

Will of Ann Hill née Dicey (1728-1802)

Note: Paragraph breaks have been added to make the will easier to read; underlines _____ indicate words that I could not read; square brackets [] are words where I am uncertain of the transcription.

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann Hill¹ of the Town of Northampton in the County of Northampton Widow (that is to say)

ffirst my Will and desire is that my Body may be buried in a plane but decent manner in the portico of the Parish Church of All Saints in the Town of Northampton aforesaid in the same Grave wherein my dear Husband² was buried

I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Hill³ my largest China Bowl and also Twenty Pounds for Mourning

I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Mary Ann Wye⁴ my Gold chased Watch with the chain and Seal belonging to it my Diamond Ear rings and the half of my best Wearing Apparel

I give and bequeath unto my Grand son Charles John Wye⁵ the Sum of ffifty pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain and unto my said Grand Daughter Mary Ann Wye the like Sum of ffifty pounds to be paid to them respectively at their respective Ages of Twenty one Years with the Interest and Improvements made thereof in the mean time

I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Benjamin Hill the like Sum of ffifty pounds and unto my Grand Son George Hill the like Sum of of ffifty pounds to be also paid to them respectively at their respective ages of twenty one years with the Interest and Improvements made therefrom in the mean time

Provided always that if either of them my said Grandchildren Charles John Wye and Mary Ann Wye shall die before he or she shall attain his or her said Age of Twenty one years without leaving Issue living at the time of his or her death then my Will is that the said ffifty Pounds hereinbefore given and bequeathed to him or her so dying and the Interest and Accumulations made there from shall go and be paid to the Survivor of

¹ Ann Hill née Dicey (1728-1802), the Testatrix, daughter of Mary née Atkins (1690-1748) and William Dicey (1690-1756), wife of Benjamin Hill (1727-1774).

² Benjamin Hill (1727-1774), husband of the Testatrix, son of Mary née Manning and Benjamin Hill.

³ Rev Benjamin Hill (1759-1815), son of the Testatrix and Benjamin Hill (1727-1774), husband of Sarah Knight.

⁴ Mary Ann Roope née Wye (1773-1850), Granddaughter of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary née Hill (1757-1819) and John Wye (1737-1807), wife of Cabel Roope (1777-1847).

⁵ Charles John Wye (1781-1810), Grandson of the Testatrix, son of Mary née Hill (1757-1819) and John Wye (1737-1807), never married.

them my said Grandchildren at his or her Age of Twenty one Years But in case both of them shall die before their respective Ages of Twenty one Years without leaving Issue living at their respective Deaths than my Will is that the said two Legacies of ffifty pounds each hereinbefore given and bequeathed to them my said Grandchildren Charles John Wye and Mary Ann Wye and the respective Interest and Accumulations made therefrom shall go and be paid unto my Son Joseph Hill his Executors or Administrators

Provided also that in case either of them my said Grandsons Benjamin Hill and George Hill shall die without leaving Issue living at their respective Deaths before their respective Ages of Twenty one Years then my Will is that the Legacy of him so dying with the Interest and Accumulations made therefrom shall go and be paid unto the Survivor of them at his Age of Twenty one Years but if both of them my said Grandsons shall die without Issue before their respective Ages of Twenty one Years then the said two last mentioned Legacies of ffifty pounds each with the Interest and Accumulations thereof shall go to and be paid to my Son Benjamin Hill his Executors or Administrators

and my Will is and I do hereby expressly direct that the said four Legacies of ffifty Pounds each hereinbefore given to my said Grand Sons and Grand Daughter respectively shall within Six Calendar Months next after my decease be paid into the hands of Joseph Clark of the Town of Northampton aforesaid Esquire and Christopher Smyth of the same Town Gentleman Upon Trust that they and the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall place the same several Sums out at Interest in their own Names in some of the Government ffunds or Securities or upon Lands by way of Mortgage during the respective minorities of my said Grandchildren and pay and apply the said respective Sums and the Interest and Accumulations thereof when the same shall respectively become payable to the persons and in the manner I have hereinbefore given and bequeathed the same respectively as aforesaid

I give and bequeath unto my Niece Mary Neale late Mary Hawkins all the best of my common Wearing Apparel

I give and bequeath unto M^{rs} Elizabeth Jeffery who lived Servant with me several Years the Sum of ten pounds

