

Will of Mary Ashe, 1817

Mary Ashe was the wife of Benjamin Ashe and sister of Anna Collins, daughters of Anna Moore sister of Major General Sir William Draper

This is the last Will and Testament of me Mary Ashe of Crown Park Place Bath in the Parish of Walcot in the County of Somerset widow and relict of Benjamin Ashe late of the same city Esquire deceased

I direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary charges and expenses shall in the first place be paid and satisfied by my executors hereinafter named and I desire that my remains may be interred in a leaden coffin in the same vault and with the remains of my honoured husband and that my funeral may be conducted with as much privacy and respectful decency as is suitable to my station in life

I give to my dear sister Anna Collins the portrait in oil of my beloved father the two small oval pictures by Vaslet of my daughters Caroline Brownlow the wife of Charles Brownlow Esquire and Anna Twisleton the wife of the Honourable and Reverend Thomas James Twisleton and the portrait of my late brother Henry Moore I give to my said daughter Caroline Brownlow the portrait by Vaslet of my beloved mother and the oval picture of her husband Charles Brownlow Esquire I also give to my said daughter Caroline my silver hand candlestick which has been long promised to her requesting that if she should die before her sister the said Anna Twisleton it may be given to my said daughter Anna I give my two large Bibles to my grandson Frederick Twisleton desiring that they may be delivered to him when of an age to study them with advantage I give to my said daughter Anna Twisleton the lease of my dwelling-house in Crown Park Place aforesaid to hold to my said daughter Anna Twisleton her executors administrators and assigns for all such estate and interest as I shall have therein at my death I also give to my said daughter Anna Twisleton all my household furniture plate linen pictures prints and every other article whether for ornament use or consumption which shall be in my dwelling house in Crown Park Place aforesaid except such specific parts thereof as are hereinbefore given by me and also my carriage and the horses and other things belonging to the same to and for her own use and benefit provided always that if my said daughter Anna Twisleton shall not be in England at the time of my death my will is and I hereby do direct that it shall be lawful for my executors hereinafter named from time to time to let my said messuage and premises in Crown Park Place aforesaid either furnished or unfurnished and with all such part or parts of the furniture and household effects therein for such rent or rents and for such term or terms as my said executors shall think fit or at the discretion of my said executors to sell and dispose of all or any part of the furniture and other the effects in the same messuage as they shall think most for the benefit of my said daughter Anna Twisleton and also if they shall so see fit to sell the lease of the said messuage for all my term and interest therein and in the event of any sale or sales being made as aforesaid I direct that the money therein and also the rent or rents in the meantime to be received for the same messuage and furniture as aforesaid shall from time to time be laid out and invested by and in the names of my said executors in the parliamentary stocks of Great Britain and with

the accumulations thereof paid to or otherwise applied for the use and benefit of my said daughter Anna Twisleton and her said husband as he she or they shall direct I give and bequeath the sum of two thousand pounds of lawful money of Great Britain unto and amongst all and every the child and children of my said daughter Caroline Brownlow who shall be living at my death except an oldest or only son for the time being entitled to or taking the estates of his father the said Charles Brownlow late the estates of his uncle the late William Brownlow Esquire deceased to be paid or otherwise applied to and for the proportions and at such time or times and in such manner and form in all respects as their father the said Charles Brownlow shall think most to their advantage I give and bequeath the sum of two thousand pounds of like lawful money unto and amongst all and every the child and children of my said daughter Anna Twisleton who shall be living at my death to be paid or otherwise applied to and for the benefit of the same children in such parts shares and proportions and at such time or times and in such manner and form in all respects as their father the said Thomas James Twisleton shall think most to their advantage I give and bequeath to my sister Anna Collins and to Edward Golding of Maiden Early in the County of Berks Esquire and Edward Golding Esquire the son the sum of eight thousand pounds of like lawful money upon trust that they and the survivors and survivor of them and the executors and administrators of such survivor do and shall lay out and invest the same in the parliamentary stocks or funds of Great Britain or at interest on real securities in England with full power from time to time as occasion shall require to alter vary and change the same securities for securities of the like nature and do and shall stand possessed of and interested in the said sum of eight thousand pounds and the stocks funds and securities in or upon which the same shall from time to time be laid out or invested upon trust to pay and apply or otherwise authorize and empower my said daughter Caroline the wife of the said Charles Brownlow and her assigns during her life to receive and take the interest dividends and annual proceeds thereof exclusive of her present or any after taken husband and free from his control debts or engagements and so that she by any writing under her hand alone may effectually dispose of the same

The remainder of this long Will deals with the matters concerning the amounts left in trust to both of her daughters, Anna Collins her sister being one of the three trustees.

Proved at London 3 December 1817 by Anna Collins and the two other executors