

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF THE

REVEREND LEGH RICHMOND

1827

Welldigging to be shared equally amongst them/that is to say/James Robinson & Thomas Robinson. In witness whereof we have set our hands this fourth day of June in the year 1827. The mark of Stephen Robinson witness our hands. Thomas Fisher, Sen Putney, William Johnson, Geo. Rogers (Clerk).

On the 23rd June 1827 Administration with the will amused/of the Goods, Chattels and Credits of Stephen Robinson late of Wandsworth Lane, Putney in the County of Surrey deceased was granted to Mary Robinson widow the writ having been first sworn duly to administer as Executor or Residuary Legator.

The Reverend Legh Richmond.

I, Legh Richmond, Rector of Turvey in the County of Bedford give and devise all those two chief rents or Annual sums of six and nine pounds issuing out of certain messuages lands and tenements at or near to Manchester in the County of Lancaster and all other my real estate unto and to the use of Thomas Hopper Esq of the City of Durham my brother in law and of John Cottrell Powell Esq, my nephew their heirs and assigns in trust to sell the same either together or in parcels in such manner as they my trustees may think most conducive to the interest of my family and I direct that the receipt of my said Trustees or the survivors or survivor of them shall be a sufficient discharge to the respective purchase or purchases without their being liable to see to the application of such purchase money and it is in my intention that until such sale or sales the rents and proceeds of the same premises shall be applied in such manner as the interest of the residue of my personal estate is hereinafter directed to be applied. And I direct that my said Trustees shall stand proposed of the said monies to arise by such sale or sales as aforesaid upon such estate I give and bequeath to the said Thomas Hopper Esq and John Cottrell Powell Esq. their Executors, Administrators & Assigns all my ready money and all such sum or sums of money as are due and owing to me upon any securities together with all other articles in possession as reversion my personal estate and effects, except such articles of plate furniture valuables tokens linen china books philosophical apparatus minerals or other things as I may hereafter specify in any schedule or paper to be signed by me and directed to be otherwise disposed of in trust thereout in the first place to pay all my just debts funeral expenses which I desire to be very moderate and certain particulars of which will be found in a paper expressly drawn up for that purpose and the charges of proving this my will. And from and after payment thereof and the legacy hereinafter given to my dear wife and to my two trustees aforesaid. In trust thereout to ensure unto my dear wife, Mary Richmond the annual or clear yearly sum of two hundred pounds for and during her natural life in case she shall so long continue my widow and unmarried to be paid to her half yearly in equal portions and the first payment thereout to be made at the end of six calendar months next after my death and in case my said wife shall at any time after my death think it proper to marry then I in such case my said Trustees shall only apply the annual sum of one hundred pounds in the place of the said two hundred pounds to and for the use of my said wife for and during the remainder part of her life. I also bequeath to my said wife the sum of two hundred pounds lawful money independent of the above named settlement to be paid to her within three Calendar months after my death. I also give to my two said Trustees Thomas Hopper Esq and John Cottrell Powell Esq the sum of twenty guineas each and subject thereto and to the aforesaid the said Thomas Hopper Esq and John Cottrell Powell Esq shall stand possessed of all and every the residue of my said Estate and Effects except as aforesaid in trust for all and every such child or children whether male or female as I shall leave at the time of my death or that my said wife may be thus pregnant with in equal shares and proportions the shares of such of my children as are sons to be payable at the age of twenty one years and of such of them as are daughters to be payable at the like age or on the day of days of marriage with consent of Guardians which shall first happen and in case of the death of any my said children under the age

