

Will of General Henry Herbert (1734-1794)

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.

Memorandum That I Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery¹ &c &c &c Do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament And I desire that an exact Copy thereof may be given to my Son George Lord Herbert² as soon as conveniently may be after my decease And I beg the favor of him to peruse the whole carefully and keep it always by him

I desire that I may be interred without any Ceremony and that my Son George Lord Herbert at his decease and my Daughter Lady Charlotte Herbert³ may be put into the same Grave with me and that when I am dead I may be dissected before I am buried

I give and bequeath Wilton House in Wilts and Pembroke House in Privy Garden London and all my Plate and Equipages unto my dear Son George Lord Herbert for his life and after his decease then in perpetuity to whomsoever shall be Earl of Pembroke and his Heirs so long as the Title shall remain in ffamily and no longer

I give and bequeath unto my Wife the sum of One Thousand Pounds

Also I give and bequeath to my said Wife a Mourning Ring of the value of Twenty Pounds and a Ring of the like value to my Son George Lord Herbert

I give and bequeath to M^{rs} Catherine Elizabeth Clarke⁴ late Miss Catherine Elizabeth Hunter the Sum of One Thousand Pounds

And whereas I have invested into a Bond bearing date on or about the Sixteenth day of April One thousand seven hundred and Seventy One unto Henry Herbert⁵ of Hill Street,

¹ General Henry Herbert (1734-1794), 10th Earl of Pembroke, 7th Earl of Montgomery, the Testator [[Wikipedia](#)], son of Mary née FitzWilliam (1707-1769) and Henry Herbert (1693-1750), 9th Earl of Pembroke, husband of Elizabeth née Spencer (1737-1831) [[Wikipedia](#)], friend of Elizabeth Catherina 'Kitty' née Orby (1740-1795) [[Wikipedia](#)].

² George Augustus Herbert (1759-1827) [[Wikipedia](#)], 11th Earl of Pembroke, son of the Testator and Elizabeth née Spencer (1737-1831), husband of (i) Elizabeth née Beauclerk (1766-1793) and (ii) Catherine Vorontsov (1784-1856) [[Wikipedia](#)].

³ Charlotte Herbert (1773-1784), daughter of the Testator and Elizabeth née Spencer (1737-1831).

⁴ Elizabeth Catherine Orby née Hunter (1740-1795), daughter of Mary née Heming (1707-1749) and Thomas Orby Hunter (1714-1769), partner of (i) Henry Herbert (1734-1794) and (ii) Augustus John Hervey (1724-1779), wife of Alured Clarke (1744-1832).

⁵ Henry Herbert (1741-1811) [[Wikipedia](#)] 1st Earl of Caernarvon, known as Lord Porchester, cousin of the Testator, son of Catherine Elizabeth née Tewes (?-1770) and William Herbert (1702-1757), husband of Elizabeth Alicia Maria née Wyndham (1752-1826).

23 Berkeley Square in the County of Middlesex Esquire now Lord Porchester and Colonel Robert Sloper⁶ of the first Regiment of Dragoon Guards now General Sloper in the Penalty of Two Thousand Pounds Conditioned for the payment of the clear yearly Sum or Allowance of Two Hundred Pounds Awaiting on the days therein mentioned during the natural life of Augustus Retnuh Reebkomp⁷ (now Captain Augustus Retnuh Montgomery Commanding the Aqi____ ffrigate) therein named who was born on the twenty third day of November One thousand seven hundred and sixty two Now I do ratify and confirm the said Bond and do earnestly recommend it to my Executors to see the same punctually performed

And I do hereby give and bequeath unto the said Augustus Retnuh Reebkomp now Captain Augustus Retnuh Montgomery a further Annuity or or Yearly Sum of One Hundred and twenty pounds to be paid him Quarterly during his natural life Also I give him a Mourning Ring exactly the same as those to my Wife and Son George Lord Herbert

I desire that a Boy once called Mermion and goes by the name of Bell is under the care of M^r John Turner of Salisbury and known by Doctor Eyre born at Godshill in the New fforest on the fifth day of October One thousand seven hundred and seventy three and Christened on the twenty eighth of the same Month by the Name of George in the House of John Axford may be Educated properly for some Trade in a proper place and under a proper person And I leave him an Annuity of twenty pounds Per Annum for his life to be paid to him Quarterly or otherwise applied for and towards his Maintenance and Education And I desire that the said M^r John Turner and M^r Joseph Gibbs of Salisbury will take upon them the care of the said George Bell

I Also leave and bequeath an Annuity of Ten Pounds (Ralph Shelton Esquire having promised to leave and bequeath by his Will the like Sum of Ten pounds to be paid in like manner to or applied for and towards the Maintenance and Education of a Boy born of Jenny Day of ffovant and baptized there on the fourteenth day of June One thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and known to the said Doctor Eyre And I likewise desire that the said John Turner and Mr Gibbs will also take care of the said last mentioned Boy

