

Will of Jacomina Caroline Hunter née Bellenden (c1730-c1795)

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.

In the Name of God Amen this is my last Will and Testament of me Jacomina Hunter¹ Widow of the late Tho^s Orby Hunter² Esq^r that is to say

in the first place I give and devise to [Allany Wallis] and Richard [Howard] Esq^{rs} as trustees for M^{rs} E. C. Clark³, to receive at my death, and apply to the use of my said Daughter in Law during her Natural Life and after that to my Second Son William Orby Hunter⁴ Esq^r and after that to Tho^s Orby Hunter⁵ Esq^r my Grand Son the following Articles Viz^t the Plate (of w^h the list is in my Cabinet) w^h I beg may not be changed or altered in any manner whatsoever those have what that the Books, Pictures, China, Table Linnen and sheets I have of Table Linnen and sheets to be used by the said M^{rs} Clark during her Natural Life and not to be affected in any way whatsoever by the Debts or Contracts of her husband Major Gen^l Alured Clark⁶, or any future Husband but to be for her use and benefit totally independant of and without any Controul whatever of her said husband or any future husband as likewise the Tables that is to say, the broad [Par] Tables the Cinnamon upon _____ and the little square table made to turn up w^{ch} was invented by Mr Hunter all those things and every one of them as for Mrs Clarkes use her Natural Life as above mentioned all the Prints and Drawings framed and unframed to her also, and my India Cabinet and all its Contents also the Chest in w^{ch} are the Coronation Robes (that Chest is of Indian Wood and preserves every thing that is put into it) my Porte ffolio of all Sortes

also to Mrs Clarke I leave my [Tin] set with small Diamonds containing her ffather's hair wth this Motto, [Relique trieste and pro_____].

¹ Jacomina Caroline Hunter née Bellenden (c1730-c1795), the Testatrix, daughter of Jacomina née Farmer (1705-1775) and Lt Col Hon William Bellenden (1702-1759), wife of Thomas Orby Hunter (c1714-1769).

² Thomas Orby Hunter (c1714-1769), husband of the Testatrix, son of Elizabeth née Orby and Maj Gen Robert Hunter (1665-1734), husband of (i) Mary née Heming (c1707-1749) and (ii) Jacomina Caroline née Bullenden (c1730-1795).

³ Elizabeth Catherina 'Kitty' Clarke (1740-1795) [[Wikipedia](#)], daughter in law of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary née Heming and Thomas Orby Hunter (c1714-1769), wife of Field Marshal Sir Alured Clarke (1744-1832).

⁴ William Orby Hunter (1750-?), son of the Testatrix and Thomas Orby Hunter (c1714-1769), partner of Baugwan Khonwar.

⁵ Thomas Orby Hunter (1776-1848), grandson of the Testatrix, son of Elizabeth née Howard (1753-1813) and Charles Orby Hunter (1749-1791), husband of Frances 'Fanny' née Heywood (1771-1834).

⁶ Maj Gen Sir Alured Clarke (1744-1832) [[Wikipedia](#)], son of Jane née Mullins and Charles Clarke (c1700-1750), husband of Elizabeth Catherina 'Kitty' Clarke (1740-1795).

Also my Silver muslin gown, and my painted satin painted by myself and any thing she may choose to have I give to my Daughter in Law Mrs James Fortesque⁷ a curious Ivory Writing box together wth a black and white fan drawn by her father marked in the Corner

I give and devise to my Second Son William Orby Hunter⁸ Esqr my Gold chased Watch (makers Name gray) and fifty pounds in Money to buy Mourning and the Shagreen case of Medals

I give and devise to my Brother Will^m Bellenden⁹ Esq^r the Same Sum and for the same Purpose, and also my father and my Mothers Pictures

I give to my Sister Sloper¹⁰ a black and white fan done in Indian Ink the joint Work of M^r Hunter and myself and also a Ring [Garnet] set with Diamonds as a small mark of my Love for her

I give to my Dear Miss Harriot S___, my double knife in a Clasp case, one of them is a gold blade