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of twenty one and unmarried then as well the original share or shares of him her or them so dying as aforesaid except what may be advanced to any of them by my said Trustees in manner and for the purposes hereinafter provided for as also any arising share or shares to go to the survivors or survivor of them and be payable in like manner as those original shares and in the meantime until such shares shall become payable as aforesaid I direct the interest and annual proceeds thereof to be paid and applied for and towards their respective maintenance and education provided nevertheless and I hereby declare that this provision made for my said children is to be without prejudice to the raising and paying of the said Annuity of £200 or £100 as the case may be to my said wife for and during her natural life. It being my intention that the shares or share of such my said children in that part of the funds and monies to be appropriated for payment of the said prospective Annuities although vested in them at their ages or day or days of marriage as aforesaid shall not be payable during the life time of my said wife. Provided also and I hereby declare that the said Thomas Hopper Esq and John Cottrell Powell Esq shall and may at their discretion advance out the said trust monies for the benefit and advantage of all or any of my sons during his or their minorities such sum or sums of money as they shall see necessary, for the purpose of promoting his or their education either by public or private tuition and in placing and supporting them at any University College or elsewhere and also of placing such son or sons in any profession trade or other their advancement in life so as the same does not exceed one half of the portions he or they will respectively be entitled to receive on their attaining the age of 21. I appoint my said wife together with _____ as Guardians of my said children during their minority. And I also appoint the said Thomas Hopper Esq, John Cottrell Powell Executors of this my will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen Leigh Richmond (LS). The writing contained in this and the annexed sheet of paper was signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator Leigh Richmond Rector of Turvey in the County of Bedford as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto submitted our hands as witnesses to the execution thereof this seventeenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen Samuel Powell, Frances Powell, Elizabeth Powell all of Leighton Hall, Lancashire.

Memorandum March 13 1827 to be added as a Codicil to my former will I expressly will and desire that the whole of my household furniture watches clocks plate linen books prints carriages horse philosophical apparatus collections of minerals and in part whatever else of such my personal property without exception shall be the property of my wife after my decease subject only to such exceptions as may be expressed in this memorandum or codicil. My younger children are to remain resident as their home with their mother to whose discretion I do and can confide every thing which concerns them to each of my married daughters Mary Marshall and Henrietta Ayre. I advanced the sum of £150 towards their various marriage expenses previous to the time of their marriage which must be taken into due account whenever their portions of my property are allotted. My daughter Henrietta also by her own desire had one dozen of silver table spoons in advance at the time of her marriage the following books I leave as stated to my dear son Henry Sylvester -

Bagstor's Comprehensive Bible

Henry's Commentary in three folios

Gills Commentary in nine quartos

Pole's Synopsis in five folios

Calnot on the Bible in six quartos

Hornes Introduction in four octavos

The sixth edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica with the supplement complete

The five volumes of the Cripplegate Lectures

One copy in eight volumes of the Fathers of the English Church
 Goodes Essays on the names and titles of Christ in Six Octavos
 Swindon's Skeletons etc. in 15 Octavos
 Milners Church history with Scotts continuation
 Archbishop Leightons works in 4 Octavos
 Johnson's works in 13 volumes - my college prize books
 Hookers Ecclesiastical policy with the autograph of Isaac Walton
 To my dear son Legh Serle
 A folio Baskerville Bible
 The third edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica with its supplement
 The evidences of the Christian religion in four large volumes Octavo
 Swindon's helps to composition in two large thick Octavos/blue
 A copy of each of Mr Birkenstock's works
 Humo's History of England in eight volumes Octavos with Smollett's continuation in four quartos
 Dirks Christian philosopher
 Serle's force solitariat and Church of God in three octavos
 Maelstroms Geography in volumes
 Boddridges Family Expositor in six 8nos
 Blackstones Commentaries my college prize books in four volumes
 Grubons concordance in Quarto
 Bishop Halls works in ten octavos
 To my dear son Theophilus Pellett
 A folio Baskerville Bible
 The biographical dictionary in 15 Octavos
 Bingleys Useful Knowledge in three 12nos
 Uranias Mirror with Schosthaphat Aspins accompanying book
 The Edinburgh Gazetteer and the published numbers of the Edinburgh Atlas
 Rollins Ancient History in the Duodecimos
 Palfry's Moral Philosophy in two volumes - my college prize book

I leave entirely to my wife's discretion to add to those gifts so as to equalise their value to the three boys out of my stock as she shall hereafter judge best according to their dispositions and occupations. There are many valuable divinity books for them all. I also leave it to her discretion what books she may see fit to give any of my dear daughters with the following exceptions. Viz to my dear daughter Frances I give my black quarto Reformers Bible. My wife will of course make an accurate copy from the list of the children at the end or if she prefer it remove those leaves into her own quarto bible. To Frances I also give my edition of Archbishop Leighton's commentary on St Peter in two volumes Octavo. Also Scotts Pilgrims Progress of Bunyan and the Bagsters Pocket Bible which she usually carries about her.

Also Montgomery's Hymns and Johnstones Selection of Sacred Poetry.

East's Sabbath Harp. Those are trifles but they will not be lost upon her.