I also give one other Annuity or Yearly Sum of fourteen pounds to be paid and applied for and towards the Maintenance and Education of a Child called William Johnson born of Phillis ___lotcher at Wilton And I desire that the said John Turner and Mr Gibbs will also take upon them the care and management of the said last mentioned Child

Also I leave and bequeath to Betty Pranker commonly called Cassey of Wilton during her natural life seven shillings a week to be paid to her weekly And Moreover the Annual

⁶ General Sir Robert Sloper KB (1729-1802) [[Wikipedia](#)], a cousin of Elizabeth Catherina 'Kitty' Hunter, son of Catherine Orby née Hunter (1712-1797) and William Sloper MP (1709-1789), husband of Jane née Willes (1730-1804).

⁷ Captain Augustus Retnuh Reebkomp RN (1762-1797), aka Augustus Montgomery, son of the Testator and Elizabeth Catherina 'Kitty' née Hunter (1740-1795), husband of Susan née Maltass (1770-1851).

Sum of of two Guineas One Guinea of which to be paid her on every first day of May and one Guinea on every first day of November N.B. it appears by the Parish Register of Wilton that the said Betty Pranker otherwise called Betty Cassey was baptized on the thirteenth day of [March] One thousand seven hundred and sixty five Also I give to the Daughter of the said Betty Pranker otherwise Betty Cassey born at ffordingbridge on the [twentieth] day of June One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two and baptized by the Name of Sophia One Annuity or Yearly Sum of Thirty pounds desiring my Cousin Lord Porchester Doctor Eyre Mr John Turner and Mr Joseph Gibbs to take care of her Education and future line and Settlement in life recommending her also to my dear Son George Lord Herbert

And whereas in and by a Public Instrument dated at Naples the eighteenth day of March One thousand seven hundred and eighty five and Witnessed by Sir William Hamilton his Brittanic Majesty's Minister at the Court of Naples and Mr Gincenzo de Tintis I have given One Annuity of ffour hundred Neapolitan Ducats to be paid Quarterly to Maria Saveira Capuano commonly called Melontini for her natural life and One hundred Neapolitan Ducats to be paid Annually to her Aunt Laura Guido for her life in case she should survive her said Niece but not otherwise nor is this Annuity to begin to be paid until the death of the said Maria Saveira Capuano nor are these Annuities ever to be sold or assigned to any person or persons whatsoever but the Receipt of the said Annuitants alone to be a discharge for the same Now I do confirm the said Instrument and direct the said Annuity to be paid as aforesaid N.B. One Hundred Neapolitan Ducats are about Eighteen or Nineteen Pounds Sterling English

I give and bequeath to Lieutenant Colonel ffloyd of a Regiment of light Dragoons gone to the East Indies the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds

I give and bequeath to John Lamb Esquire Agent to my Regiment Three Hundred Pounds

I desire my Executors will continue the payment of Twenty Pounds Per Annum (which he now receives of me) to my late Servant Peter Binel for his life

I give and bequeath to my present Land Steward M^r [Seagrim] and to Henry Coward my House Steward and Manege Rider at Wilton and to Morris my late House Steward at Whitehall a Mourning Ring each of Ten Guineas Value

I give to my late Valet de Chambre William Wanthier also a Mourning Ring of the Value of Ten Guineas

I strongly recommend to my Wife and Son that they do keep the said Henry Coward on the same footing he is now with me

I give and bequeath unto my Valet de Chambre that shall be living with me at the time of my decease Twenty Guineas and all my Cloathes and Wearing Apparel

I give and bequeath unto all my Servants of what denomination capacity Sex or station over and above such sums as I may have given them by this my Will One Years Wages (Annual not board wages) And it is my request that not any of them do put themselves into Mourning for me

And to all my Working people or Labourers of what Capacity Sex or Station soever One Guinea each

I give to the Treasurer for the time being of the Marine Society ffifty Pounds to the Poor of the Parish of Wilton the Sum of One Hundred Pounds and to the poor of Salisbury ffifty pounds to be applied and distributed among them as my Executors shall think fit

I give and bequeath to the respective Treasurers of Chelsea and Greenwich Hospitals for the time being the Sum of ffifty Pounds each

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of Saint George's Hospital at Hyde Park Corner the Sum of Twenty Pounds And to the Treasurer for the time being of the Westminster Hospital or Public Infirmary in Saint James Street Westminster the Sum of twenty pounds to the Treasurer for the time being of the ffoundling Hospital twenty pounds to the Treasurer for the time being of the Small Pox and Inoculation Hospital twenty pounds to the Treasurer for the time being of the Lo__ Hospital twenty pounds To the Treasurer for the time being of the London Hospital Twenty Pounds to the Treasurer for the time being of the Lying in Hospital in Brownlow Street Long Acre twenty Pounds