I give and bequeath unto my Upper Maid Servant in case she shall have lived with me more than twelve Months the Sum of ffive Pounds over and above the Wages that may be due to her at my Death

I give and devise one undivided third part (the whole in three equal parts to be divided) of all that my contingent or reversionary Share Right and Interest of in and to the real Estates in the County of Leicester and elsewhere which I am entitled to and which was given and devised to me and my Heirs in and by the last Will and Testament of my late Brother Cluer Dicey Esquire deceased unto my Son Benjamin Hill his Heirs and Assigns for ever

I give and devise one other undivided third part (the whole in three equal parts to be divided) of my said contingent or reversionary Share Right and Interest of in and to the said real Estates in the County of Leicester and elsewhere unto my said Son Joseph Hill his Heirs and Assigns for ever

And I give and devise the remaining third part (the whole in three equal parts to be divided) of my said contingent or reversionary Share Right and Interest of in and to the said real Estates in the County of Leicester and elsewhere unto my said two Grandchildren Charles John Wye and Mary Ann Wye to be equally divided between them share and share alike to take as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and to their several and respective Heirs and Assigns for ever Provided always that if either of them my said two last named Grandchildren shall die without leaving Issue before his or her Age of Twenty one Year then I give and devise the Part and Share of him or her so dying of and in the said last mentioned third part unto the Survivor of them his or her Heirs and Assigns for ever Provided also that in case either of them my said Grandchildren shall die without leaving Issue before their respective Ages of Twenty one Years then I give and devise the said last mentioned third part unto my said Son Joseph Hill his Heirs and Assigns for ever

I give and devise all that my Messuage or Tenement with the Yards Gardens Close or Orchard and all other Appurtenances now belonging to the same situate and being in the Town of Northampton aforesaid and now in the several occupations of myself and Mr James Stables and also all that my Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances also situate in the Town of Northampton aforesaid and now in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Mr Stables and adjoining to the said other Messuage and likewise my half part or share of the pews or seats in the Gallery of All Saints Church in the Town of Northampton aforesaid and all other my real Estates in the Town of Northampton aforesaid unto my said Son Joseph Hill his Heirs and Assigns for ever

Also my Will is that the pictures of my ffather and Mother be burnt and I desire that the said Joseph Clark and Christopher Smyth will see the same done

And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattells Effects and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever not hereinbefore disposed of after payment of my Debts Legacies and ffuneral Expenses I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Son Joseph Hill whom I do hereby make constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament

And I do hereby declare that the one hundred and five pounds ten shillings three per cent consolidated Bank Annuities standing in my Name are no part of my own Personal Estate but were purchased with the Sixty pounds given by M^r Jonathan Warner for finding with the Interest thereof four Coats for four poor Men Yearly for ever

And Whereas my Sister M^{rs} Mary Hill hath frequently declared to me that she has by her Will given and bequeathed to my said two Grandchildren Charles John Wye and Mary

Ann Wye the Children of my late Daughter Mary Wye almost the whole of what she is possessed of and as I have every reason to believe that by such bequest those dear Children whom I love with maternal Affection will have a very comfortable and handsome “ffortune” I have therefore in the making this my Will conceived it to be my bounden Duty to bequeath the principal part of what I have to dispose of to my said Son Joseph Hill who from particular circumstances has had little provision made for him

And lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former and other Wills by me made and do declare this alone to be and contain my true last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this and the three preceding Sheets of Paper set my Hand and Seal to with my Hand to the three preceding Sheets and my Hand and Seal to this last Sheet thereof the thirteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety five — *Ann Hill (SS)* Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Testatrix Ann Hill as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other — *H^r Locock* — *W^m J Smyth* — *Geo Rubbra Jun^r*

This Will was proved at London the Nineteenth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and three before the Worshipful Charles Coote Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Honorable Sir William Wynne Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Joseph Hill the Son of the Deceased and the sole Executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased having been first sworn duly to Administer.

On the 22 Day of November 1824 Admon with Will for the Goods Chattels and Credits of Ann Hill late of the Town of Northampton in the County of Northampton Widow deceased left unadministered by Joseph Hill deceased whilst living the Son sole Executor and the Residuary Legatee named in the said Will was granted to the Reverend Benjamin Hill Clerk the Administration of the Goods of the said Joseph Hill deceased having been first sworn (by Comon) duly to _____. The said Exor died Intestate —

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