

Will of Elizabeth Sharpe née Woodward (?-1832)

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 *Elizabeth Sharpe* of Easton on the Hill in the County of Northampton Widow

Whereas by virtue of or under certain Indentures of Settlement bearing date the eighth and ninth days of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty four And the Release made between John Sharpe of Stamford in the County of Lincoln Dancingmaster of the first part my Mother Elizabeth Woodward the elder of the Parish of Whittering in the said County of Northampton Widow and me the said Elizabeth Woodward the younger Spinster of the second part and James Woodward of the Parish of Whittering aforesaid farmer and James Cave of Stamford aforesaid Baker of the third part the sum of four hundred pounds therein mentioned to be paid to them the said James Woodward and James Cave was declared to be upon the Trusts following that is to say In Trust to pay the Interest dividends and yearly proceed of the said four hundred pounds unto the said John Sharpe during his life and after his decease unto me the said Elizabeth Sharpe during my life and after the decease of the survivor of us In Trust for all and every the Child and Children of me by the said John Sharpe to be begotten in such manner as is therein mentioned Provided always and in case there should be no such Child or in case there should be one or more such Child or Children all of them should die without Issue and before any of their said portions should become an Interest vested in him her or them as aforesaid then and in either of the said cases the said James Woodward and James Cave & the survivor of them his Executors and administrators should stand and be possessed of and interested in the said sum of four hundred pounds In Trust to pay the same or any part thereof to such person or persons and for such uses intents and purposes and in such manner as I the said Elizabeth Woodward should by any Deed or Deeds in writing or writings to be by me signed sealed and delivered in the presence of & attested to by two or more credible witnesses or by my last Will and Testament in writing to be by me signed sealed published and declared in the presence of and attested by the like number of witnesses limit direct or appoint give away or dispose of the same or any part thereof

And Whereas the marriage between me and the said John Sharpe was duly solemnized and the said John Sharpe hath some time since received one hundred pounds part of the said four hundred pounds and hath since departed this life leaving Issue of our said Marriage two Children videlicet Sophia who died an Infant of the age of thirteen Months or thereabouts and Elizabeth who intermarried with Robert Hill of Easton on the Hill aforesaid Weaver both of whom are dead leaving an Infant Boy Robert Hill who also departed this life a Minor of the age of fifteen years

Now I the said Elizabeth Sharpe in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority powers and authorities enabling me in such manner as in the said in part written Indenture of Release is mentioned and by virtue of all and every other powers and authorities to me belonging or appertaining in this behalf do by this my writing purporting to be my last Will and Testament by me signed sealed published and declared in the presence of and attested by the two credible persons whose names are intended to be hereunto subscribed or hereupon indorsed as witnesses limit direct give away and dispose of all the said sum of three hundred pounds and the Interest that may be then due thereon unto my illegitimate Son Charles Sharpe of Castor in the said County of Northampton Baker to and for his absolute use and disposal and I do direct the said Trustees or the survivor of them or the exors or admtors of such survivor to assign and transfer the said sum of three hundred pounds and Interest that may be then due thereon unto my said illegitimate Son Charles Sharpe within three Months next after my decease

And as to all the *Rest residue and remainder* of my money and Securities for money and all my household Goods Plate Linen China Books Pictures and all other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath the same unto my said Illegitimate Son Charles Sharpe to and for his absolute use and disposal Subject nevertheless to the payment of all my just debts ffuneral and Testamentary expenses

And I do nominate and appoint my said illegitimate Son Charles Sharpe sole *Executor* of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me made

In Witness whereof I the said Elizabeth Sharpe the Testatrix have to this my last Will and Testament written on three sheets of paper to each of the said sheets set my hand and to this last sheet affixed my seal this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. *Elizabeth Sharpe (SS)* Signed sealed published and declared by the said Elizabeth Sharpe the Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament (written on three sheets of paper) in the presence of us who have at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other set our names as witnesses to the execution of this her said Will. *W. Reed — W. Lawson ./—*

Proved at London 29th July 1833 before the Judge by the Oath of Charles Sharpe the sole Executor to whom Administration was granted having been first sworn (by Commission) duly to administer ./.

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