

## **Will of Joseph Poulton (1751-1818)**

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**I Joseph Poulton** of Maidenhead in the County of Berks Gentleman do hereby revoke all Wills Codicils and other Testamentary Dispositions heretofore made by me and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament which I make in manner following that is to say I give and bequeath to my oldest Son Cornelius all those two Leasehold Messuages or Tenements situate and being in Broad Street in Reading in the County of Berks which I purchased of my Brother Charles Poulton and are held by Lease under John Blagrove Esq one whereof is in the Occupation of Thomas Brain and the other in the Occupation of my said Son Cornelius with the Gardens Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging To hold the same unto my said Son Cornelius his Exors and Admors for all such Estate and Interest as I shall have therein at the time of my decease I give and bequeath to my said Son Cornelius the sum of four hundred Pounds I give and devise to my Son James all that Freehold Messuage or Tenement Barn Stables Yards Garden and Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in the parish of Bray in the Town of Maidenhead aforesaid which I purchased of the Assignees of Abraham Darby To hold the same unto my said Son James his Heirs and Assigns for ever I give and bequeath to my said Son James the sum of twelve hundred Pounds I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Joseph all that my Estate in Broad Street Reading aforesaid leading into Fryar Street called or known by the name of the Pig Market together with all Houses Cottages and Buildings thereon which I also purchased of my said Brother Charles Poulton with the Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging part whereof is Freehold of Inheritance and the other part Leasehold To hold such part thereof as is Freehold unto my said Son Joseph his Heirs and Assigns for ever and to hold such part thereof as is Leasehold unto my said Son Joseph his Exors and Admors for all Estate and Interest as I shall have therein at my decease I also give and bequeath to my said Son Joseph the sum of sixteen hundred Pounds but declare my Will and mind to be that in case my said Son Joseph shall settle in Business in my lifetime the sum or sums of Money which I shall or may then give to him shall be taken as part of the Legacy hereby bequeathed to him I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah the sum of two thousand Pounds all which before mentioned sums I direct shall be paid within twelve Calendar Months next after my decease I give and bequeath to my Executors hereinafter named the sum of one thousand Pounds upon Trust that they and the survivors and survivor of them and the Exors and Admors of such survivor do and shall within twelve Calendar Months after my decease invest the said sum of one thousand Pounds in their his or her names or name in or upon the Parliamentary Stocks or Public Funds of Great Britain or at Interest upon Government or Real Securities in England and do and shall from time to time alter and vary the said Stocks Funds and Securities as to them him or her shall seem proper and do and shall during the joint natural lives of my Son in Law John Butterfield and his Wife Charlotte pay the Dividends Interest and Annual Produce of the said last mentioned Trust Monies Stocks Funds and Securities to the said John Butterfield and in case the said Charlotte Butterfield shall survive her said Husband then do and shall during the lifetime of the said Charlotte Butterfield pay the Interest Dividends and Annual Produce of the said last mentioned Trust Monies Stocks Funds and Securities to the said Charlotte Butterfield for and towards her support and maintenance and the support and maintenance of her Children and do and shall subject to the aforesaid Trusts stand possessed of and interested in the said last mentioned Trust Monies Stocks Funds and Securities and the Interest Dividends and Annual Produce thereof In Trust for all and every the Children of the said Charlotte Butterfield as were

