

*The Last Will and Testament of
James Puzey of Bishopstone
Will proved
31st October 1816*



Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Will dated 11 April 1814
Died: 23 Jul 1816
Buried: 29 July 1816, St Mary the Virgin, Bishopstone

Testator:	Puzey	James	
Executors:			
Puzey	Sarah		Sole Executrix
Trustees:			
Goring	William		Of Stainswick, Berks.
Noak	Stephen		Of Paternoster Row, London
Wells	John		Of Wanborough

Beneficiaries		Relationship to Testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Puzey	James William	Son	
Puzey	Mary Jane	Daughter	
Puzey	Sarah	Wife	
Puzey	Thomas	Son	
Witnesses			
Crowdy	Wm.		
Hall	Wm., junr.		
Lovett	Jas.		

The Last Will and Testament of me James Puzey of Bishopstone in the County of Wilts Gentleman which I hereby make publish & declare in manner & form following that is to say first I direct that all my just debts (including a Mortgage debt of £1400 in case the same shall not be wholly paid off in my life time) ffuneral Expense Testamentary Charges shall be fully satisfied & paid out of my Personal Estate / I give & devise unto my ffrinds Stephen Noak of Paternoster Row London John Wells of Wanborough in the said County of Wilts & William Goring of Stainswick in the parish of Shrivenham in the County of Berks Gentleman all & every my Messuages Lands Tenements Herem'ts [*Hereditaments*] & Real Estate situate & being in the Parish of Stratton Saint Margaret's & at Broad Blunsdon in the Parish of Highworth or elsewhere in the County of Wilts To hold the same subject to my Brothers Estate for life in my Promises at Broad Blunsdon aforesaid / unto & to the use of the said Stephen Noak John Wells & William Goring their heirs & assigns upon Trust neverthelefs that they the said Stephen Noak John Wells & William Goring or the Survivors of them or the heirs or assigns of such Survivor do & shall as soon after my decease as they shall judge it expedient make sale & absolutely dispose of either by private Contact or public action & either together or in parcels all & every the same Messuages Lands Tenements Herem'ts & real Estate & upon payment of the purchase Money or Purchase Monies for the same respectively convey &

afsure the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof respectively his her or their heirs & afsigns ot to whom he her or ~~them~~ they shall direct or appoint & do & shall by & out of the monies arising by such sale in the first place pay & discharge the Costs & Expenses of carrying the Trust into execution & after discharging those Expenses do 7 shall pay & divide the Surplus Monies arising by the said Sale unto & equally between & among my four Children James William Puzey Thomas Puzey Mary Jane Puzey & Stephen Puzey their several respective Exors Admors & Afsigns provided & my will is that notwithstanding any postponement of the Sale so directed by me to be made the claims of my said Children respectively shall be vested interests in them respectively immediately upon my decease & shall be transmissable accordingly to their several respective personal Representations provided also & my will further is that the shares of such of my said Children as shall be under age at the time of my decease shall be put forth at Interest by my Trustees for their benefit by my said Trustees & I do declare that the Receipt or Receipts of my said Trustees for the purchase Money or purchase Monies of the Real Estate & Premises hereinbefore devised shall be a good & sufficient discharge & good & sufficient discharges to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof his her & their heirs & afsigns & that such Purchaser or Purchasers shall not be bound or compellable to see to the application of the said Purchaser Money or Purchasers Monies or any part thereof respectively nor be answerable for the nonapplication or misapplication thereof or any part thereof & I do hereby further declare that my said Trustees shall not be answerable one for another & by us means for involuntary losfes & that they may deduct & retain all Expences incurred in the due execution of the Trust hereby in them reposed as to all my ffreehold & Copyhold Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments situate & being in Longcot in the County of Berks or elsewhere not hereinbefore devised I give & devise the same & every part part thereof unto my dear Wife Sarah & her Afsigns for & during the term of her widowhood without impeachment of waste & from & immediately after her decease or second marriage which event shall first happen I give & devise the same & every part thereof (subject & changes in case of such second marriage with the annuity hereafter mentioned) unto & to the use of my said four Children James William Puzey Thomas Puzey Mary Jane Puzey & Stephen Puzey in equal shares their several & respective heirs & afsigns for ever as Tenants in common & not as joint Tenants provided that in the event only of my said Wife marrying again but not otherwise I give & bequeath unto her & her Afsigns one annuity or clear yearly Sum of One hundred Pounds ** to commence from the day of her second marriage & to be paid to her half yearly during the remainder of her life in equal proportions the first half yearly payment of the said Annuity to be made at the end of six Calender months next after such second marriage & I do hereby expressly charge all my said ffreehold Premises at Longcot aforesaid with the payment of the same Annuity accordingly also I give & bequeath unto my said Wife all my ready Money Securities for money debts due to me & Personal Estate & Effects whatsoever to & for her own absolute use & benefit & I make & appoint her my said Wife to be the sole Executrix of this my Will hereby revoking all my former Wills & declaring this only to be my last Will & Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

J. Puzey

Signed Sealed Published & declared the said James Puzey the Testator as & for his last Will 7 Testament in the presence of us were in his presence at his request & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribe our names as Witnesses

Wm Crowdy Jas. Lovett Wm Hall junr

Proved at London 31st Octr. 1816 before the judge by the Oath of Sarah Puzey the Relict & Executrix to whom Admon. Was granted being first sworn (by Con^{on}) duly to adv^t.

** the words "One hundred pounds" at the bottom of the second side having been first interlined & substituted for that sum in figures