Of course whatever books or other articles have at any been given to the children are hereby confirmed as their own. I gave bibles to my two dear married daughters at the time of their marriages. I have not at present any more parts or copies of the Bible which I should wish to leave my two dear daughters Catherine and Charlotte but I hereby bequeath four guineas to the purchase of two such bibles as my wife shall approve and present to them in my name. Thus shall I have given a Bible to every one of my children. O God Almighty in thy fathomless mercy brings home every saving truth to their hearts and may we all meet at last in Glory!

The Emperor of Russia's ring together with the framed coffer that accompanies it and the manuscript correspondence connected with it must be kept by my wife so long as she shall live and I will add a paper of suggestions concerning this and some other articles of my property for my wife's use to this Codicil, which I mean to have the full validity of a will leaving every thing contained in my former will made signed and sealed in Feb 1819 valid except wherein this Codicil may express (any)

any alteration or addition.

In regard to my plate I wish it to remain with my wife during her lifetime and to be distributed amongst my children at her death as she shall think best. I shall add a few suggestions also for my wife's use on this subject in an accompanying paper. I shall do the same with respect to my philosophical apparatus and collections of minerals and also my family pictures. I appoint my dear wife Guardian of the younger children and request and appoint my two dear sons in law James Marshall and John Ayre as her advisers and assistants in this charge. And should it please god to remove my wife before one or more of the children come of legal age I appoint the said James Marshall and John Ayre to act in the capacity of Guardians not doubting but their affection and regard for all my family will incline them both to accept the charge and fulfil its duties faithfully. I earnestly desire that in any and every situation where my children may be placed for education or livelihood that the strictest regard be had to their religious advantages both in public and in private. By religion I mean true evangelical religion, the religion of the Reformers, the religion which their poor father endeavoured to preach and to teach during the chief course of his ministry. My sons in law well know what this means. To my dear friend Charles Souguet Higgins I leave Brooks Encyclopaedia of Antiquities in two quartos and President Edward's History of Redemption in one octavo. To my dear friend Ann Palmer I leave Biddulph on the liturgy in three volumes octavo. To every poor communicant at the Lords table in Turvey Church I leave half a crown. Saul Gasking and James Harlby will make out the list. To Saul Gasking I leave two guineas and the same to James Harlby as marks of Christian regard and esteem. To Hannah Gasking I leave one guinea. All these little pecuniary bequests are to be without any deductions and totally independent of any compensation for any services performed on my account.

Observations and suggestions relative to some articles of my property to accompany my will and codicil. My wife may probably think it right to sell a part of my books but I recommend that this is done judiciously and not too hastily. If my large collection of Old Divinity in all sizes should be sold I request that it may be first consigned to my dear friend Mr Birkenstock who much better understands its value than any friend I have and would prevent valuable books from being thrown away - some of those in very bad condition might well be bound to enhance their value at a sale, but Mr Birkenstock would kindly advise on the matter. Some of the Old Divinity ought to be reserved for a son or sons in orders.

In regard to my plate I wish at my wife's decease that one good piece of our ancient family stock should go to each of my children then living, for instance to Henry the Old Peg Tankard. The memorial of our descent from the Leghs of Lyme in Cheshire. The age is about James I.

To Legh the two eared silver cup

To Theophilus a silver Tankard of lesser size

To Mary Marshall a large silver waiter

To Frances a tea and coffee pot

To Henrietta Ayre another large silver waiter

I leave the rest to my wife's discretion as circumstances may hereafter require.

My philosophical apparatus in the Museum Study Austarium is very valuable and must be thoroughly and delicately cleaned. Henry will understand this - when the Electrical machines are packed the glass plates must be taken off and packed separately. There are some extra plates in the study. The experimental apparatus is of the best kind. The same is true of two airpumps and apparatus. Also two galvanic batteries. Mr Ayre and Henry can advise my wife as to the best mode of proceeding with them. My microscopes are excellent viz the solar, the surerial, the double compound, the Lantern microscopes, the magic Lantern and slides are numerous and valuable. The concave mirror

in the Austarium is invaluable. There are also many experiments toys and curiosities which will be observed and should be carefully dealt with. I always loved the pursuits of natural philosophy and history and it was always my one aim to instil the same feeling into my children as valuable resources through life.

