Will of Elizabeth Rampley[[1]](#footnote-1) 24 January 1849 (proved[[2]](#footnote-2) 24 September 1850)

NRO Reference: 130 [MF364]

Origin: Archdeaconaries of Norwich and of Norfolk

71 The last Will and Testament of me

Elizabeth Rampley, of Moulton[[3]](#footnote-3) in the

County of Norfolk, Widow. I nominate

and appoint my Friend Walne Taylor sole

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Executor of this my Will. I desire my

Said Executor to have my body interred

In the Churchyard of the Parish in which

I may happen to die, and that my funeral

Be conducted in a plain and decent manner.

I give and bequeath unto my Great niece

Emily Mary Moggs, Spinster, my wearing

apparel of every description, my wedding

and mourning rings and my watch, with

its appendages. And I give and bequeath

all the residue and remainder of my personal

estate and effects, whatsoever and wheresoever

(after payment of my just debts and my

funeral and testamentary expenses and after

the specific bequest hereinbefore contained shall

be taken thereout) unto the said Walne Taylor

for his own absolute use and benefit. In

witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Rampley

have to this my last Will and Testament set

my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth

day of January in the year of our Lord one

thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Elizabeth Rampley L.S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by

the said Elizabeth Rampley, the Testatrix, as

and for her last Will and Testament, in the

presence of us, present at the same time, who,

in her presence, at her request and in the

presence of each other, have subscribed our

names as Witnesses hereto. Harriet

Wlikinson. Geo*rge* Littleboy

This Will was proved, the 24th

dayof September 1850, before the

Reverend David Jones, Clerk, Surrogate

in that behalf of the Worshipful the

Official in and throughout the

Archdeaconry of Norwich, lawfully

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constituted, and was approved and registered

and Administration of all and singular

the goods etc. of the within-named Testatrix,

Elizabeth Rampley, was then duly granted to

Walne Taylor, the sole Executor within named,

he being first sworn etc. saving etc. Effects sworn

under 300£ Testatrix died May 1850

Examined

Thailes[[4]](#footnote-4) S Swan

**Transcription Conventions**

* semi-diplomatic transcription
* lineation and indentation retained
* raised letters lowered, contractions expanded, and supplied letters italicized
* ampersand silently replaced by “and” (or by “et” in “etc.”)
* deleted text given in <xxx>

1. Before 1882, widows and single women were permitted to make wills, but married women were not, except with the permission of the husband. It was considered that a married woman's property belonged to her husband [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Probate: in order to “prove” a will, and thereby establish legally its validity, the executors named in it would appear in court and exhibit the will. They would then enter into a bond concerning the administration of the goods contained within the will. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Probably Moulton St Mary: Norwich 10 miles, Blofield 4 miles (where her husband died – will also available at Rampley.net) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. I can’t read the first name of this signature [↑](#footnote-ref-4)