Will of Sarah Rampley[[1]](#footnote-1) 17 November 1813 (codicil[[2]](#footnote-2) added 6 November 1819) (proved[[3]](#footnote-3) 19 April 1821)

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I Sarah Rampley now residing at

Thurston[[4]](#footnote-4) in the county of Suffolk the wife of James Rampley late[[5]](#footnote-5)

of Stanningfield[[6]](#footnote-6) in the same county farmer do make this my last will

and testament <in the manner following> that is to say whereas by an

Indenture dated the seventeenth day of November one thousand eight

hundred and thirteen and made between the said James Rampley

and myself of the one part and Ezekiel Sparke of Bury Saint Edmunds

in the said County Gentleman since deceased and Joseph Maulkin of

the same place Merchant of the other part writing that the said

James Rampley w*oul*d pay into the hands of the said Ezekiel Sparke and

Joseph Maulkin the sum of one thousand and five hundred pounds[[7]](#footnote-7)

to be laid out in the purchase of Stock and which was on the

thirteenth day of March then last laid out by them in the purchase of

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one thousand six hundred and ninety seven pounds six shillings and

three pence[[8]](#footnote-8) Navy[[9]](#footnote-9) five per cent annuities and that the said five

per Cent annuities were so purchased by them for the Trusts intents

and purposes therein and hereinafter mentioned and it was thereby

declared and agreed by and between the said parties and particularly

the said James Rampley did thereby direct appoint and agree that

it should and might be lawful to and for the said Ezekiel Sparke

and Joseph Maulkin and the survivor of them his Executors and

advisors or such future Trustee or Trustees to be appointed as therein

mentioned to stand possessed of the said Stock upon the Trusts and for

the intents and purposes thereinafter mentioned that is to say upon

Trust to pay to or authorize and empower me and my assigns during

the joint lives of myself and the said James Rampley to receive and

take the whole of the dividends and interest thereof to and for my

own sole and separate use exclusive of my said husband and so as not

to be subject to his Controul[[10]](#footnote-10) Debts or Engagements and for which my

receipt alone notwithstanding my Coverture[[11]](#footnote-11) shall be a good discharge

to the Trustees for so much thereof as should be expressed in such

receipt and from and after the decease of either of them the said

James Rampley and myself in case I should survive him Then upon

Trust to pay assign and transfer the said Stocks funds and Securities

and the accruing interest thereof unto me my Executors and advisors

to and for my and their use and benefit but in case the said James

Rampley should happen to survive me Then upon Trust to pay

assign and transfer the said Stocks Funds and Securities and the

accruing Interest and dividends thereof unto such person or persons

for such uses intents and purposes and in such manner as I

notwithstanding my Coverture and as if I was sole and unmarried

should at any time in and by my last will and Testament in writing

or any writing or writings purporting to be or being in the nature

of a will or any Codicil or Codicils thereto to be by me duly executed

and attested direct or appoint give or dispose of the same now by

virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority given or

reserved to me in and by the said writed Indenture and of all other

powers and authorities given to me or in anywise enabling me I do

by this my last will and Testament or appointment in the nature

of a will give and dispose of the one thousand six hundred and ninety

seven pounds six shillings and three pence Navy five per Cents and

the dividends which may be due to me for the same at my decease

in manner following that is to say I give and bequeath unto the said

Joseph Maulkin the Sum of Two hundred and forty pounds[[12]](#footnote-12) Sterling

upon Trust that he shall and do immediately after my decease place

out the same at Interest on Government or Real Security by and in his

name upon Trust that the his Executors and advisors shall and do

pay to or authorize and empower my Brother Thomas Taylor and

his assigns to receive and take the Dividends and Interests thereof for

and during the term of his life and from and after his decease then

in case his wife Mary shall survive him to pay the Dividends and

Interest to his said wife for her life and from and after the decease of the

Survivor of them the said Thomas Taylor and Mary his wife I give

and bequeath the said Sum of Two hundred and forty pounds and the

Stocks Funds and Securities for the same and the accruing Interest and

Dividends thereof unto his two Children Robert and Lucy Taylor

equally to be <dividends thereof unto his two Children Robert> divided

between them share and share alike and I give and bequeath unto Sarah

Halls the wife of Matthew Halls of Denham[[13]](#footnote-13) in the said County the Sum

of one hundred and fifty pounds[[14]](#footnote-14) Sterling also I give and bequeath unto Sarah