My mineral collections. To those a special attention must be paid which can only be effectually done by Mr Ayre and Henry. The collections are as follows:

1. My grammatical cabinet with its descriptive and interleaved catalogue. It is contained in four divisions which now stand at the north end of my study upon two oval flaps lately erected. Mr Ayre recently looked through the whole and exactly knows its nature, character and order. Whenever packed up every mineral must have a distinct paper and much care observed in the whole arrangement. The upper tortoiseshell imitation box has a case of its own covered with marble paper and lined with green baize for package - whatever may finally be done with this cabinet I wish Mr Ayre to have the charge of it.

2. An oak cabinet standing upon the ground at the north east corner of the study containing many beautiful and select specimens; this might be sold altogether just as it is under Mr Ayre's inspection, each specimen being carefully wrapped in paper.

3. All my minerals of all sizes contained in the Breakfast Room, the drawers on each side of the study door in two cupboards in the Parlour Austarium and my wife will use her entire discretion with the advice of Mr Ayre.

4. A valuable Geological Collection with a German and English catalogue formed under the inspection of Professor Moss. It is contained in three drawers of the cabinet which stands in the South study window place and consists of 150 large specimens from the rocks of Germany.

5. Two microscopical or miniature collections with catalogue contained in five trays bound together with a blue ribband and buckle which belonged to Nugent. Though small they are neat and illustrative - each tray is worth a guinea. These may be separated from the box in which they are contained as forming no part of the Grammatical Cabinet.

6. A very curious volcanic arrangement formed by Mr White Watson of Bakewell with additions which I have made and a descriptive catalogue to bring under threefold and combined observation the products of the volcanoes. The fumards and the hebihist rocks. This collection should be delicately packed and I think Henry would like to possess it. To him I also wish to be given my fine specimen of octahedral gold and my Acrolite together with prints connected with it both in one of the portfolios and in two separate numbers of Sowerby British Minerology.

7. A square mahogany box of polished minerals suited to a lady

8. A chrystallographical cabinet of various models to illustrate the nature character and formation of chrystals cut by Larkin. This should be kept together and carefully packed. My wife, Mr Ayre and Henry can advise together respecting this interesting assemblage of models. There is a book of Larkins on crystals which goes with this cabinet. If my wife approve this cabinet may be presented in my name to the Church Missionary Institution's Laboratory that lectures on Solid Geometry and Chrystallography may be given by its aid and that of the accompanying book of Larkins.

My old clock called the 'Old Doctor' is a curious family heirloom, it belonged to my ancestor Doctor Sylvester Richmond of Liverpool in Charles II time and is one of the oldest of the pendulum clocks. It has told good time to six generations already. Let my wife keep this as long as she shall live, and then leave it as she shall see best hereafter. In the museum are two excellent fountains with numerous sets to each. Also a Lapidary's polishing apparatus.

In the Austarium is a very curious and delicate machine, a double writer by which two pens write together. The maker Mr Farthing of Cornhill can best put and perhaps give a second hand price for it. It is as good as new. My wife will prize Mr Lockey's model of Brading Church. It should be a parlour ornament - Brading Church is endeared to us both by many affectionate remembrances. There I preached my first sermon. There my four oldest children

were baptised. There we lived for the first eight years after we married. There I first saw the truth as it is in Jesus - from hence I caught the last glimpse of the ship which took Nugent to India. Here in the midst of crowds I put up the headstone for little Jane "the young cottager". By the upper shelf of the cupboard in the study marked "all is vanity" contains relics of my two dear deceased sons Nugent and Wilberforce. One book is filled with letters from and concerning Nugent for a series of years. A box contains many letters to and from Wilberforce and concerning his death. Also there is a red quarto book full of short memoranda concerning him; some of it may be made out but much I fear can only be understood by myself. I have never up to this day given up the design of writing his memoir and every days meditations have prepared for it. But whenever I have begun my spirits sink, my eyes weep and my pen is laid aside until 'a more convenient season'. This has been my weakness.

My family pictures I value greatly; they are the hereditary and gradual collections from the Leghs of Lyme, the Brooks of Norton (Priory), the Leghs of Highlegh, the Athertons of Walton Hall, the Richmonds of Liverpool and Stockport and some others. I have named and explained them all, together with other pictures, articles of plate etc in a manuscript book which is now in a box with numerous genealogical and family papers in the Austarium. My dear wife must keep them all for my sake during her life time. My dear sister Frances Powell knows more of these pictures and all relating to them than any living friend I have.

