Will of Ann Dudley, wife of the Reverend John Dudley of Sileby, clerk

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann the wife of The Reverend John Dudley late of Humberstone but now of Sileby in the County of Leicester Clerk whereas I am entitled under the Will of my Father Robert Kirkby Gentleman deceased the dividends of three thousand three hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence Stock three per centum Consolidated Bank Annuities for my separate use and benefit during my life and after my decease in case I should have no child or children then living I am thereby empowered to dispose of the said principal stock in such manner as I shall by my last Will and Testament or any Codicil or Codicils thereto executed in the presence of Two or more credible witnesses notwithstanding my coverture direct appoint or give the same. And I am also entitled under the residuary bequest in my said Fathers Will to the dividends of the further sum of of one thousand five hundred pounds of the same Stock during my life And I also empowered to dispose of that capital sum by my Will in the same manner as I am authorized to dispose of the first mentioned sum making together four thousand eight hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence three per centum Consolidated Bank Annuities. Now therefore I the said Ann Dudley in exercise and execution of the power given me by my said Father's Will and of all other powers in anywise enabling me in this behalf do by this my last Will and Testament in writing by me executed in the presence of the two credible Witnesses whose names are hereunder written give and bequeath the said stock or sum of four thousand eight hundred and thirty three pounds six shillings and eight pence three per centum Consolidated Bank annuities now or late standing in the names of John Bell and the Reverend William Kirkby or such other sum or sums of the said stock as I have power to dispose of as aforesaid and all other sums of money invested in that stock or in any other security whether standing in those names or in any other names whereof I have power to dispose of by virtue of my said Fathers Will Unto my sister Elizabeth Ricketts widow to and for her own absolute use and disposal. All my ready money securities for money and all other my personal estate and effects of every sort and description which I have power to dispose of and which I have not hereinbefore already given and bequeathed I give and bequeath to my said sister Elizabeth Rickett absolutely she paying thereout my just debts and funeral and testamentary expences And Also nineteen guineas a piece to my two friends Mr George Brushfield Hodges of Leicester Draper and Samuel Coltman my Executors hereinafter named of the same place Hosier as a small acknowledgement for the trouble they will have as such To my present servant Ann Carr if in my service at my decease a like sum of nineteen guineas to Miss Susanna Watts of Leicester ten pounds to William and Sophia Haines of Bushby ten pounds a piece to the Lady Patroness of the youngest Club at Sileby commonly called Mrs Dudleys Club ten guineas to be applied for the benefit of that Society And Also the sum of three guineas to each of my friends hereinafter named for rings for their very great attention to me when I was under the necessity of living separate to and apart from my unkind husband on account of his extreme ill behaviour to me Vedelicit Mrs John Coltman Mrs Samuel Coltman Mrs Elizabeth Simons Mrs William Heyrick Mrs Firmadge her sister Mrs Mary Nedham Mrs William Parsons Mrs Alexander Mrs Alston Mrs George Hodges Mrs Decimus Cooke Mrs Charles Coleman Mrs Miller Mrs Holt Mrs Samuel Bankart and Mrs Staveley All of Leicester Mrs Woodcock of Barkby Mrs Raworth of Quorndon Mrs Vickers of Loughborough Miss Greatorex of Burton upon Trent and Mrs Easton of Barrow on Soar All which I direct to be paid within twelve months after my decease I appoint my said sister Elizabeth Rickett and the said George Brushfield Hodges and Samuel Coltman joint Executors of this my Will and revoke All other Wills by me at any time heretofore made In witness whereof I the said Ann Dudley the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty one

Signed sealed published and declared by the within named Ann Dudley the Testatrix in the presence of us

Rob^t Hardy Sam^l Alston

Proved at London 3 May 1823 before the Judge by the oaths of Elizabeth Rickitt in the Will written Rickett wo the sister George Brushfield Hodges & Samuel Coltman the Exors to whom Admon was granted limited so far as concerns all the right title & interest of Ann Dudley the Testatrix in & to the sum of three thousand three hundred & thirty three pounds six shillings & eight pence three per cent Consolidated Bank Annts & her the decds share of the residue of the personal estate of her late Father Robert Kirkby dec^d & also in & to the sum of one hundred & fifty six pounds eight shillings 3 pr cent Reduced Bank Annt^s also in & to all the jewels trinkets ornaments of her person wearing apparel sums of money & all other the personal estate & effects wih the s^d Ann Dudley was possed of at the time of the date of a Indenture of seperacion of 3 pts bearing date the 2nd date of Augst 1811 & all savings of the s^d money property & effects& also in & to all interest & dividends now due or hereafter to become due on the s^d Stocks or funds wch she the s^d dec^d by virtue of the s^d Will of her sd Father & the s^d Indentureof separation had a right to dispose of & hath by her s^d Will disposed of accd^{ly} & all benefit & advantage to be had received & taken therefrom but no further or oths (?) or in any other manner whatsoever havg been first sworn by Comon duly to Admr

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