born during my life as afterwards who shall attain the age of twenty one years to be equally divided between them if more than one and if but one then the whole shall be in Trust for that one his or her Exors or Admors but in case the said Charlotte Butterfield shall have no Child who shall attain the age of twenty one years then In Trust for all and every my four other Children Cornelius James Joseph and Sarah in equal shares and proportions and I declare my Will and mind to be that after the decease of my said Daughter Charlotte until the vesting or payment of the said last mentioned Trust Monies Stocks Funds and Securities my Trustees and Trustee for the time being shall and may pay and apply the Interest Dividends and Annual Produce thereof to the said John Butterfield for and towards the maintenance and education of the Children of my said Daughter Charlotte for the time being and after the decease of the said John Butterfield until the vesting or payment as aforesaid then such Interest Dividends and Annual Produce shall be paid and applied as my Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall think proper for or towards the maintenance and education of the Children of my said Daughter Charlotte I give and bequeath to my said Daughter Charlotte the sum of one thousand Pounds to be paid her within twelve Calendar Months after my decease I give devise and bequeath to my Wife Sarah all those my two Leasehold Messuages Cottages or Tenements (formerly one) situate in Market Street in the said Town of Maidenhead opposite the Brewhouse which I sometime hence purchased of Mr Zachary Allnutt one whereof is in my own occupation and the other in the occupation of Ann Boddy Widow with the Gardens and Appurtenances thereunto belonging and all that Building or Coachhouse in the same Street near the said Messuages which I purchased of Ross William and Sarah Trowe and all my Household Furniture Plate Linen and China To hold the same to my said Wife Sarah and her Assigns during the term of her natural life I direct that my Executors hereinafter named do and shall immediately after my decease set apart and appropriate a sum of Money the yearly Dividends Interest and Annual Produce of which when invested hereinafter is mentioned will amount to or produce the yearly sum of one hundred Pounds clear of all Property Tax and all other deductions and abatements whatsoever and do and shall lay out and invest or continue the said sum of Money so to be set apart and appropriated as aforesaid in their his or her names or name in the Parliamentary Stocks or Public Funds of Great Britain or at Interest upon Government or Real Securities in England and do and shall from time to time alter and vary the said Stocks Funds and Securities as to them him or her shall seem correct and do and shall pay the Interest Dividends and Annual Produce of the last mentioned Trust Money Stocks Funds and Securities to or permit the same to be received by my said Wife and her Assigns during her life for her and their own use and I give devise and bequeath unto my five Children Cornelius James Joseph Charlotte and Sarah all and singular other my Freehold Copyhold and Leasehold Estates and all other my Personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever and after the decease of my said Wife the said two Messuages in Market Street Maidenhead and the said Coachhouse Household Furniture Plate Linen China and Books and the said last mentioned Stocks Funds and Securities and the Interest Dividends and Annual Produce thereof To hold the same unto my said five Children their Heirs Exors and Admors in equal shares as Tenants in Common subject to the payment of my just Debts Funeral and Testamentary Expenses and I declare my Will and mind to be that the provision hereby made for my said Wife is so made in satisfaction and bar of all Dower Thirds and Freebench which she is or may become entitled in from or out of any Hereditaments and Promises of which I have been seized during my Marriage with her and I constitute and appoint my said Wife Sarah and my said Sons Cornelius James and Joseph Executrix and Executors of this my Will and I declare that my said Executors and Trustees shall no be answerable the one for the other or others of them or for any involuntary loss and that it shall be lawful for them to

reimburse themselves their Costs and Expenses in discharging their Trusts and I do hereby declare that nothing contained in this my Will shall operate to release or discharge any or either of my said three Sons from the payment of any sum or sums of Money which they or any of them shall or may owe to me at my decease provided always and I do hereby declare my Will and mind to be that in case any unforeseen accident occurrence or difficulty shall happen whereby any or either of my said three Sons shall or may be deprived of any or either of the Estates given to them by this my Will then the same respectively shall be equally borne and paid by all my five Children out of the portions given to my said Children by this my Will In Witness whereof I the said Joseph Poulton the Testator have to the first three sheets of this my last Will and Testament contained in four sheets of paper set my hand and to this fourth and last sheet thereof set my hand and seal the twenty sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen. Jos<sup>h</sup> Poulton JS Signed and sealed by the above named Joseph Poulton the Testator and by him published and declared as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names hereunder / Daniel Parncutt / John Lunn / Tho<sup>s</sup> Lee } all of Maidenhead.

**Proved** at London 5th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1818 before the Whipful Samuel Pearce Parson D<sup>r</sup> of Laws & Surr by the oaths of Sarah Poulton Widow the Relict Cornelius Poulton James Poulton & Joseph Poulton the Sons & Executors to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn duly to Administer.