With respect to the Emperor of Russia's ring I feel some difficulty must leave it to my dear wife's advisers how to accomplish this point viz that it may be preserved as an heirloom in the family from generation to generation never to be sold or given away and that in whosoever individual charge it may be placed all the living members of my family shall have a preserving and superintending kind of trusteeship for its safe keeping and preservation. I leave this to my dear wife's mature deliberation.

Mr Hopper and my sister Powell know everything relating to my pecuniary property and will furnish every requisite information and means of enquiry. The different sales of funded property which will appear to have taken place by Coutts books since the year 1819 have been occasioned principally by the increasing demands of a growing family's expenditure and education by some plans intended for their good by marriages and by other causes which easily would admit of explanation. The blessing and death of Wilberforce including journeys to London and Scotland and a year's salary of Curate occasioned by it cost me £300 during a few years; the income of the living was much reduced by the lowering of the Tithe Composition. Although not quite so good an economist as my invaluable wife yet upon the whole I have endeavoured to manage as well as I could. God be merciful to me wherever I have acted otherwise.

I recommend that my stock of books in Mr Hatchard's hands be disposed of through the friendly influence of the Guardians and Executors; much more will be made in this way than by common sale.

The copyright of the "Annals of the Poor" as a volume printed in any size is my own. The copyright of the "Young Cottager" printed separately in any size of which the sale price exceeds two shillings is also mine; the copyright of the Dairyman's Daughter and Negro Servant are wholly my own subject. Only the gift of publishing them as tracts by the London Religious Tract Society - a grant never to be withdrawn from them. My wife is in possession of my documents relative to £1,000 insured on my life in the Norwich Union Insurance office. That sum is to be paid to my executors on my decease. Our agent is Mr Hull of Olney.

I wish all my preserved letters, family papers etc etc to be kept for deliberate examination by my wife leaving it with her to destroy or to keep as she shall see good. But I wish my children to have such as from any reasonable motive they may desire - all subject to my wife's discretions -

either during her life or at her death many of papers will have a relative value in the eyes of at least a few.

Mrs E Whitwells Astronomical Catechism would be a good present for Catholics. My portable Diorama and the accompanying book may be given to Fanny who I hope will learn the use of that elegant instrument. The model of a frigate in the toy cupboard I would give to Charlotte. The smaller magic lantern and all its slides would give to Theophilus.

My most valuable prints are Daniel's views of the Western Coast of Scotland in the Iona Box. Englefield's views in the Isle of Wight, Farringdon's Lake Scenery, Batty's Italy, Battys Welsh Scenery. Scenery of the Lake of Killarney, Harradon's views of Cambridge. View of Rome in quarto. Several single prints French and English contained in my largest portfolios and some lesser ones in the two smaller portfolios. Taste and judgement will easily discriminate them. Views of Edinburgh in two volumes octavo. Several views of noblemen and gentlemen's seats in numbers. Westall's 12 views of the Northern Coves. Several portraits of distinguished persons or particular friends of mine. 12 views of Moscow on boards designed to accompany the large concave mirror. Several views of Rome by Poronesi. Those also appear to great advantage in the great concave mirror. There is a numerous collection of common coloured views to accompany a Black Diagonal glass in one of the cupboards in the study. The glass and the prints should be kept together. Six large views of German scenery given to me by Mr T C Higgins. A head of Christ crowned with thorns. An 100 woodcuts to decorate a Bible. A number of French prints illustrative of Fontaines fables. I bought them at the sale of John Wilks goods in the Isle of Wight. Many of them are highly characteristic and well engraved. A roll of a Roman Triumph with book. A roll of the Coronation of George IV and book. John Baptist preaching in the Wilderness. Salvator Roda. A head of Christ crowned with thorns. Some fine lithographic sacred heads, French very large. A book of 24 drawings by Harradon, 18 of which are designed for illustrations of some neat edition of the Annals of the Poor. The Bust of the Duke of Kent is valuable. If my wife does not wish to keep it and cannot get a purchaser for it, I would present it to the committee of the Jews Society to adorn their committee room with an effigy of their first patron. It is by Turner and it will require safe package - its box is in the loft. The pair of globes belong to my wife and are excellent in their kind. One of my most beautiful of my experiments when all the parts are collected carefully together is the hydraulic orrory. I hope Henry can so collect and preserve it. Amongst the various fixtures in the house attention must be paid to the shelves and cupboards in the study etc. It may be proper to state that wholly independent of annual and requisite repairs I have expended above eight hundred pounds in the enlargement and improvement of the Rectory house since I came to it.

