Will of James Rampley 18 July 1823 (codicil[[1]](#footnote-1) added 26 June 1826) (proved[[2]](#footnote-2) 23 February 1827)

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This is the last will and testament of me James Rampley of Bury

Saint Edmunds in the county of Suffolk Gentleman made this eighteenth day of July in the year of our

lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three first I make nominate and appoint my nephew

William Rampley of Blofield[[3]](#footnote-3) in the county of Norfolk innkeeper and John Leatherdale of Yaxley[[4]](#footnote-4) in the

said county of Suffolk farmer executors of this my will then I give and bequeath a legacy or sum of fifty

pounds[[5]](#footnote-5) each unto the children of my brother John Rampley late of Yaxley aforesaid farmer deceased namely

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namely John Rampley Thomas Rampley Martha Allum[[6]](#footnote-6) Mary Couzens[[7]](#footnote-7) Utakiah[[8]](#footnote-8) Bush and Sophia

Lemair but as to the part or share of the said John Rampley in case of his death before me I give and

bequeath the same to the survivors of the said children equally and in case of the decease of the said

Thomas Rampley Martha Allum Mary Couzens Utakiah Bush and Sophia Lemair or any or either

of them I give the parts or shares of each so dying to their legal representatives also I give and bequeath

the like sum of fifty pounds apiece to the children of my sister late Elizabeth Gooch wife of Thomas Gooch

deceased and in case of their deaths I give the same to their respective legal representatives also I give

and bequeath the like sum of fifty pounds each unto the children of my sister Alice Nunn late the wife

of John Nunn deceased and in case of their deaths I give the same to their respective legal

representatives also I give and bequeath to Ann Rogers the wife of William Rogers of South Lopham[[9]](#footnote-9)

in the said county of Norfolk xxx farmer the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds[[10]](#footnote-10) for her own sole use and

benefit notwithstanding her coverture and the same not to be liable to the controul debts or engagements

of her present or future husband but that her receipt alone shall be a good and valid discharge to my

said Executors for the same also I give and bequeath to Harriett Edwards daughter of Harry Edwards

of Botesdale[[11]](#footnote-11) in the county of Suffolk the sum of one hundred pounds[[12]](#footnote-12) also I give to Edward Edwards son of the said

Harry Edwards the sum of thirty pounds[[13]](#footnote-13) also I give and bequeath to the children of my brother

William Rampley of Botesdale aforesaid deceased if any of them should be living at the time of

my decease a legacy or sum of fifty pounds apiece also I give and bequeath to my nephew Robert Pott a

legacy or sum of fifty pounds but in case of his death before the said legacy becomes due and payable then

xxx the same to Ann Rogers the wife of William Rogers aforesaid and to her legal

representatives all which said xxx and xxx legacies of money I will and direct shall be paid

by my Executors within twelve months most after my decease and further I give and devise all

that my freehold messuage[[14]](#footnote-14) and premises with the garden and appurtenances thereto belonging

wherein I now reside situate and being in the Southgate in Bury Saint Edmunds aforesaid unto

the said William Rampley and John Leatherdale my said executors cohold to xxx their heirs and

assigns upon trust that they or the survivors of them or the heirs of each survivor do and shall

award as conveniently may be after my decease will dispose of and cowrry either by public auction

or on sale contran as they shall deem proper for the most money that can fairly be obtained for

the same and for facilitating such sale it is my will and meaning that the purchase of the said

messuage and premises shall not be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or non

application of the purchase money or any part thereof but that the receipt or receipts of my said

executors or the survivor of them or the heirs of such survivor shall be a good and sufficient

discharge as the purchaser for such a purchase money and the money arising from the sale of my

aforesaid messuage and premises and household furniture (save and except the furniture in a

sleeping room of my Housekeeper Lucy Harrold Singleroornenshiate iwarts the premises in

xxxpation of xxx Fordham which I give to her for her own use) together with all my monies

securities for money and the residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever after payment of

my just debts funeral charges and expenses and the aforesaid legacies or sums of money I give and

bequeath the same unto the said William Rampley Susan Leatherdale and George Rampley

equally to be divided between them share and share alike and to their respective legal

representatives save and except as aforesaid and I do hereby direct that my said Executors may

reimburse themselves out of my said estate and effects all reasonable charges that they shall or

may pay sustain or be put unto in or about the execution of this my will or the trusts hereby

