

## Will of Caroline Williams née Medkaff (1769-1845)

*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 Caroline Williams<sup>1</sup> of Stanmore in the County of Middlesex Widow of the late John Williams<sup>2</sup> Esquire formerly one of the Commissioners of Customs made in manner following that is to say

ffirst I direct all my just debts funeral and testamentary charges and all expenses related thereto to be fully paid and satisfied

I nominate constitute and appoint my two Sons George Henry Wiliams<sup>3</sup> and William John Williams<sup>4</sup> my ffriend Edward [Dann] Esquire *Executors* of this my will

I give and bequeath to my said ffriend Edward [Dann] the sum of Ten pounds for a mourning ring

I bequeath all the *personal estate* which shall belong to me at my decease to the said George Henry Williams William John Williams and Edward [Dann] upon Trust to convert collect and act in the same and receive the money to stand possessed thereof for the purposes following that is to say

In Trust for my child if only one or for my children if more than one that may be living at the time of my decease in equal shares and not the issue of any one or more that may die in my lifetime

I declare that my Executors shall retain the share to which my daughter ffrances Anna<sup>5</sup> the wife of John Walter Scrivenor<sup>6</sup> shall become entitled by virtue of this my will Upon trust to pay the income thereof as and when the same shall become due and be received

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<sup>1</sup> Caroline Williams née Medkaff (1769-1845), the Testatrix, daughter of Constanza and Henry Herbert (1734-1794), wife of John Williams (1753-1827).

<sup>2</sup> John Williams (1753-1827), husband of the Testatrix, son of Mary Margaret née de Veil (1722-?) and Basil Bacon (1725-1775).

<sup>3</sup> George Henry Williams (1787-1842), son of the Testatrix and John Williams (1753-1827), never married.

<sup>4</sup> William John Williams (1791-1873), son of the Testatrix and John Williams (1753-1827), husband of Frances née Smith (1815-?).

<sup>5</sup> Frances Anna Scrivenor née Williams (1798-1866), daughter of the Testatrix and John Williams (1753-1827), wife of John Walter Scrivenor (1800-?).

<sup>6</sup> John Walter Scrivenor (1800-1864), son in law of the Testatrix, son of Elizabeth née Craiston (1772-1822) and Harry George Scrivenor (1770-1862), husband of the Testatrix and John Williams (1753-1827),

and not by way of anticipation into the proper hands of my said daughter to be enjoyed by her as an unalienable personal provision free whensoever She shall be covert from the control and engagements of her husband and for which income her receipts alone shall be sufficient discharges to my executors and after the decease of my said daughters Frances Anna then as to the principal with the future income In Trust for the child if one or for the children if more than one if my same daughter and so that the interest of each child shall be absolutely vested at the age of twenty one years and if no object of the preceding trust shall acquire an absolutely vested interest that upon such trusts as would by virtue of my will affect the same share if my said daughter were dead in my lifetime

I further declare that my executors shall retain the share to which my daughter Augusta<sup>7</sup> now the wife of Monsieur de Beaubois<sup>8</sup> shall become entitled by virtue of this my will upon Trust to pay the income thereof when and as the same shall become due and be received and not by way of anticipation into the proper hands of my said daughter to be enjoyed by her as an unalienable personal provision free whensoever she shall be covert from the control and engagements of her husband and for which income her receipts alone shall be sufficient discharges to my executors and after the decease of my said daughter Augusta then as to the principal with the future income In Trust for the child if only one or for the children if more than one of my same daughter by her former husband The Reverend George H. L. Gretton<sup>9</sup> deceased and so that the interest of each child shall be absolutely vested at the age of twenty one years and if no object of the preceding trust shall acquire an absolutely vested interest then upon such trusts as would by virtue of my will affect the same share if my said daughter were dead in my lifetime

I declare that my executors shall have power to apply the whole or any part of the annual income to which each or any object being a Minor of the trusts aforesaid shall be entitled in such way and manner as to them or him shall be deemed advisable

I declare that the receipts of my executors shall exonerate all persons paying monies to them by virtue of my will from all liability in respect of the application thereof

and I do hereby declare that my said executors shall each of them be answerable for their own separate acts and receipts only and not the one for the other of them nor for involuntary losses and that they do and may retain all the costs charges and expenses which they or either of them may sustain in and about the execution of this my will

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<sup>7</sup> Augusta de Beaubois née Williams (1794-1877), daughter of the Testatrix and John Williams (1753-1827), wife of (i) Rev George Holdsworth Lowther Gretton (1781-1833) and (ii) Louis Antoine Francois Beaubois (1808-1877).

<sup>8</sup> Louis Antoine François Beaubois (1808-1877), son in law of the Testatrix, son of Marie Louise née Duriez and Antoine François Beaubois, husband of Augusta de Beaubois née Williams (1794-1877).

<sup>9</sup> Rev George Holdsworth Lowther Gretton (1781-1833), son in law of the Testatrix, son of Mary and Rev George Gretton (1754-1820), husband of Augusta de Beaubois née Williams (1794-1877).

hereby revoking all former will and wills by me made I declare this to be and contain my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I the said Caroline Williams the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one — *Caroline Williams* — Signed by the said Testatrix as her last Will and Testament in the presence us present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses. — *Bryan Burgess Clerk N<sup>o</sup> 9 Salisbury Place St Marylebone* — *W<sup>m</sup> Rogers Surgeon Stanmore*.

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**Proved** at London the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1845 before the Worshipful John Danbury Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the Oaths of William John Williams Esquire the Son and Edward [Dann] Esquire the surviving Executors to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn duly to Administer.

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