In the Goods of the Reverend Legh Richmond Clerk deceased appeared personally Robert Benton Seeley of No. 169 Fleet Street, London bookseller and John Dooley of same place bookseller and made oath that they know and were well acquainted with the Reverend Legh Richmond late of Turvey in the County of Bedford Clerk deceased and also with his manner and character of handwriting and subscription having frequently seen him write and write and subscribe his name and having now with care and attention viewed and observed a paper writing hereunto annexed road purporting to be and contain the last will and testament of and said deceased and which said will is contained in two sheets of paper and begins thus "I Legh Richmond Rector of Turvey in the County of Bedford" ends thus "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen", and is thus subscribed "Legh Richmond and having particularly viewed and observed the words and the legacy hereinafter given to my dear wife and to my two trustees aforesaid" written at the top of the third page of said will and also the word "first" interlined between the seventh and eighth lines from the top of the said third page and also the words "and to the trusts aforesaid" written at the top of the fourth page of said will and having also with care and /attention

attention viewed and observed another writing and hereunto annexed purporting to be and contain a codicil to the said will of the said deceased and which said codicil is contained in three sheets of paper and begins thus "Memorandum March 13th 1827 to be added as a codicil to my former will" ends thus "all these little pecuniary bequests are to be without any deductions and totally independent of any compensation for any services performed on my account" and is thus subscribed "Legh Richmond" and having particularly viewed and observed the words "Watches, clocks" interlined between the third and fourth lines from the top of the first page of said codicil. Also the words "prints carriages horse" interlined between the said fourth and the fifth lines of the said page and also the word "Younger" interlined between the twelfth and thirteenth line from the top of said page and also having with care and attention viewed and observed another paper writing also hereunto annexed purporting to be and contain a second codicil to the said will of the said deceased and which said second codicil is contained in seven sheets of letter paper and begins thus "Observations and suggestions relative to some articles of my property to accompany my will and codicil" and ends thus "It may be proper to state that wholly independent of annual and requisite repairs I have expended above eight hundred pounds in the enlargement and improvement of the Rectory house since I came to it" They those descendants do say they verily and in their consciences believe the whole body series and contents of the said will and first codicil beginning ending and subscribed as aforesaid and the said subscriptions thereto and the several recited interlineations respectively therein and also the whole body series and contents of the said second codicil beginning and ending as aforesaid to be all of the proper handwriting and subscription of the said Reverend Legh Richmond Clerk the said testator deceased R B Seeley and J Seeley on Tuesday the 19th day of June in the year of our Lord 1827 the said Robert Benton Seeley and John Seeley were duly sworn to the truth of the foregoing confidant before me, J Addams Surrte Prest Frederick Clarkson. No Pub.

Proved at London with two codicils the 23rd June 1827 before the worshipful Thomas Blake Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oaths of Thomas Hopper Esq. and John Cottrell Powell Esq the nephew the Executors to whom aduton granted having been first sworn duly to Adm.

Bury St Edmunds April 1st 1826

My dear Uncle Anthony

Being assured that I am now at the age of Jane Rhodes seventeen capable of disposing of my property by will I do hereby give and bequeath all the property which I have the power to dispose of and which I may have or may be entitled to at the time of my death to my dearest Mother Hannah Rhodes to be at her uncontrolled disposal with the exemption of the sum of twenty pounds which I wish to be placed in a savings bank for the use and benefit of Ann Thornton wife of Joseph Thornton Carpenter of Halifax as a testimony of my sense of her faithful attachment and services.

I trust that your kindness by dear niece uncle will allow me to appoint you Executor for this my last will and testament. I am your affectionate Jane Rhodes.

Signed this first day of April 1826 in the presence of us J I Spedding John Spedding and Sarah Spedding. Superscription. Anthony Spedding Esq.

123 Norfolk Street, Harrow, London

Proved at London the 23rd June 1827 before the worshipful Jesse Addam. Doctor of Laws and surrogate by the oath of Anthony Spedding Esq. the sole executor to whom administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer

In the name of God Amen. I Judith Reeve
Judith Reeve of the town of Bromyard in the Country of Hereford