I give to my Son George Orby Hunter¹¹ Esq^r whatever money may be in the funds or at M^{rs} Coutts for his use. I leave it entirely to him after my just Debts are all paid and in case of his Decease to M^{rs} E. C. Clarke in trust of Mr Wallis and Richard [Tramard] Esqrs for the purpose of Little Emily when all my just Debts are paid and years wages to my Servants I desire that the rest may be sold and appropriated thereto

I give to Will^m Adam Esq^r Counselor at Law that Picture over my Chimney that is to say the [Carmalitti] view of Venice, and the Watch enamelled wth a [Venus] for his sole use

I give to my Maid Elizabeth Winlass (if wth me at decease) my Cloaths Linnen &c, & if she should not be wth me to be sold or disposed of as Mrs E. C. Clarke shall judge proper

All my papers are likewise to be given to her the Books called the Grand Vocabulaire are belonging to George if he should claim them

⁷ Mary Henrietta Fortescue née Hunter (c1736-1814), daughter of Mary née Heming (1707-1749) and Thomas Orby Hunter (1714-1769), wife of Rt Hon James Fortescue (1725-1795).

⁸ William Orby Hunter (1750-?), son of the Testatrix and Thomas Orby Hunter (c1714-1769), appears to have become an Indigo Planter in Bihar, India.

⁹ William Bellenden-Ker 4th Duke of Roxburghe (1728-1805), brother of the Testatrix, son of Jacomina née Farmer (1705-1775) and Lt Col Hon William Bellenden (1702-1759), husband of (i) Margaret née Burroughs and (ii) Mary née Bechinoe (?-1838)

¹⁰ Catherine Orby Sloper née Hunter (1712-1797), sister in law of the Testatrix, daughter of Elizabeth née Orby and Maj Gen Robert Hunter (1665-1734), wife of William Sloper MP (1709-1789).

¹¹ George Orby Hunter : while mentioned here and a sworn witness to the will I have found no firm data for George's birth or life. There was a George Orby born in 1753 who appears to have died in infancy.

I have as Executor to this my Will the aforesaid Will^m Adam Esq^r and desire he, and Mr Troward will see that my wishes may be accomplished and further it is my Desire to be Buried and laid by the side of my Dear Husband Tho^s Orby Hunter at Burton in the County of Lincolnshire and that I would have everything Decently, but in the most private manner possible a Coach to attend the Hearse and my Maid and Man to go in the Coach and to see that every thing is Conducted decently As Witness my hand this 20th of May 1791 to the which I have set my hand and seal /=/ *Jacomina Hunter* (SS)

27th February 1795

Appeared Personally George Orby Hunter of Boulton Street Piccadilly in the County of Middlesex Esquire and Elizabeth Wanless of the same place Spinster and being sworn on the holy Evangelists jointly made Oath that they knew and were well acquainted with the manner and character of handwriting of Jacomina Hunter late of Bolton Street Piccadilly in the County of Middlesex _____ Widow deceased having often seen her Write and Write and Subscribe her Name and having now carefully Viewed and Perused the Paper Writing hereunto annexed marked with the Letter (A) purporting to be and contain the Last Will and testament of the said Deceased beginning thus “In the Name of God Amen” ending thus “as Witness my hand this 20th of May 1791 to the which I have set my hand and Seal” and thus Subscribed “Jacomina Hunter” having a Seal placed under the said names they do verily and in their consciences believe the Whole Body _____ and Contents of the said Paper Writing beginning ending and Subscribed as aforesaid to be all of the Proper Writing and Subscription of the said Jacomina Hunter Widow Deceased /-/ G Orby Hunter /-/ Elizh Wanless /-/ the same day the said George Orby Hunter and Elizabeth Wanless were duly Sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me W^m Scott [Surrog] = pres^t Rob^t Slade N. P.

This Will was proved at London the twenty Eighth Day of february in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety five before the Worshipful Samuel Pearce Parson Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Honorable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully Constituted by the Oath of the said William Adam Esq^r the Sole Executor named in the said Will to whom Administration was granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased having been first Sworn Duly to Administer

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