarations in lieu thereof and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra - judicial Oaths and Affirmations and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary Oaths.

Solemnly declared to be  
True by the before named  
Declarant Mary Ann  
Meaden of the town of  
Southampton aforesaid  
The twenty fourth day  
Of April 1854

Mary Ann Meaden

**Dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 1854**

**Corporation of  
Southampton  
And  
Mrs W D Meaden**

**Declaration of  
Mrs Mary Ann  
Meaden**

**As to the Heirship of  
Mr W D Meaden  
And other matters.**