

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of John Rowden  
of Great Wishford  
Will proved 2nd April 1811*



Probate Court of Sarum – Consistory Court of Salisbury  
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|-------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| <b>Testator</b>   | Rowden          | John  | Gentleman |
| <b>Executors:</b> |                 |       |           |
| Rowden            | George          | Joint | Son       |
| Rowden            | John            | Joint | Son       |
| Rowden            | Thomas          | Joint | Son       |
| Rowden            | William Fricker | Joint | Son       |

| Beneficiaries                                  |                   | Relationship to testator | Other Information  |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Surname  | Given Names       |                          |  |
| Rowden   | Ann               | Daughter                 | Aged under 21 on 10th October 1808   |
| Rowden   | Elizabeth (Betty) | Daughter                 | Aged under 21 on 10th October 1808<br>- Married Francis Brown between<br>October 1808 and 1 April 1810 |
| Rowden   | Esther            | Daughter                 | Aged under 21 on 10th October 1808   |
| Rowden   | Frances           | Wife                     |  |
| Rowden   | George            | Son                      |  |
| Rowden   | John              | Son                      |  |
| Rowden   | Thomas            | Son                      |  |
| Rowden   | William Fricker   | Son                      |  |
| Self   | Lucy              | Daughter                 | Wife of Robert Self  |
| Spender  | Mary              | Daughter                 | Wife of Thomas Spender   |
| <b>Witnesses to Will dated 10 October 1808</b> |                   |                          |  |
| Dredge   | William           |                          |  |
| Swayne   | John              |                          |  |
| <b>Witnesses to Codicil 1 April 1810</b>       |                   |                          |  |
| Francis  | Richard           |                          |  |
| Swayne   | John              |                          |  |

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Rowden of Wishford in the County of Wilt Gentleman First I will and direct that all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be fully paid and satisfied I give to my beloved Wife Frances the Use and Enjoyment of all my Household Goods Plate Linen China and Furniture for her life and from and after her Decease I give the same to such of my Children as she my said Wife shall give direct or appoint the same in and by her last Will and Testament And in Default of such Will I give the said Household Goods Plate Linen China and Furniture from and after the Decease of my said Wife unto and amongst my Children equally between them share and share alike Also I give to my said Wife all the Eatables Drinkables and Fuel in and about my Dwellinghouse at my Decease to and for her own Use I give to my executors hereinafter named Seven Hundred Pounds upon Trust to place the same out at Interest within six months after my Decease upon such security or securities as they (together with my said Wife) shall

think proper and pay the Interest thereof as the same shall from time to time become due and payable unto my said Wife Frances for and during the Term of her natural Life, to and for her own proper Use and Benefit And from and after her Decease Upon Trust to pay and divide the same unto and amongst such one or more of my Children as she my said Wife shall in and by her last Will and Testament duly executed and attested give direct and appoint the same, And in default of such Will Then upon Trust from and after her Decease, to divide the said principal Sum of Seven hundred pounds unto and amongst all my children equally between them share and share alike. And whereas I have already provided for my Daughter Lucy on her Marriage with Mr Robert Self, and I have also partly provided for my Daughter Mary on her Marriage with Mr Thomas Spender Now I give to my said Daughter Lucy the sum of Ten Pounds, which I will shall be paid to her in one month next after my Decease And I give to my said Daughter Mary the sum of One hundred pounds Stock part of Capital Stock now standing in my name in the three per cent Consolidated Bank Annuities, the same to be transferred to her in six months next after my Decease. I give to my daughter Elizabeth otherwise Betty Rowden the sum of Three Hundred pounds Stock, three per cent Consolidated Annuities To my daughter Esther Rowden the like sum of Three Hundred pounds Stock, three per cent Consolidated Annuities And to my daughter Ann Rowden the like sum of Three Hundred pounds Stock, Three per cent Consolidated Annuities. And I will that the same shall be transferred to my said Daughters or such of them as shall have attained the age of Twenty one years at the time of my decease within six months after my Decease, and that the Legacy and Legacies of such of them as shall not then have attained that age shall be paid and transferred in one month after they shall severally attain that age, and that the Interest and Dividends thereof in the mean time shall be paid and applied to and towards their support and maintenance respectively. And in case either of my said Daughters shall happen to dye under the said age of Twenty one years, Then I will and direct that the Legacy or Legacies of her or them so dying shall be divided between all my Daughters as shall be then living equally share and share alike, and be transferred in one month after the Decease of such Daughters or Daughter. I give and bequeath to my son John Rowden my Leasehold Estate at Wishford aforesaid called Pettys To hold the same unto my said son John Rowden his executors administrators and assigns for all the remainder of the term and Interest which I may have therein at my Decease to and for his and their own proper Use and Benefit. All the Rest residue and Remainder of my monies goods chattels estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever (Subject to the payment of my Debts Legacies and funeral and Testamentary Expenses) I give and bequeath to my four sons George Rowden, John Rowden, William Fricker Rowden and Thomas Rowden equally to be divided between them share and share alike And I make nominate constitute and appoint my said four sons joint executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former wills by me made. And it is my Will that my said Executors shall and may deduct and retain to themselves respectively out of the said Trust Money and premises all such Costs charges and Expenses as they or either of them shall or may pay expend or be put unto in or about the same or any ways relating thereto. And that they shall not be answerable for any loss that may happen thereto unless occasioned by their wilful neglect or default, nor shall one of them be answerable for the others or other of them but each of them for himself and his own Acts only In witness whereof I the said John Rowden have to this my last Will and Testament contained in this and one other Sheet of paper hereunto annexed to the first sheet set my Hand, and my hand and seal to this second and last Sheet this tenth day of October one thousand Eight hundred and Eight. The mark of John Rowden Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Rowden the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other

*Jno Swayne*

*Wm Dredge*

This is a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of me John Rowden of Wishford in the County of Wilts Gentleman. Whereas I have in and by my last Will and Testament hereunto annexed bearing date on or about the tenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and eight (amongst other things) given to my Daughter Elizabeth otherwise Betty Rowden the Sum of Three hundred Pounds Stock three per cent consolidated Annuities and directed that the same should be transferred as in my said Will is mentioned. And whereas my said Daughter Elizabeth otherwise Betty hath since intermarried with and is now the Wife of Mr Francis Brown And upon or soon after such her Marriage I advanced and paid to her or to her said Husband a Sum of money as and for her Marriage Portion. Now I do therefore hereby revoke and make void the said Legacy or Bequest of Three hundred Pounds Stock three per Cent Annuities so given to my said Daughter Elizabeth otherwise Betty in and by my said Will as aforesaid And do hereby give to her my said Daughter Elizabeth otherwise Betty the Sum of Ten Pounds which I will and direct shall be paid to her within one month

next after my decease. And in all other Respect I ratify and confirm my said Will In Witness whereof I have to this Writing which I declare to be a Codicil to my said will hereunto annexed and direct to be taken as Part thereof set my Hand and Seal this First day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten

John Rowden his Mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Rowden as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament hereunto annexed in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in his Presence and in the presence of each other

Richard Francis his Mark

*Jno Swayne*

At Sarum on the 2nd April 1811 Geo. Rowden one of the lawful Sons of the said deceased also one of the joint Exors within named (the like power being reserved to John Rowden William Fricker Rowden and Thomas Rowden the lawful Sons also of the said deced. and the other Exors) was duly sworn before me

*Edward Moore*, Surrogate

Effects under £2000