

The following Will was obtained from the National Archives (PROB 11/1901/187) on the 26th of July 2021. And belongs to William Wilds, it is dated from 27th Jan 1834. With it being proved on the 19th of September 1838

This is the Last Will and Testament of me William Wilds of Keyston in the County of Huntingdonshire Gentleman, that is to say, I direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be in the first place duly paid and satisfied by my Executor hereinafter named.

I give and bequeath a bed and bedding and such part of my household furniture as my daughter Elizabeth shall think material unto my servant Sarah Pratt for her own use and I give and bequeath all the residue of my household goods and furniture plate, linen, china, books and pictures wines and liquors unto my said daughter Elizabeth Wilds for her own use benefit and disposal.

I give devise and bequeath unto my friend William Elderkin of Keyston aforesaid Farmer and Grazier all and every my messuages lands and hereditaments and real estate whatsoever situate at Keyston aforesaid or elsewhere with their appurtenances and also all and singular my ready monies and monies out at interest mortgages bills bonds and securities for money and all other my Personal Estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever not hereinbefore disposed of to hold the same unto the said William Elderkin his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature and tenures of the said estates respectively

upon the trusts nevertheless and for the intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared concerning the same that is to say upon trust that he the said William Elderkin his executors and administrators do and shall place out and invest my said monies in and personal estate in the public stocks or funds of Great Britain or at Interest on real securities when and so often as it shall seem to him expedient and do and shall out of the dividends interest and on the annual produce thereof pay unto my said servant Sarah Pratt the sum of five shillings weekly and every week during her life

The first payment thereof to be made with after my decease and also to and shall pay to her the said Sarah Pratt one sovereign and her part and of three quarters of coals yearly during her life and also to and to shall permit and suffer the said Sarah Pratt to reside in occupy and enjoy the messuage and premises in Keyston aforesaid now in the occupation of the widow Pearson during her life

and from and after her decease to and shall stand and be seized and possessed of the said messuage and premises and the principal monies from where the said weekly and other payments shall arise upon the trusts and for the purposes hereinafter declared

With respect to the residue of my real and personal estates and so as and shall during the life of my said daughter Elizabeth Wilds pay the residue of the dividends or interest rent and annual produce of the said trust estates stocks to funds and securities monies and premises to such person or persons for such intents and purposes and in such manner as my said daughter Elizabeth by any writing or

writings signed by her own hand shall with her whether covert or sole as the same shall from time to time become due and payable but not by way of anticipation direct or appoint and for want of such direction or appointment into her own proper hands for her own sole and separate use and benefit and exclusively of and without being in any wise subject or liable to the debts intermeddling or writings of any husband with whom she may intermarry and I do declare it to be my will that the receipts in writing of my said so as a daughter or of the person or persons to whom she shall direct the attached said dividends interest rent and annual produce to be paid shall notwithstanding any coverture she may be under be a good and sufficient discharge and good and sufficient discharges for the same & for so much thereof as in such receipts respectively shall be expressed

And from and after the decease of my said daughter upon trust that as the said William Elderkin his executors and administrators do and shall assign and transfer my said messuages hereditaments and real estate principal monies stocks funds and securities unto such child or children if any of my said daughter in such manner and form and in such parts shares and proportions as my said daughter notwithstanding any such as coverture as aforesaid at any time or times and from time to time by any by her last will and testament in writing or any Codicil or Codicils thereto to be executed by her in the presence of and attested by three or more credible witnesses shall direct or appoint

and in default of such direction or appointment and so far as no such if made shall be incomplete and not extend to and shall stand and seized and possessed of the said hereditaments and real estate as to principal monies stocks funds and securities and the dividends as to interest rent and annual produce thereof upon trust for the child if only one and if more than one all the children of my said daughter to be divided between and amongst them if more than one in equal shares and proportions and to her/his and their heirs and to executors administrators and assigns as tenants in common and not subject to any such direction or appointment as aforesaid to be vested in such of the same children respectively

