

*The Last Will and Testament
Of Solomon Dredge
of Great Wishford
Will proved 19th September 1818*



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Testator	Dredge	Solomon	Gentleman of Wishford
Executors			
Trubridge	Josiah	Sole Executor	Gentleman of Wishford

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
Batten	Mary	Housekeeper	
Gregory	Mary	Great Niece	(niece, formerly Elizabeth Gregory, now married to Elijah Maundrell)
Dredge	William	Nephew	son of his brother William Dredge
Dredge	Herbert	Great Nephew	Son of William Dredge; aged under 21, in June 1814
Dredge	Elizabeth	Niece	Daughter of William Dredge
Dredge	John	Brother	
Dredge	William	Brother	
Sutton	Martha	Friend	Unmarried daughter of Richard Sutton, clothier of city of New Sarum
Suras	Ann	Kinswoman	Wife of Alexander Suras, of New Sarum
Prangley	John	Kinsman	brother of Thomas Prangley
Prangley	Thomas	Kinsman	brother of John Prangley
Trubridge	Josiah	Husband of His Kinswoman Louisa Dredge	Gentleman of Wishford; Husband of Louisa Dredge
Witnesses			
Swayne	James		
Dudley	Charles		
Other Names			
Blake	Thomas	Uncle	Mr.; deceased
Sutton	Richard	Friend	Clothier of New Sarum
Suras	Alexander		Husband of Kinswoman

This is the last will and testament of me, Solomon Dredge of Wishford in the county of Wilts, Gentleman. First I will and direct that all my just debts shall be fully paid and satisfied by my Executor hereinafter named. I give and bequeath all my household goods, household stuff and implements of household plate linen china pictures and

furniture of every sort and kind unto my housekeeper Mary Batten and Mary Gregory (so called) daughter of my niece Elizabeth late Elizabeth Gregory now the wife of Elijah Maundrell, equally to be divided between them share and share alike as near as may be by my executor herein after named and as soon as ??? maybe after my decease I give to the said Mary Batten my several leasehold estates situate in the parish of Stapleford in the county of Wilts which estates I hold for the remainder of ??? forms of years determinable respectively with lives to hold the same unto the said Mary Batten and her assigns for and during so many years of my several terms Interest and estate ?? determinable respectively as aforesaid as shall run out and expire during her natural life and in from and immediately after her decease I give and bequeath the said several leasehold estates unto my nephew William Dredge, son of my brother William Dredge to hold the same ?? ??? unto my said nephew William Dredge his Executors and Admons from thereforth until his son Herbert Dredge shall attain his full age of twenty one years if the several terms or either of them by which I now hold the same respectively (determinable as aforesaid) shall so long ?? and when and as soon as the said Herbert Dredge shall attain his full age of twenty one years (the said Mary Batton being dead) I give the said several leasehold estates unto him the said Herbert Dredge his in ??, Admons and Assigns for all the residue and remainder of the said several terms as shall be therein ?? to /// determinable respectively as aforesaid. And in case the aforesaid Herbert Dredge shall depart this life under the age of twenty one years ?? from and after his decease (the said Mary Batten being also dead) I give the said several leasehold estates unto my said nephew William Dredge, his Executors, Admons and Assigns for all the residue and remainder respectively as aforesaid. I give to my niece Elizabeth Dredge, daughter of my said brother William Dredge all that my leasehold estate called Lawes situate at South Newton and Stoford which estate I hold for the remainder of a certain term or terms of years determinable on lives to hold the same unto the said Elizabeth Dredge, her Executors, Admons, and Assigns for all the residue and remainder of such term or terms (determinable as aforesaid) subject nevertheless to the Estate of my brother John Dredge of and in the dwelling houses Garden, Orchard and Appurtenances in South Newton aforesaid part of and belonging to the said Estate called Lawes for his life under and in virtue of the last Will and Testament of my late uncle Mr Thomas Blake, deceased and also subject to the in payment of such annuities and other payments as are my ??? on and made payable out of the said Estate called Lawes under and in virtue of the same will. I give and forgive to my brother William Dredge all such monies as shall be due and owing from him to me at the time of my decease either or bond note book or otherwise. I give to Miss Martha Sutton one of the daughters of my friend Richard Sutton of the city of New Sarum, clothier, the sum of one hundred pounds as a small token of my regard for her. I give to my kinswoman Ann Suras?, wife of Alexander Suras of the City of New Sarum aforesaid Musical Instrument ?? the sum of fifty pounds. I give to my kinsman John Prangley and his brother Thomas Prangley the sum of fifty pounds each and I will and direct that the said several ?? Legacies shall be paid within twelve months next after my decease and in pursuance of my Covenant and Agreement entered into and previous to the marriage of Josiah Trubridge of Wishford aforesaid Gentleman with my kinswoman Louisa Dredge. I give and bequeath to the said Josiah Trubridge all my stock of horses, cows, sheep, pigs and other cattle and all my wagons, carts, ploughs and other implements and utensils of husbandry of every sort and kind and wheresoever the same shall happen to be at the time of my decease subject nevertheless to charges and chargeable with the payment (in money) of one fourth part of the value of the whole of the said stock of cattle and implements of husbandry unto my said housekeeper Mary Batton and it is my will and I hereby direct that an inventory or amount Valuation or appraisement of the whole and every part of my said Stock of cattle and implements and Utensils of husbandry shall be taken and made as soon as conveniently may be and within one month next after my decease by two indifferent persons the one to be chosen by the said Josiah Trubridge and the other by the said Mary Batton and in case such two persons cannot agree and settle the same there the matters in ??? (if any) shall be referred to and settled by such third person or umpire as the said two persons so to be in chosen as aforesaid shall choose for that purpose and the determination of such third person in the premises shall be final and ?? I further will and direct that when the value of my said stock of cattle and Implements of husbandry shall be ascertained by the means aforesaid that the amount thereof shall be verified unto the said Josiah Trubridge and Mary Batton under the handwriting of the persons or person by whom the same shall be so ascertained and that the said Josiah Trubridge shall within six months after the amount thereof shall be so rectified to him as aforesaid pay one fourth part in money of the whole amount of such valuation unto the said Mary Batton and I hereby give and bequeath such fourth part to her accordingly. And I charge the same on my said stock of cattle and implements of husbandry pursuant to the power ?? to me in and by my said covenant and agreement for that purpose. And as far and ?? ing all the cost residue and remainder of my money and securities for money ??/ ??? and all and singular other my personal estate chattels and efforts whatsoever and whosoever and of what nature or kind ??? the same may be or ??usist and of which I have any right to dispose (after and subject to the payment of my debts legacies and funeral expenses) I give and bequeath the same to the said Josiah Trubridge who I hereby make nominate to restitute and appoint whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I the said Solomon Dredge ?? to this my last will and testament contained in this and two other sheets of paper ?? unto ann???ed to the two first sheets ??? of set my hand and to this third and last sheet my hand and seal this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen. Solomon Dredge signed sealed published and declared by the said

Solomon Dredge as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Jas. Swayne

Chas. Dudley

Proved at London 19th September 1818 before the Judge by the oath of Josiah Trubridge the sole Executor to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn by ???? duly to administer.