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Sarah Halls the Eldest daughter of the said Matthew Halls and Sarah

his wife the Sum of four hundred pounds[[15]](#footnote-15) sterling to be paid to her at her

age of twenty one years but in case she shall happen to die under that age

then I give the Sum of Two hundred pounds[[16]](#footnote-16) part thereof unto the said

Sarah Halls the wife of the said Matthew Halls and Margaret Dooks

[\*] = insert:

other part thereof and the remaining one hundred pounds

of Hawsted Place[[17]](#footnote-17) one hundred pounds[[18]](#footnote-18) [\*] to Sarah Burch the wife of Thomas

Burch of Diss in the county in Norfolk Cooper also I give and bequeath

unto the said Margaret Dooks the sum of Two hundred pounds Sterling

to and for her and their own use and benefit also I give to the said Joseph

Maulkin the further sum of Two hundred pounds Sterling upon Trust

that he his Executors or advisors shall and do in like manner place

out the same at interest and upon further Trust to pay to or authorize

and empower the said Sarah Burch the wife of the aforesaid Thomas

Burch and her assigns to receive and take the dividends and Interest

thereof during the term of her life to and for her own sole and

separate use so as not to be liable to the debts Controul or Engagements

of her said husband and I declare and direct that the receipt of the

said Sarah Burch notwithstanding her Coverture or the receipt or

receipts of such person or persons as she shall by any note or

writing under her hand direct to receive the same shall be a good

discharge and indemnity to the said Joseph Maulkin his Executors and

advisors and from and after her decease then upon Trust to pay

assign and transfer the said last mentioned Trust monies Stocks Funds

and Securities for the same and the accruing Interest and Dividends

thereof unto such person or persons for such uses intents and purposes and

in such manner as she the said Sarah Burch shall in and by any

deed or writing under her hand and seal or by her last Will and

Testament in writing or any writing or writings purporting to be or being

in the nature of a Will or any Codicil or Codicils thereto to be by

her respectively only executed and attested direct or appoint give or

dispose of the same and for want thereof to her Executors or advisors

also I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred pounds Sterling

unto all the Children of Thomas Peacock of Barrow in the said

County Collar maker by Elizabeth Aldaus his late wife who shall be

alive at my decease equally divided between them and to be

paid to them on the youngest of them for the time being attaining

the age of twenty one years and in case any of them shall happen

to die under the age of twenty one then I give the share or shares

of him her or them so dying of and in the said last mentioned Sum

and of the accumulations to be made of the Interest thereof as herein

after mentioned unto the Survivors of them and to be paid in like

manner with his or her original share thereof and I direct that the

said Sum of one hundred pounds Sterling and the yearly Interest

and dividends thereof shall be from time to time placed out at Interest

by and in the name of the said Joseph Maulkin his Executors

& advisors as an accumulating Fund until the youngest of the said

children for the time being shall attain the age of twenty one

years also I give and bequeath unto John Rampley of Hawsted[[19]](#footnote-19)

aforesaid Husbandman the sum of Thirty pounds[[20]](#footnote-20) also to his sister

Mary Cousins the Sum of nineteen Guineas[[21]](#footnote-21) also I give to Alice

Durrant of Bury Saint Edmunds aforesaid Widow the Sum of fifty

pounds[[22]](#footnote-22) and Ann Rogers wife of William Rogers of Lopham

Innkeeper nineteen Guineas and I give to the said Joseph Maulkin

the Sum of ten pounds[[23]](#footnote-23) in case he acts in the Trusts of this my

will and I direct all the said Legacies for the payment of which no

one is hereinbefore directed to be paid within six months after my

decease and all the Residue of the monies Stocks Funds and Securities for

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for monies so vested in the said Ezekiel Sparke and Joseph