Also I give and bequeath unto the Treasurer for the time being of the late established Infirmary at ffisherton Anger near Salisbury the yearly sum of Twenty Pounds

which said Legacies so given and bequeathed I desire may be applied towards carrying on the Charitable Designs of the several and respective Hospitals or Societies aforesaid

I will and direct the several Annuities hereinbefore given and bequeathed shall commence and be computed from One Calendar Month previous to the Day of my decease and be punctually and regularly paid to the several persons entitled thereto in whatsoever part of the World they may be by even and equal Quarterly payments free and clear of all taxes and deductions whatsoever and that the several Legacies abovementioned except such as are otherwise made payable in and of this my Will shall be paid within two years next after my decease and that my Executors will as soon as conveniently may be give notice to the several legatees and Annuitants in this my Will of so much thereof as relates to such legatee and Annuitant and that they will pay off and discharge all my just debts

And I do hereby Charge and Subject all my Estates both Real and Personal that I have power to Charge therewith with the payment of the several Annuities and Legacies in this my Will

_____ned and of all my just Debts whatsoever and as to all the rest and residue of my Estate whatsoever not herein before particularly disposed of I Give devise and bequeath the same unto my dear Son George Lord Herbert his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever

I desire my intended improvements at Wilton may be carried on till completely finished

I strongly recommend it to the proper people concerned for and to my Son George Lord Herbert to let as little of his Estate as possible out on lives none with a less Quit Rent than fifty Per Cent clear of all deductions whatsoever and to let as much of it as possible at Rack rent but that such parts thereof which he or they shall so let be first properly Surveyed and Valued the Old Survey being very defensive and that when ever they are let on Leases there may be reserved on such Leases a Yearly Quit Rent of at least fifty Per Cent without any exceptions whatsoever but that he particularly never renews a life at [Bulbridge or Groveley] or near Wilton House

I desire that Lord Porchester and John Lamb Esquire only shall look over any Papers I may leave and that they do burn all such as can be of no use without mentioning the Contents to any person

I desire that the Stonehorses⁸ which I leave may cover gratis in the Neighbourhood of Wilton for the benefit of such who choose to send Mares to them provided that such Mares be not lower than fourteen hands high and that notice thereof may be always Annually given in the Salisbury News Paper at the proper season so long as any of the the said Horses shall live

And it is my particular request that all my Horses Mares Colts ffillys Geldings Dogs Cats and all other Animals and Creatures belonging unto me in any part of the World and the produce wherewith any of them shall be pregnant with at the time of my decease to be kept [easy] and happy as long as they live

And I desire my dog ffox may live with my House Steward at Wilton And I beg of him to keep him always in his Room and to take great care of him to his last moment of life

I likewise charge all my Estates whatsoever both Real and Personal that I have power to charge therewith for and with the support and Maintenance of the same

And I do hereby nominate and appoint Lord Porchester and John Lamb joint Executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made I do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery &c &c &c the Testator have to this my Will and also a duplicate thereof set and Subscribed my hand and Seal this twenty sixth day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand and Seven hundred and eighty eight

⁸ A stallion or uncastrated male horse - [Collins Dictionary](#)

Memorandum before the Signing and Sealing hereof I the before named Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery &c &c do give and bequeath the Sum of ffifty Pounds to Maria Saveira Capuano commonly called Melonini

And I do also give and bequeath the like Sum of ffifty Pounds to Giuseppe Disperati the like Sum of ffifty Pounds as the legacies hereinbefore are directed to be paid *Pembroke & Montg^y &c (SS)* Signed Sealed Published and declared by the within named Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery &c &c the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have at his request set Our Names as Witnesses hereto in the presence of the said Testator and of each other *Fitzwilliam J. H. Babb Jn^o Turner ./.*

Memorandum that on this Sixteenth day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety I the abovenamed henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery do make this Codicil to my last Will and Testament abovewritten and do order and direct that the following bequests be made part of my said Will to wit

I Give Two Hundred Pounds P^r Annum for the natural life of Captain Augustus Montgomery if he continues in the Navy but not otherwise over and above what I have before given him

I also give to M^{rs} Carolina commonly called M^{rs} John Williams now of Dropmore Hill near Beaconsfield in the County of Bucks One Annuity or Yearly Sum of One Hundred Pounds to be paid to her during her natural life

In Witness whereof I have to this Codicil aet my hand the day and year aforesaid,
Pembroke, Witness Jn^o Turner, Henry Coward

