

Will of George Augustus Montgomery (1793-1842)

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 *The Reverend George Augustus Montgomery*¹ of Bishopstone in the County of Wilts Clerk

I give all my *Estate and Property* of every kind and description both real and personal and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to my dear Wife Cecilia² her heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature of such estate and property for her and their absolute use and benefit and I appoint my said Wife the sole *Executrix* of this my Will and revoking all Wills by me heretofore made I publish and declare these presents as and for my last Will and Testament this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five — *George Augustus Montgomery* — (SS) — Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said George Augustus Montgomery the testator as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses *Rob^t Wheatley Lumley Carey S^t Sol^r — Joseph Rigley — Tho^s Cha^s Isaacson } his Clerks ./.*

A.

This is a Codicil to my last Will & Testament which bears date the thirteenth day of June 1835

I give from and after the death of my dear Wife the sum of four thousand pounds to my Sister³ the Wife of Arthur Gibbon⁴ Esq^r the interest to be paid to her & her husband during their lives and on their death the principal to be divided equally among the children

¹ Rev George Augustus Montgomery (1793-1842), the Testator, son of Susan née Maltass (1770-1851) and Augustus Retnuh Reebkomp aka Augustus Montgomery (1762-1797), husband of Cecilia née Markham (1792-1879).

² Cecilia née Markham (1792-1879), wife of the Testator, daughter of Elizabeth Evelyn née Sutton (1771-1842) and Very Rev George Markham (1763-1822).

³ Elizabeth née Montgomery (1796-1870), sister of the Testator, daughter of Susan née Maltass (1770-1851) and Augustus Retnuh Reebkomp aka Augustus Montgomery (1762-1797), wife of Arthur Gibbon (1780-1861).

⁴ Arthur Gibbon (1780-1861), brother in law of the Testator, son of Barbara née Yeats (1749-1791) and Robert Gibbon (1738-1831), husband of Elizabeth née Montgomery (1796-1870).

after the death of my dear Wife the sum of one thousand pounds to be given to Isabella eldest daughter of Major James & M^{rs} Ann Chadwick

also after the death of my dear Wife I leave the sum of four hundred pounds to the Rector of Bishopstone the Archdeacon of Sarum & the Rural Dean of Chalke in order to build a School in the Parish of Bishopstone the whole of the four hundred is to be appropriated to the building itself It is to be constructed either of stone or the finest white brick & stone the plan to be given & the work to be executed by the Clerk of the Works of Salisbury Cathedral The workmen employed are all to be selected from those employed in Salisbury Cathedral my reason for making this provision is that the work should not be given to inefficient & unskilful hands

I leave one thousand pounds also after the death of my dear Wife to the Bishop of Salisbury the Rector of Bishopstone and one Churchwarden of Bishopstone to be layed out in restoring releading repewing repaving the Church for this purpose the sum of five hundred pounds may be immediately expended the interest of the remaining five hundred to be appropriated to repairing the Painted Glass in the Chancel always preserving the Arms & names and if the Chancel in every respect is in the highest order then the interest to be appropriated to what will add to the beauty & convenience of the general structure No portion of the interest or principal to be given in Charity and no portion to be appropriated to the usual repairs the expense of which are now (1837) defrayed by Church Rates

after my Wifes death the interest of five thousand pounds to be paid to my Mother during her life after her death the principal to go as my dear Wife shall direct

Witness my hand this fourth day of April 1837— *George Augustus Montgomery* ./.

B.

This is a Codicil to my last Will and Testament which bears date the thirteenth day of June 1835

The thousand pounds bequeathed by me for the benefit of Bishopstone Church I leave on the sole condition that the workmen employed are the same who are employed in the repairs of Salisbury Cathedral or sent from London my desire being that the work should not be confided to tasteless and unskilful persons I would be my dear Wife to see that a deed is drawn up as soon after my death as may be leaving the money I have left to the Church & for the Schools in the way I have directed & to the persons I have mentioned if they will be kind enough to accept the trust

My wish is to be interred on the South East side of the Chancel within the Altar rails or in the Chancel in front of the Vestry door A Gothic Monument in Character with the building to occupy the space between the windows the lower part of the Vestry door, for

this I leave one hundred pounds my funeral to be as private and plain as decency will permit, The Coffin lead but the exterior plain board

after my dear Wifes death I leave the sum of three hundred pounds to the Rector of Bishopstone the interest of which to be laid out in the purchase of Coals for the poor to be sold to them at a cheap rate on condition that an annual subscription amounting to a sum equal to the interest of the three hundred pounds is collected for the same purpose that this charity may not be lost I wish that it may ~~be shortly mentioned~~ with the legacy to build a school and repair the Church, be carved on a tablet and inserted in the South Aisle over the entrance arch

What I would give to my Servants living with me at my death must depend on the means of my dear Wife at that time

to Ann Smith if living with me at the time of my death I would leave the sum of forty pounds

If to those servants who have lived with me five years half a years income could be given I should be glad

a small sum also as a remembrance to each person who is regularly employed in the Garden

Witness my hand this fourth day of April 1837 — *George Augustus* —

*In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
In the Goods of The Reverend George Augustus Montgomery Clerk dec'ed*

Appeared Personally *Robert Wheatley Lumley* of No 22 Carey Street Lincolns Inn in the County of Middlesex Gentleman and *William Weight* of the same place Gentleman and made Oath that they knew and were well acquainted with the Reverend George Augustus Montgomery late of Bishopstone Coof in the County of Wilts Clerks deceased and with his manner and character of handwriting and subscription having several times seen him write and subscribe his name and having now viewed and perused the paper writings hereto annexed marked A and B purporting to be Codicils to the last Will and Testament of the said deceased The said Paper Writings respectively beginning thus "This is a Codicil to my last Will and Testament which bears date the thirteenth day of June 1835" and respectively ending thus "Witness my hand this fourth day of April 1837" and thus subscribed "George Augustus Montgomery"

and having also observed the following alterations in the said paper writings to wit the word "two" erased with a pen in the second line of the second page of the said paper writing marked A and the word "four" written after the same and the word "annual" interlined between the 7th and 18th lines of the second page of the said paper writing marked B

they lastly made Oath that the whole body series and contents of the said paper writings with the aforesaid alterations appearing therein and the subscriptions thereto are of the proper handwriting and subscription of the said deceased — *R. W. Lumley — William Weight* — on the twenty second day of february one thousand Eight hundred and forty three the said Robert Wheatley Lumley was duly sworn to the truth of this Affidavit Before me *John Daubeny Surr : Pres^t John J Nicholl Not. Pub.* The twenty second day of february one thousand eight hundred and forty three the said William Weight was duly sworn to the truth of this Affidavit Before me *H. J. Nicholl Surr: P^t J. H. Dyke Not: Pub:*

Proved at London (with two Codicils) 25th february 1843 before the Worshipful John Daubeny Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the Oath of Cecilia Montgomery Widow the Relict the sole Executrix to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn duly to administer ./.

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