reposed in them and that they shall not be accountable for the acts deeds receipts and defaults

of each other but only liable and accountable for his own acts deeds receipts and defaults In

witness whereof I the said James Rampley the Testator have to this my last will and testament

contained in three sheets of paper set my hand to the first sheets thereof and to this last

sheet my hand and seal the day and year first within written Ja*me*s Rampley (LS) Signed

sealed published and declared by the said James Rampley as and for his last will & testament

in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our

name as witnesses thereto M A Harrison Sarah Ball H Tipple

I James Rampley of Bury Saint Edmunds in the county of Suffolk Gentleman do this

twenty sixth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six

make this a codicil to my will and to be taken as part thereof in manner following that is to

say whereas I have in and by my said will bearing date about the eighteenth day of

July one thousand eight hundred and twenty three given and bequeathed a legacy of fifty

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pounds unto my niece Mary Couzens now I do hereby revoke and make void the said legacy of fifty

pounds and in lieu and stead thereof I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Couzens a legacy of one

hundred pounds to and for her own use and benefit and whereas I have in and by my said will

given and bequeathed a legacy of one hundred pounds unto Harriett Edwards daughter of

Harry Edwards of Botesdale in the county of Suffolk now I do hereby revoke and make void the said

legacy of one hundred pounds and in lieu and stead thereof I give and bequeath unto the said

Harriet Edwards a legacy of fifty pounds only to and for her own use and benefit and whereas I

have in and by my said will given and bequeathed unto my respected housekeeper Lucy Harrold

all the furniture in her sleeping room in my dwelling house to and for her own use and benefit

now I do hereby confirm the said bequest and in addition thereto I do hereby authorize and empower

order and direct the Executors of my said will and herein named or the survivor of them his

executors or administrators from and immediately after my decease to put and place out at

interest on Sooernment or real security out of the monies to arise by the sale and conversion of

my said real and personal estate the sum of two hundred pounds[[15]](#footnote-15) sterling and to pay the

dividends and interest therefrom annually arising unto my said housekeeper Lucy Harrold for

and during the term of her natural life to whom I give and bequeath the same to and for

her own absolute use and benefit and her receipt alone under her proper hand shall be a good

discharge for the same and from and immediately after the decease of the said Lucy Harrold

then I direct the said principal sum of two hundred pounds to be called in and to be equally

divided between the said William Rampley Susan Leatherdale and George Rampley of

Norwich innkeeper to whom I give and bequeath the same to and for their own absolute

use benefit and disposal and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said George

Rampley to be one of my executors and trustees for sale of my real estate equally with the

said William Rampley and John Leatherdale and I do hereby confirm my said will in all

other respects in witness whereof I the said James Rampley the Testator have to this

codicil to my last will and testament contained in two sheets of paper set my hand to the first

sheet thereof and my hand and seal to this second and last sheet thereof this day and year

first above written James Rampley x his mark and seal signed sealed

published and declared by the said James Rampley the Testator as and for a codicil to his last will and

testament and to be taken as part thereof in the presence of us who in his presence at his request

and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

John Durrant Michael Lark Fred*eric*k Mring Bury Saint Edmunds Suffolk.

Proved at London with a codicil 23rd February 1827 before the judge by the oaths of William Rampley

the nephew & John Leatherdale the executors named in the will & George Rampley the executor

named in the codicil to whom Adm*inistrati*on was granted they having been first sworn by Com*missi*on duly to Administer.

[side note][[16]](#footnote-16)

On the 22nd July 1848

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Credits of James Rampley

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Edmunds in the county

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the said George Rampley

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**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.”)
* text in italic hand given in ///xxx///
* deleted text given in <xxx>

1. Clause added to and altering will; any additional clause or provision [↑](#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. 66Km from Bury St Edmunds; 54Km from Sapiston; 40Km from South Lopham; 47Km from Wattisfield where he was born [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 28Km from Bury St Edmunds; 21Km from Sapiston; 11Km from South Lopham [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. About £3000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Also spelt Allom in another source [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Also spelt Cozens in another source [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. I think this should say Sarah, but it reads “Utakiah” or perhaps “Utakah” [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. 14Km from Sapiston [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. About £14000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. 13Km from Sapiston; 6Km from South Lopham [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. About £5500 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. About £1700 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. A house with its land and outbuildings [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. About £11000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Perhaps added on housekeeper’s death [↑](#footnote-ref-16)