

Will of Sarah Hotchkin née Sharp (c1755-1828)

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 I Sarah Hotchkin¹ late of Stamford in the County of Lincoln but now of Whittlesey in the Isle of Elm and County of Cambridge Widow being in health and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding praised be Almighty God for the same do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say)

Whereas I am possessed of a certain Instrument or Policy of Assurance from the Equitable Assurance Office on lives and Survivorships for the sum of One thousand and five hundred pounds on my own life Now I do hereby give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Ann Haynes² (Wife of Henry Haynes³ of Whittlesey aforesaid Esquire) All my right and interest in and to the said sum of One thousand and five hundred pounds secured by the said Policy of Assurance and all accumulations thereof and the benefit and advantage of the same and every part thereof to and for her own absolute use and disposal

I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Sharp⁴ of Stamford aforesaid Spinster the sum of fifty pounds and unto my Nieces Charlotte Sharp⁵ of the same place Spinster and Ann⁶ the Wife of John Day of the same place Stone Mason the sum of ten pounds each and unto my Granddaughter Mary Ann⁷ the Wife of Matthew Crofts of Tansor in the County of Northampton farmer the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds which said Legacies or sums of Money I do direct shall be paid by my Executrix hereinafter named within twelve months next after my decease

¹ Sarah Hotchkin nee Sharp (c1755-1828), the Testatrix, daughter of Mary and Francis Sharp (1725-1783), wife of Robert Hotchkin (1783-1817).

² Mary Ann Haynes née Hotchkin (1776-1849), daughter of the Testatrix and Robert Hotchkin (1736-1796), wife of (i) Thomas Aveling (1771-1805) and (ii) Henry Haynes (1782-1864).

³ Henry Haynes (1782-1864), son in law of the Testatrix, son of Mary née Ground (1741-1810) and Henry Haynes (1745-1809), husband of Mary Ann née Hotchkin (1776-1849).

⁴ Presumably Mary Sharp (1773-?), niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary and Francis Sharp (1749-?).

⁵ Presumably Charlotte Sharp (1780-?), niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary and Francis Sharp (1749-?).

⁶ Presumably Ann Sharp (1773-?), niece of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary and Francis Sharp (1749-?).

⁷ Possibly Mary Ann Crofts née Aveling (1802-1874), granddaughter of the Testatrix, daughter of Mary Ann née Hotchkin (1776-1849) and Thomas Aveling (1771-1805), wife of Rev Matthew Henry Crofts (1801-1856).

I give and bequeath unto such of my other Grandchildren as shall be living at the time of my decease the sum of fifty pounds each which last mentioned legacies to my other Grandchildren I direct shall be paid to them resp'y on their severally attaining the age of twenty one years without any Interest in the mean time And in Case any or either of my said Grandchildren shall happen to depart this life before the said legacy herein before given to him her or them resp'y shall become due and payable then and in such case I do direct that the same shall sink into and become part of the residue of my Personal Estate

And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my said Personal Estate Goods Chattels Property and Effects of whatsoever nature or kind the same may be I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Daughter Mary Ann Haynes her Executors Admons & Assigns to and for her and their own use & benefit The paying thereout all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses and also the before mentioned legacies And sum of One thousand & five hundred pounds secured by the said policy of Assurance and all Accumulations thereof And also all monies arising from my residuary Personal Estate and Effects above bequeathed to my said Daughter Mary Ann Haynes as aforesaid shall be payable and paid to and retained by my said Daughter Mary Ann Haynes to and for her own sole separate and exclusive use benefit and disposal without the same or any part thereof being in any wise liable to the debts controul Engagements or Intermedling of her present or any future husband and that her receipt & receipts alone notwithstanding her present or any future coverture shall be sufficient discharges for the monies which in and by such receipt or receipts shall be expressed to be received

And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint the said Mary Ann Haynes sole Executrix of this my Will And hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & twenty six *Sarah Hotchkin (SS)* Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Sarah Hotchkin the testatrix as for and to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses *James Angier Draper Whitlesey Hy* _____ Attorney at Law Whitlesey

Proved at London 29th July 1828 before the Judge by the Oath of Mary Ann Haynes (Wife of Henry Haynes) the Daughter the Sole Executrix to whom Administration was granted being first sworn by Commission duly to administer.

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