I desire that my best Stradivarius Violincello and ffifty Pounds in Money be given to M^r Specati, ___ Michelino be paid his Wages and board Wages for life

And I recommend my late Porter [Toemey's] Widow and Children to Lord Herbert this also to be considered as part of my Will Witness my hand the twentieth day of April 1794 *Pembroke Witness Jn^o Turner Henry Coward ./.*

I Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery &c do make this also as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament bearing date the twenty sixth day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty eight I give to Philip Prince Staple who now lives with me at Wilton House the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds and desire that this Legacy be paid him by my Executors when the other Legacies named in my Will are payable

I declare this as a Codicil to my said Will and direct that it be taken and made part thereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty third day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety two *Pembroke*, Signed declared and published by the said Earl as and for a Codicil to be annexed to his last Will and Testament and to be taken as part thereof in the presence of *Henry Coward, Jn^o Turner ./.*

I Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery &c &c &c do hereby declare this to be a Codicil to my last Will and Testament (dated the twenty sixth day of May 1788) and direct the bequests herein contained to be taken as part thereof

ffirst I direct that whatever may be the Yearly income of the eldest Son of my Son George Lord Herbert, my Executors shall pay my said grandson so much Yearly as to make the same a clear Annual income of One Thousand Pounds on his Attaining the Age of twenty One Years

I bequeath the Sum of two Hundred Pounds P. Annum to Diana the Daughter of George Lord Herbert to be paid to her yearly during her natural life from the day of her Attaining the Age of Sixteen Years

I will and direct that the Youngest Son of the said George Lord Herbert who shall be living at my decease shall be supplied with Money by my Executors at their discretion and that they give him every assistance in their power to enable him to pursue with advantage and a prospect of success such a line of life as may be Agreeable to his inclinations and turn of Mind

Also I will and direct that my said Executors shall pay and discharge all the Debts of my Son George Lord Herbert (if he haves any) so that his Will may have its full effect and his Real and Personal Estate be exonerated from all demands and Incumbrances

I bequeath to my daughter M^{rs} Catherine Williams (Wife of John Williams Esquire) ffour Hundred Pounds in Money to be paid to her within twelve months after my decease Also I bequeath to the said M^{rs} Catherine Williams five shares of One hundred Pounds each in the Government Tontine established about the year 1790.

I bequeath to Julia Daughter of the said M^{rs} Catherine Williams two shares of One Hundred Pounds each in the said Government Tontine and my small repeating watch

I bequeath to the said John Williams One share of One Hundred Pounds in the said Government Tontine and also to each of the other Children of the said Mrs Cath. Williams who shall be living at my decease one share of One Hundred Pounds in the said Tontine and the same to those who shall be born afterwards

I bequeath to my Son Captain Augustus Montgomery in the Navy my time keeper the Sum of ffive Hundred Pounds in Money to be paid to him in twelve Months after my decease and five Shares of One Hundred Pounds each in the said Tontine

Also I bequeath to the Wife if the said Captain Montgomery one share of One hundred Pounds in the said Tontine

Also I bequeath a share of One hundred Pounds in the said Tontine to each and every one of the Children of the said Captain Montgomery who shall be living at the time of my decease and the same to those who shall be born afterwards

I bequeath to M^r Sperati Professor of the Violincello my best Violincello which I bought of Signior Dalogio at Venice and my second best Bass which I leave him to choose I also bequeath to the said M^r Sperati ffifty Pounds in Money yo be paid him in twelve Months after my decease and one share of One Hundred Pounds in the said Government Tontine

And I direct that my Executors shall purchase the shares before mentioned for the lives of the several persons to whom they are bequeathed and shall pay the abovementioned Legacies out of my Personal Estate which I hereby make Chargeable with the payment of the same

I Give to Michelino my Servant and to his Wife and the longest liver of them as apartment in the Magdalen Hospital in Wilton.

Lastly I hereby confirm my said Will and Testament and the several Codicils thereto (the last of which is dated the twenty third day of July 1792) and every clause and bequest in my said Will and Codicils mentioned

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the twenty first day of September One thousand Seven hundred and ninety three *Pembroke & Montgomery &c . . . (SS)*, Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery &c. as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament to be taken as a part thereof in the presence of us, *Tho^s Eyre, Jn^o Turner ./. .*

On the twenty first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety four Administration(with the Will and four Codicils annexed) of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery deceased was granted to The Right Honourable George Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery , the Son of the said deceased and Residuary Legatee named in the said Will having been first sworn duly to Administer The Right Honourable Henry Earl of Carnarvon formerly Lord Portchester and John Lamb Esquire the Executors name in the said Will having first renounced the Execution of the said Will and Codicils ./. .

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