

Will of John Maltass (c1764-1842)

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.

My Will having been destroyed by the fire of 3 June 1837 the present Minutes are to serve for the disposition of my property till such time as a more regular will is made by me *John Maltass*¹ I give and bequeath to my dear wife Louisa Frances Ann Maltass² the sum of six hundred thousand Turkish piasters to be placed at interest likewise property in stock securities three p cent consols the whole amount in £ 32,000 the interest solely is to be at her disposal but the capital of both sums less \$50,000 say fifty thousand Turkish piasters which alone are left at her free disposal at her death is to be shared amongst my children the half of the three p consols & of \$550,000 to my son John Maltass³ & the other half between my three daughters Helen Margaret Abbott⁴ Clementine⁵ & Eugenia Mary Maltass⁶

The Country House at Bournabat⁷ bequeathed at the free disposal of Louisa Frances Ann Maltass and likewise the plate and furniture of this and Town House The Town House to be enjoyed by Louisa ff A Maltass during her natural life and at her death it is [revert &] to become the sole property of John Maltass my son and likewise the Country House at Bursa

I give and bequeath to my son John Maltass six hundred thousand Turkish piasters

I give and bequeath to my daughters Helen Margaret Abbott [1200] hundred thousand Turkish piasters

And to Clementina & Eugenia Mary Maltass three hundred thousand Turkish piasters to each

¹ John Maltass (c1764-1842), the Testator, son of Marguerite née Icard (1737-?) and William Maltass (1735-1783), husband of Louise Anne Françoise née Belleville (1779-1865).

² Louise Anne Françoise née Belleville (1779-1865), wife (i) of Jean Baptiste Tricon (1774-1799) and (ii) of the Testator.

³ John Maltass (1806-1860), son of the Testator and Louise Anne Françoise née Belleville (1779-1865), husband of Héléne Eugénie née Fonton (1839-1899).

⁴ Helene Margaret Abbott née Maltass (1807-1890), daughter of the Testator and Louise Anne Françoise née Belleville (1779-1865), wife of Richard Benjamin Abbott (1803-1858).

⁵ Clementine Maltass (1809-1868), daughter of the Testator and Louise Anne Françoise née Belleville (1779-1865), never married.

⁶ Eugenia Mary Wood née Maltass (1811-1914), daughter of the Testator and Louise Anne Françoise née Belleville (1779-1865), wife of Dr Charles Wood (1813-1869).

⁷ Now Bornova, Izmir, Turkey — see Wikipedia [here](#).

I give and bequeath to my brother Benjamin Maltass⁸ the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand Turkish piasters for the sole purpose of becoming a maintenance to his family and therefore it must be safely placed at interest

I give and bequeath as follows to my sisters Jane Baldwin⁹ Margaret Vanderschroeff¹⁰ Mary Lee¹¹ & Susannah Montgomery¹² twenty thousand Turkish piasters to each

do. to my friend John Lee¹³ fifty thousand Turkish piasters

do. to his two sons John & George Lee ten thousand Turkish piasters to each

do. to James ff. Vander Schroeff twenty thousand Turkish piasters

do. to my son in law R. B. Abbott one hundred thousand Turkish piasters

do. Fifty thousand Turkish piasters to be placed at Int. for charitable purposes the interest on which to be distributed to the aged infirm and those in distress

do. to my friend Gaspar ffranceschi the sum of ten thousand Turkish piasters

I give and dispose the following legacies viz.

Giovanni Missir for ____ services twenty thousand Turkish piasters Anne Missir Mother to [ditte] ten thousand Turkish piasters

Pietro [Baar] Missir ten thousand Turkish piasters

Manoli Isaac Missir five thousand Turkish piasters
Say five thousand

Jeremia Missir eight thousand Turkish piasters

Pietro di Date Missir ten thousand Turkish piasters

Jacob di Isaac Missir ten thousand Turkish piasters

⁸ Benjamin Maltass (1778-1862), brother of the Testator, son of Marguerite née Icard (1737-?) and William Maltass (1735-1783), husband of Rosina née Roland (1785-?).

⁹ Jane Baldwin née Maltass (1763-1839), sister of the Testator, daughter of Marguerite née Icard (1737-?) and William Maltass (1735-1783), wife of George Baldwin (1744-1826).

¹⁰ Margaret van der Schroeff née Maltass (1767-1848), sister of the Testator, daughter of Marguerite née Icard (1737-?) and William Maltass (1735-1783), wife of Frederic Constantin van der Schroeff (c1765-c1832).

¹¹ Mary Lee née Maltass (1767-1848), sister of the Testator, daughter of Marguerite née Icard (1737-?) and William Maltass (1735-1783), wife of John Lee (c1770-1841).

¹² Susan Montgomery née Maltass (1770-1851), sister of the Testator, daughter of Marguerite née Icard (1737-?) and William Maltass (1735-1783), wife of Augustus Montgomery né Reebkomp (1762-1797).

¹³ Presumably John Lee (c1770-1841), brother in law of the Testator, son of Richard Lee (c1719-1799), husband of Mary Lee née Maltass (1767-1848).

To be distributed to the Servants of the House according to their merit and services seven thousand Turkish piasters

Any residue after paying above legacies to be inherited by my wife Louisa Frances Ann Maltass the interest only for the capital whatever it may be is to be divided in the same manner as the other sums bequeathed her to say half to my son John Maltass & the other half in equal shares between my three daughters Helen M. Abbott Clementina dn Eugenia Mary Mary Maltass.

Executors appointed to my above will are
my son John Maltass Junr
R. B. Abbott
John Lee
James ff. Vanderschroeff

Smyrna 10 June 1834
John Maltass

I give & bequeath to my friend Mr Tho Burgon one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling
John Maltass

Proved at London¹⁴ with a Codicil 6th Nov^r 1845 before the Judge by the Oaths of John Maltass Esq^r the son and Richard Benjamin Abbott Esquire the surviving Executors to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn by Comon duly to adm^r An Interlocutory Decree having been first made and interposed for the force and validity of the said Will and Codicil (as by acts of Court appears.)

John Mounsey

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¹⁴ Grant of Probate was first refused, then granted on appeal - see [here](#).