As shall be a son or sons when and as he or they shall respectively attain the age of Twenty one years or at his or their deaths under that age leaving lawful issue at that time and in such of the same children as shall be a daughter or daughters when and as she or they respectively shall attain her or their age or respective ages of twenty one years or respective days of marriage which as to each of them respectively shall first happen and to be payable borrowed and paid as soon after the said respective ages or times of payment shall be attained

and also after the death of my said daughter as conveniently may be provided always and if any such child or children being a son or sons shall die before he or they shall attain his or as their age or respective ages of twenty one years without leaving issue of his or their body or respective bodies lawfully begotten living at his or their death or respective deaths or born in due time afterwards or if any such or children being a daughter or daughters shall depart this life before she or they shall attain her or their age or respective ages of twenty one years without having been

married then the share or shares hereby intended for such child or children so dying as well original as accruing or survivorship shall in default of such appointment as aforesaid go and be allotted to the survivors and survivor of them if more than one in equal shares and proportions and his/her and their respective heirs executors and administrators and shall be considered as vested interests and payable and transferrable at such respective days and times as are hereinbefore mentioned touching his/her or their original share or shares

And in case my said daughter shall depart this life without leaving lawful issue living at her death or leaving such and they shall all be under the age of twenty one years without having been married then upon trust that he the said William Elderkin his heirs executors and administrators do and shall convey assign and transfer the said hereditaments and real estate trust monies stocks funds and securities and the dividends and interest and annual produce thereof subject nevertheless to the power hereinafter given to my said daughter unto between and amongst such of my sisters or their or either of their children in such parts shares and proportions and in such manner as my said daughter notwithstanding any said coverture as aforesaid in and by her last will and testament in writing to be executed by her in the presence of and attested by two or more credible witnesses shall direct or appoint and in default of such direction or appointment and so far as the same if made shall be incomplete and not extend Upon trust that the said William Elderkin his heirs executors and administrators do and shall convey assign and transfer the same estates monies and premises subject to the said powers hereinafter given to my said daughter unto the person or persons who at the time of my decease shall be of my blood and in kin to me and who either in his/her or their own right or in right of his/her or their representation would be entitled to the same under the statutes for the distribution of the effects of intestates in case I had died an intestate to be divided between them in such parts shares and proportions as they would be entitled to the same under the said statutes and his her and their heirs executors and administrators provided always

and I do hereby declare that notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained in case my said daughter shall depart this life without leaving lawful issue who shall live to attain the age of twenty one years or be married it shall be lawful for my said daughter notwithstanding any coverture she may be under in as by last will and testament in writing or any Codicil or Codicils thereto to be executed by her as hereinbefore mentioned to give bequeath and appoint out of the dividends interest or annual product of the said trust monies stocks funds and securities such annual sum not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds to and for the benefit of any husband with whom she may intermarry for and during his life or for such shorter period as she my said daughter may think proper

Provided also and I do hereby further declare that in case my said daughter shall depart this life leaving lawful issue and such issue shall at the time of her decease be under the age of twenty one years it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Elderkin his Executors and Administrators to pay and apply for and towards the maintenance of such children all or any part of the dividends interest and annual

product of the share and in the said states monies and premises to which such child or children respectively shall be entitled in expectancy under the trusts of this my will

And my will also is and I do hereby declare that the said William Elderkin his heirs executors and administrators shall be chargeable only for such monies as he or they shall actually receive and not for involuntary losses

And that it shall be lawful for him the said William Elderkin his heirs executors and administrators to reimburse himself and themselves out of any monies that may come into his or their hands by virtue of this my will all costs charges and expenses to be incurred by him or them in the execution of the trusts aforesaid or in relation thereto

And I nominate and appoint the said William Elderkin sole Executor of this my Will and I hereby revoke every other Will and Codicil by me at any time made and publish and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have to the four first sheets of this my Will contained in five sheets of Paper set my hand and to this the fifth and last sheet thereof set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four

William Wilds

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator William Wilds 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

Elizabeth Baker

John Archibould Solicitor Thrapston

Susanna Pearson

Proved at London the 19th Sept 1838 before the judge by the oath of William Elderkin the sole Executor to whom administration was granted having been first sworn by Common duty to administer

