

Last Will and Testament of Rebecca Weston (nee Lowdell) (17 -1810)

In the Name of God Amen I Rebecca Weston of Queen Street Southwark Park in the Parish of St Saviour in the County of Surrey widow do this thirteenth day of January 1810 make this my last Will and Testament in the manner following first I devise my body may be decently buried in such manner as hath been usual in the family my worldly Estates and Effects I dispose of as follows I give to my Executor hereinafter to be named four hundred pounds Sterling part of my Navy five percent Annuity standing now in my name within Bank of England in trust to pay the Dividends thereof to and among four daughters of my late Cousin Stephen Lowdell of Canterbury in Kent viz to Sarah Gallant, Kester Vaughan, Ann Taylor and Maria Brabon in equal shares and proportions for their own use exclusive of and independent of any husband they now or may hereafter have and their receipt or receipts alone shall be good and sufficient discharge for my Executor and my Will furtherin that ? of any ? of them the share of her so dying shall go to and be divided equally between my three Nephews Stephens George Isaac Joseph Coventry Lowdell during their respective lives for their own and separate use and after their deaths the principal shall be divided among the children of their respective bodies lawfully begotten as shall then be living share and share alike Also I give to my cousin Sanders Lowdell of the Chapter House two hundred pounds sterling further part of the said Navy five percent Annuities in trust to apply the dividends thereof to his own use during his life and at his death to give the principal among such of his children as shall be then living in such share as he shall by his last Will direct Also I give to my Executor one hundred pounds sterling part of my aforesaid Navy five percent Annuity in trust to transfer the same unto John Marcus Vaughan son of the aforesaid Kester Vaughan in order to assist him to settle in business where my executor shall think him fit to undertake business for himself and I direct that Thomas John Benjamin and Philip Rider four of the brothers of my present servant Susannah River may attend as pages at my funeral and have ? gloves and bootbands as they attended ? ? living and ? they should attend me to my grave and to each of three I give ten pounds for mourning Also I give to my Executor the sum of two hundred pounds sterling part of my Navy five percent Annuity aforesaid Interest to pay the dividends thereof unto my late servant Elizabeth Sorley wife of Richard Sorley of Great Bookham Surrey for her own separate use independent of her husband for and during her natural life and her receipt alone shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors I give to my Brother sum of four hundred pounds Stock part of my said Navy five percent Annuity Interest to pay the dividends thereof unto my servant Susannah Rider if living with me at the time of my decease for and during her natural life for her own use exclusive of and independent of any husband may now or hereafter have and her receipt alone shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors which annuity or first half yearly payment shall be paid out of the second dividend which shall become due after my decease and after the death of the said Elizabeth Sorley and Susannah Rider ? of this the principal of their respective legatees shall be divided equally my three nephews aforesaid Also I give to my servant Susanna ? five pounds a year for and during her natural life and after her decease this to be equally divided between my three nephews aforesaid Also I give to my servant Mary Boutland if living with me at the time of my decease one Guinea ? for every whole year she hath lived with me for and during her natural life and after her decease the same to be divided equally between my three nephews and I devise ? of my servants may have ? pounds for mourning Also I give to William ? of ? Street London Baker one hundred pounds Sterking part of my said Navy five percent Also I give to Mrs. Jessamine Ward wife of Mr. ward of Lambeth Surrey ? one hundred pounds stock

part of unpaid Navy five percent Annuity Also I give to ? of ? ? within the County of Middlesex ? twenty five pounds Stock part of my said five percent Navy annuity and it is my ? that my Executors should pay the legacy duty and all other charges incidental to the transfer thereof out of my property Also I give all my plate linen china and household goods not otherwise ? of by this my last Will among my three nephews aforesaid equally and such part or parto thereof as ? my said nephews may choose or ? to have I wish them to give my cousin Sanders Lowdell or to my servant Susannah Rider if then living with me at the discretion of my Executors Also I give my gold watch which was my sister ? to my great niece Mary Ann Lowdell Also I give my wigs and ? to and between the daughters of my nephews Isaac and Joseph Coventry Lowdell to be divided between them at the discretion of my nephews Joseph's wife Sarah Lowdell Also I declare that my niece Sarah Wakeling Lowdell may have such parts of my wearing apparel as she may choose for herself and daughter and the remainder she may give to my servant Susannah Rider if living with me at my death and Also I give to my nephews Isaac's daughter Jessamine one hundred pounds stock part of my said Navy five percent Annuity Also I give to my nephew Joseph's wife aforesaid to his sons Joseph George and Stephen and to his daughter Mary Ann Lowdell one hundred pounds stock such part of the said Navy five percent Annuity Also I give to my three nephews George Lowdell of Great Bookham Surrey to Isaac Lowdell of Lingfield in Surrey and Joseph Coventry Lowdell of Lyndhurst Hampshire all the interest and dividends of all the stock standing in my own account in my name within Bank of England at the time of my decease called or known by the name of Navy five percent Annuity not otherwise by this my last Will devised and disposed of for and during their joint lives with the benefit of survivorship and at the death of the longest liver of them I direct that the principal which produced the said interest and dividends shall be equally divided between such children of my said three nephews lawfully begotten as may then be living and if there should be only one child then the whole to that child and I hereby nominate and appoint my nephew Joseph Coventry Lowdell aforesaid my whole and sole Executor to this my last Will and I wish him to accept one hundred pounds for his trouble he may have between and I hereby subject all the dividends of the above stock bequeathed to my three nephews aforesaid to pay all my just debts funeral expenses and the expenses of proving my Will and to all future expenses which my Executor may be put to incur or sustain in the execution of this my last Will the trusts thereto or anything relating thereto and that he shall not be accountable for any loss or damage my Executor shall suffer except it be thro his own wilful neglect and my particular request is that he will satisfy and discharge all my debts and Legacies as soon as he conveniently can And also I give all the rest and residue of my Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever which I may ? possessed of not specifically mentioned in this my last Will unto my nephew Joseph Coventry Lowdell aforesaid and lastly I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me now and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal and hand this nineteenth day of January 1810 # Rebecca Weston # signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix Rebecca Weston as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us William Bell Elizabeth Burrowes both of Queen Street Southwark.

Proved at London 26<sup>th</sup> March 1812 before the worshipful Samuel ? Parson Dr. of Laws and surrogate by this oath of Joseph Coventry Lowdell Dr. of Physic the nephew and sole executor to whom administration was granted having first sworn duly to administer.