

## **Will of Christopher Poulton, 1805**

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**I Christopher Poulton** of Saint James's Market in the Parish of Saint James Westminster in the County of Middlesex Fishmonger being of sound Mind Memory and understanding do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following First I direct that all my Just Debts and Funeral Expences shall be fully paid and satisfied and subject thereto I give and dispose of my Estate as follows I give to my Eldest Son George Poulton the Lease of my House Shop and Premises Situate in Saint James's Market wherein my said Trade is carried on for and during the Residue and Remainder of the term and time which I shall have to come therein at the time of my Death and also all my Share of the Stock in Trade and all benefit and advantage hereafter to arise and be made from my said Trade or Business to and for her (sic) own use and benefit Subject to the payment of the Rent and Performance of the Covenants and Agreements contained in the Lease under which I hold the same I give all my Household Goods Furniture Plate Linen China Books and things in and about my Dwelling House at the time of my Death unto my Daughters Jane Poulton Elizabeth Poulton Sarah Poulton Charlotte Poulton and Louisa Poulton equally to be divided amongst them Share and Share alike or as near thereto as may be I give and bequeath unto my Friend Richard Pearce of Saint James Market aforesaid Poulterer and John Beard of Market Street Saint James Baker their Executors Administrators and Assigns the Capital Sum of two thousand pounds five per Cent Bank Annuities now standing in my name Upon the Trusts and for the intents and Purposes hereafter mentioned (that is to say) upon Trust to assign transfer and pay the same and every part thereof unto and among my Children and Grandson hereafter named in the proportions following (that is to say) unto my Son William Poulton thre(e) hundred pounds Capital Stock unto Daughter Jane Poulton two hundred and Fifty pounds like Stock Elizabeth Poulton Two hundred and fifty pounds like Stock Sarah Poulton two hundred and Fifty pounds like Stock Charlotte Poulton two hundred and Fifty pounds like Stock Louisa Poulton two hundred and Fifty pounds like Stock and my Son Charles Poulton three hundred pounds like Stock and to my Grandson Henry Garritt one hundred and Fifty pounds like Stock the Share of my said Son Charles and Grandson Henry Garritt to be assigned transferred and paid to them on their respectively attaining their ages of twenty one years and to my said Daughters respectively on their attaining their respective ages of twenty one years or on their respective Days of Marriage which shall first happen and In Case of the death of either of my said Children or Grandson before his or her Share or respective Shares shall become transferable or payable as aforesaid then my Will is and I do direct that the Share or Shares of him her or them so dying shall Survive and go to the Survivors or Survivor of my said Children and be assign (sic) transferred and paid to him her or them at such time and times and in such manner and form and be again Subject and liable to such Chance and benefit of accruer by Survivorship as his her or their original Share or Shares of and in the said Trust Monies and Premises are before directed to be assigned transferred and paid and made subject or liable to And my Will further is that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Trustees and the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrator during the Minority of any of my Children to Advance and pay any Sum of Money for the Maintenance and Education of such Child or Children respectively as my said Trustees shall in their discretion think fit so as that the Money to be so advanced for each such Child's Maintenance and Education shall not exceed the Interest and Dividends of each such Child's then presumptive Share of and in the Capital of the said Trust Monies and Premises and also if my said Trustees and the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators shall think it for the advantage of my said Son Charles Poulton to advance

and pay any part of the Capital of his Share or then presumptive Share of and in the said Trust Monies and Premises for the placing out my said Son Charles in any Trade Business Profession or Employment or otherwise for his preferment or advancement in life I give to my Daughter Ann Green now the Wife of James Green of Wills Coffee House Searle Street Lincoln's Inn Fields the Sum of two hundred pounds five pounds per Cent Bank Annuities now standing in my name to and for her use and benefit absolutely I give to the said John Beard and Richard Pearce the Sum of Five pounds a piece in token of my remembrance of them And as to all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate and Effects Book Debts due and owing to me Money in the Publick Stocks or Funds whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever not hereinbefore disposed of I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto the said John Beard and Richard Pearce their Executors Administrators and Assigns upon Trust and to and for the only benefit and behoof of my said Sons William Poulton Charles Poulton and my said Daughters Ann Green Jane Poulton Elizabeth Poulton Sarah Poulton Charlotte Poulton and Louisa Poulton and to be Assigned transferred and paid to them respectively at such ages days and terms with such benefit of Survivorship in Case of the death of him her or them before their Shares shall become vested and with such power for allowing Maintenance during my said Children's respective Minorities I have before directed the said Capital Sum of ten thousand pounds five per Cent Bank Annuities to be assigned transferred and paid and made Subject and liable to And I do by this my Will request my said Son George Poulton to permit my said Daughters and also my said Son Charles or such of them as shall be living at home with me at the time of my death to reside with him without paying any Sum of Money or recompence for their Board or Lodging during the Space of and until the end of three Calendar Months next after my death And my Will is and I do declare that my Trustees or either of them Shall not be answerable or accountable for the other of them or the acts deeds receipts defaults of the other of them nor for more Money than shall actually come to their respective hands by virtue of this my Will and also that they my said Trustees shall and may by and out of the said Trust Monies and Premises retain repay and reimburse themselves and himself respectively all such Costs Charges and Expences as they or he shall be put unto in or about the Execution of this my Will or the Trusts hereby reposed in them And Lastly I do hereby make constitute and appoint the said John Beard Richard Pearce and my said Son George Poulton Executors of this my Will And I do hereby revoke and declare void all former Wills and Codicils by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Testator Christopher Poulton have to this my Will contained in three Sheets of paper set my hand to the first two Sheets thereof and my hand and Seal to the third and last Sheet thereof this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four – Chris' Poulton LS – Signed Sealed Published and declared by the said Christopher Poulton the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his presence and at his request and also in the presence of each other have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto Chris Lee Lincolns Inn – W<sup>m</sup> Grainger his Clerk/..

**This Will** was proved at London the twenty sixth day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five before the Worshipful Herbert Jenner Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honorable Sir William Wynne Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of John Beard Richard Pearce and George Poulton the Son of the deceased and the Executors named in the said Will to whom Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased was granted having been first sworn duly to Administer