Will of Samuel Rampley 30 May 1814 (proved[[1]](#footnote-1) 9 December 1820)

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This is the last Will and Testament of

me Samuel Rampley of Stanton in the

County of Suffolk Cordwainer[[2]](#footnote-2) being of sound and

disposing mind praised be almighty God for

the same First I revoke all former Wills and

declare this to be my last And thereof I

appoint Thomas Avey of Stanton aforesaid

farmer Executor thereof And I give and

devise unto the said Thomas Avey and his

heirs as well my freehold Messuages[[3]](#footnote-3) lands

and hereditaments in possession reversion

remainder expectancy or otherwise as those

which I have agreed and purchased of John

Whain[[4]](#footnote-4) Upon trust to sell and dispose of

the same as soon as conveniently can be after

my decease either together or in parcels either

by private sale or by auction and the monies

thereby arising together with the money to

arise by sale of the copyhold part of the estate

of the said John Whain for which purpose I

authorize and empower the said Thomas

Avey to carry the said agreement into execution

and to order and direct that the said John

Whain or his heirs do and shall surrender the

Copyhold part of the said purchase I made of

him to and for the purchase thereof under this

my Will and the money so to be made by sale of my

said freehold and copyhold estates together

with the money to arise by sale of all my

personal estate and effects of what nature

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soever for which purpose I give and bequeath

the same to my said Executor to be sold and

converted into money I give and bequeath order

and direct to be paid to and equally divided

amongst my three daughters subject

nevertheless and I hereby subject and charge

all my real and personal estates with and

to the payment of all my mortgages and

other debts whatsoever In Witness whereof

I have hereunto set and put my hand and

Seal this thirtieth day of May one thousand

eight hundred and fourteen but first

declaring and ordering that the receipt and

receipts of my said Executor shall be good

and valid discharge and discharges to the

purchaser and purchasers of my said

estates and every part thereof and that such

purchaser and purchasers should not be

further answerable or accountable for the

same or any part thereof Samuel

Rampley Signed sealed and

delivered published and declared by the said

Samuel Rampley the Testator as and for

his last Will and Testament in the presence

of us who in his presence at his request and

in the presence of each other have subscribed

our names as Witnesses Ja*mes* Barsham

Edward Randall John

Kent

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Probate of this Will was made in comon[[5]](#footnote-5) form

before the Rev*eren*d Arthur Rogers Cl*er*k Surr*ogate* to the

Worshipful Henry Denny Berners Cl*er*k LL

B Off*icia*l etc. the 9th day of Decem*be*r 1820 by the oath

of the sole Executor to whom Adm*inistrati*on etc. was

granted being sworn etc. saving all right etc.

**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. 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-1)
2. Maker of high quality shoes; shoemaker or worker in cordovan leather [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Houses with their land and outbuildings [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Or John Wham – either name seems very unusual [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Sic. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)