Maulkin in and by the said recited Indenture and all other my

personal Estate which I have power to dispose of after payment

of my debts and funeral expenses and the before mentioned Legacies

unto the said Sarah Halls the daughter to and for her own use and

I desire to be buried in a decent and proper manner at Hawsted[[24]](#footnote-24)

aforesaid In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament

or appointment in the nature of a will contained in four sheets of paper

set my hand and seal in manner following that is to say to the

three first Sheets thereof my hand and to this last and fourth

sheet thereof my hand and Seal this fifteenth day of August in the

year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. Sarah

Rampley Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said

Sarah Rampley as and for her last Will and Testament or appointment

in the nature of a Will in the presence of us who in her presence and

in the presence of each other at her request have hereunto subscribed

our names as witnesses the several Erazures having been first made

therein. Tim J Holmes John Jackson Bury St Edm*und*s

I Sarah Rampley above named do this

sixth day of November one thousand eight hundred and nineteen make

this as and for a Codicil to my above Will first I give and bequeath

unto my brother Thomas Taylor the sum of forty pounds[[25]](#footnote-25) part of

the sum of Two hundred and forty pounds by my said Will directed to

be paid put out for his benefit the remaining Two hundred pounds to

be invested and go as by my said Will is directed as to the Two

hundred and fifty[[26]](#footnote-26) pounds also I revoke the Legacy by my above Will

of fifty pounds given to Alice Durrant and instead thereof do give and

bequeath unto her Thirty pounds and so confirm my said Will in all

other respects Sarah Rampley Signed Sealed Published and Declared

by the <above> said Sarah Rampley as and for a Codicil to her last Will

and Testament or appointment in the nature of a codicil in the

presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence

of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses Tim J Holmes

J Jackson.

Proved at London (with a Codicil) 19th April 1821 before the

Judge by the oath of Joseph Maulkin the Executor according to the

Trust to whom adm*inistrati*on was granted limited so far only as

concerns all the right Title and Interest of her the deceased in and

to the sum of £1697 .. 6 .. 3 Navy 5 pCent Bank Annuities and the

Interest and Dividends now due and to grow due thereon over which

she the said deceased had a disposing power by virtue of a certain

Indenture of Settlement or Declaration of Trust bearing date the 17th

November 1813 and which she hath disposed of by her Will accordingly

and all benefit and advantage to be had received and taken therefrom

but no further or otherwise or in any other manner whatsoever

having been first sworn by Com*missi*on duly to administer.

**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. 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. Since Sarah’s husband James died later, he must have given her this permission. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Clause added to and altering will; any additional clause or provision [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 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-3)
4. Bury St Edmunds 4 miles; Hawstead 6 miles; Sapiston 6 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. I thought this meant he had died, but he is then described as “farmer” and not “deceased”, so I take it the “late” just means he no longer lived in Stanningfield. Probably he farmed there. In James’s own will, he is described as a gentleman [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Thurston 6 miles; Bury St Edmunds 5 miles; Hawstead 3 miles; Sapiston 12 miles [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. About £50000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. About £55000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Not sure about this word. Looks like Narry or Navy [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Control [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Status of married woman [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. About £8000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. There are two Denhams in Suffolk: one 6 miles west of Bury St Edmunds (the one referred to here) and the other near Eye, 6 miles south-east of Diss (Norfolk). The two Denhams are 29 miles apart [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. About £5000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. About £13000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. About £6500 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Hawstead Place, the former home of the Drury family in the 16th century [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. About £3500 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Hawstead [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. About £1000 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. About £650 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. About £1600 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. About £350 [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Hawstead [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. About £1300 in 2002 [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. Should be forty [↑](#footnote-ref-26)