Chris is the last Will and Testament

of me William Childs of Repton in the County of Shropshire my
Cousinman that is to say I direct that all my just debts funeral and an
hospitalary expenses be in the first place fully paid and satisfied by my
my Executor hereafter named I give and bequeath a bed and bedding
and such part of my household furniture as my daughter Elizabeth was
then possessed into my servant Sarah Smith for her own use and I
give and bequeath all the residue of my household goods and furniture
plate linen and china books and pictures wine and liquors into my
said daughter Elizabeth for her own use benefit and disposal I
give devise and bequeath unto my friend William Blackin of Repton in
aforesaid shire and County all and every my messuages lands or
tenements hereditaments and real estate whatsoever situate at Repton
aforesaid or elsewhere together with appurtenances and also all and at
singular my ready monies and monies out at interest mortgages bills
bonds and securities for money and all other my personal estate
and effects whatsoever and wheresoever not heretofore disposed of
to hold the same unto the said William Blackin his heirs executors or
administrators and assigns according to the nature and tenor of the
said estate respectively upon the trusts mentioned and for the intents
and purposes hereafter expressed and declared concerning the same
that is to say Upon trust that the said William Blackin his executors
and administrators do and shall lend out and invest my said monies in
and personal estate in the public stocks or funds of Great Britain or at
Barren or real securities where and so often as it shall seem to be
expedient and to and shall out of the dividends interest and or the
annual produce thereof pay unto my said servant Sarah Smith her own
of two shillings weekly and every week during the life the first payment

of five shillings weekly and every week during her life
out thereof to be made within our week after my decease and also
and shall pay to her the said Sarah that our sovereign and her heirs
of three quarters of each yearly during her life And also to and to
shall permit and suffer the said Sarah that to vend in any part
to enjoy the mesuages and premises in Rayston aforesaid now in the
occupation of the widow Pearson during her life And from and after
her decease to and shall stand and be seized and possessed of the
said mesuages and premises and the principal monies from which the
said weekly and other payments shall arise upon the trusts and for
the purposes hereinafter declared with respect to the residue of my
real and personal estates And so and shall during the life of my
said daughter Elizabeth wills pay the residue of the dividends or
interest rent and annual produce of the said trust estates stocks or
funds and securities monies and premises to such person or persons for
such uses and purposes and in such manner as my said daughter
Elizabeth by any writing or writings signed by her ^{with} own hand shall
recollect recite or vote as the same shall from time to time become due
and payable but not by way of anticipation gift or appoint And for
rescue of such provision or appointment unto her own proper heirs
for the use sole and separate use and benefit and exclusively of and
without being in any wise subject or liable to her debts intercurrent

or outflow of any substance with which one may intermarry and I am
content it to be my will that the same in writing of my said son or
daughter or of the person or persons to whom the said first the
said dividends interest rent and annual product shall be paid shall be
notwithstanding any reversion or may be made by a good and
sufficient discharge and good and sufficient discharges for the same
or for so much thereof as in such receipts respectively shall be
expressed. And from and after the death of my said daughter upon
trust that the said William Elbert the said executors and
administrators do and shall convey assign and transfer my said
messuages tenements and real estate principal issues stocks
funds and securities into such bills or debentures if any of my said
daughter in such manner and form and in such parts shares and
proportions as my said daughter notwithstanding any such as are
reversion as aforesaid at any time or times and from time to time in
and by the last will and testament in writing or any codicil to
or codicils thereto to be executed by her in the presence of and as
attested by three or more credible witnesses shall direct or appoint
and in default of such direction or appointment and so far as the
said shall be incomplete and not extend to and shall stand and
remain and possessors of the said tenements and real estate or
principal issues stocks funds and securities and the dividends or
interest rent and annual product thereof except in part for the bills
if only one and if more than one all the debentures of my said
daughter to be divided between and amongst her if more than one
in equal shares and proportions and the said her and her heirs or
executors administrators and assigns as tenants in common and not
subject to any such direction or appointment as aforesaid to be vested
in such of her said children respectively as shall be a son or sons
woman and as he or they shall respectively attain the age of twenty
one years or at his or their deaths under that age leaving lawful
issue at that time and in such of the said debentures as shall

be a daughter or daughters when and as she or they respectively in
shall attain the or their age or respective ages of twenty one years
or respective days of marriage return as to each of them respectively
shall first happen and to be payable conveyed and paid as soon
after the said respective ages or times of payment shall be attained
and also after the death of my said daughter as conveniently may
or provided always and if any such child or children being
a son or sons shall die before he or they shall attain the or the
their age or respective ages of twenty one years without leaving
issue of his her or their body or respective bodies lawfully begotten
living at the or their death or respective deaths or born in due time to
afterwards or if any child or children being a daughter or daughters
shall depart this life before she or they shall attain the or their
age or respective ages of twenty one years without having been so
married then the said or theirs thereby intended for such child or
or children so dying as well original as arriving or surviving
shall in default of such appointment as aforesaid go and in
allure to the survivors and survivor of them if more than one in
equal shares and proportions and the her and their respective in-
terests executors and administrators and shall be considered as
vested interests and payable and transferable at such respective at-
tains and times as are herebefore mentioned touching the her
or their original share or shares And in case my said daughter
shall depart this life without leaving lawful issue living at the

death or leaving such and they shall all die under the age of twenty
one years without having been married then upon trust that the her
said William Edward Esquire his heirs executors and administrators do and
shall convey assign and transfer the said hereditaments and real
estate trust monies stocks funds and securities and the dividends or in-
terests and annual produce thereof subject nevertheless to the in-
terests hereinafter given to my said daughter into behoof and in
amongst such of my sisters or their or either of their children in
such parts and proportions and in such manner as my said or my
daughter notwithstanding any such contrary as aforesaid in and by
the last will and testament in writing to be executed by her in the
presence of and attested by three or more credible witnesses shall in-
direct or appoint and in default of such direction or appointment
and so far as the same if made shall be incomplete and not to be
executed Upon trust that the said William Edward Esquire his heirs and
administrators do and shall convey assign and transfer the same or
estate monies and premises subject to the said power hereinafter now
given to my said daughter into the person or persons who at the
time of my decease shall be of my blood and in him to me and
either in his her or their own right or in right of his her or their
representative would be entitled to the same under the statutes in
for the distribution of the effects of intestates in case I had died and
intestate to be divided between them in such parts shares and in
proportions as they would be entitled to the same under the said
statute and the her and their executors and administrators provided
always and I do hereby declare that notwithstanding any thing
herebefore contained in case my said daughter shall depart this
life without leaving lawful issue she shall live to attain the age
of twenty one years or be married it shall be lawful for my said
daughter notwithstanding any contrary she may be under in as

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Said last will and testament to be executed by her as her executor mentioned in
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and annual product of the said trust monies stocks funds and
revenues such annual sum not exceeding ^{the sum of} £1000 as at
powers to and for the benefit of any children with power to at
may intermarry for and during the life or for such period as she
my said daughter may think proper provided also and I do in
her by further declare that in case my said daughter shall ever
depart this life leaving lawful issue and such issue shall at the
time of her decease be under the age of twenty one years it shall
and may be lawful to and for the said William Blackman his
Executors and Administrators to pay and apply for and towards
the maintenance of such children all or any part of the in
dividends interest rent and annual product of the said estate and
in the said estate monies and as aforesaid promises to as
well as such child or children respectively shall be entitled in
excessively under the trusts of this my will And my will also
is and I do hereby declare that the said William Blackman
his Executors and Administrators shall be chargeable in
only for such monies as he or they shall actually receive and
not for involuntary losses And that it shall be lawful to
for the said William Blackman his Executors and
Administrators to reimburse himself and themselves out of any
monies that may come into his or their hands by virtue of this my will
all costs charges and expenses to be incurred by him or them in the execution
of

of the trusts aforesaid or in relation thereto And I nominate and do
appoint the said William Blackman sole Executor of this my will and
I hereby revoke every other will and testament by me at any time made
made and published and declare this only to be my last will and tes-
tament In witness whereof I have to the four first sheets of this my
will contained in four sheets of paper of my hand and to this
the fifth and last sheet thereof set my hand and affixed my seal at
this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty four William Mills (S)
Signed sealed published and declared by the testator William Mills as
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
hereto subscribed our names as witnesses

Elizabeth Baker In the presence of the said William Mills
Proved at London the 19th Sept 1838 before the Judge in the
court of William Blackman the sole Executor to whom a power of attorney
bearing his first name by George Henry Rogers Esq