

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Bird of the Town of Cardiff in the County of Glamorgan Gentleman I give devise and bequeath to my Wife Elizabeth now residing at Chebmsford in the County of Essex One Annuity or yearly sum of Twenty pounds to be paid her in manner hereinafter mentioned on the twenty fifth day of March, the twenty fourth day of June, the twenty ninth day of September and the twenty fifth day of December in every year during her natural life the first payment to be made on such of the said days which shall happen next after my decease And I hereby expressly order direct and declare that the said annuity or yearly sum of twenty pounds so herebefore given by me unto my said Wife is meant and intended to be and shall by my said Wife be accepted and taken in full and entire then discharge and satisfaction of and for all and all manner of claims and demands whatsoever which she could or might have or which without provision and declaration she could or might have at the time of my decease of into or out of any part or parts of my real or personal estate under or by virtue of any settlement or agreement or as or for or on account of any Dowry or thirds which she my said wife might could or would in any manner have claim or demand out of upon or from or in respect of any part of my estate and effects in any manner howsoever I give and bequeath unto my only daughter Anne All those two Messuages or dwelling houses gardens and premises with their appurtenances situate in Brockherbtown in Cardiff aforesaid now in the occupation of Edward Priest Richards Esquire and Mrs. Charlotte Gales which I now hold by Lease under the Marquess of Bute (subject to the Mortgage now affecting the same and subject also to the ground rent reserved by and the covenants and agreements contained in the said Lease which on the Lessees or tenants part are to be paid observed and performed) To hold the said Messuages or dwelling houses and premises with their and every of their appurtenances (subject as aforesaid) unto my said daughter Anne her executors administrators and assigns for all the residue and remainder of my estate and interest therein to and for her and their own absolute use and benefit I give devise and bequeath All those seven freehold Messuages or Cottages situate in the Union Buildings in the Hayes at Cardiff aforesaid being numbers one, two three four five six and seven with the gardens and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto my said daughter To hold the same unto my said daughter her heirs and assigns for ever to and for her and their own absolute use and benefit I give devise and bequeath All those nine freehold

Witnesses,  
James Lewis  
[Signature]

(1) J. Bird

Mejnages or Cottages situate in the Union Buildings in the Flages aforesaid being  
numbers eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen with the  
gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging unto my grand daughter Anna Maria  
To hold to her my said grand daughter her heirs and assigns forever for her and their  
own absolute use and benefit and the same or any part thereof shall not be subject or liable  
7 to the management, control, debts or engagements of the present or any future husbands  
my said grand daughter may have I give and bequeath unto my said grand daughter  
the principal sum of One hundred pounds secured by a deed poll or debenture effected  
under the provisions of an act passed for the improvement of the Town of Cardiff, and  
all interest to accrue due thereon together with the security I hold for the same; Also  
8 all my share and interest in the Cardiff Theatre and all monies to arise therefrom  
Also the bed, bedstead and furniture in the bed room over the back kitchen in my  
dwelling house adjoining the Castle gate in the Town of Cardiff aforesaid together  
with a moiety or half part of the furniture in the parlour on the ground floor of  
my said dwelling house (except the piano forte, bureau and book case) in the  
9 said parlour) with a like moiety or half part of my kitchen utensils I give and  
devise to my grandson John Williams Bird, Mariner All those five freehold  
Mejnages or Cottages situate in Union Buildings in the Flages aforesaid being  
numbers seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, and twenty one with the gardens  
and appurtenances thereunto belonging To hold the same unto the said John  
Williams Bird his heirs and assigns forever I give and bequeath unto my  
10 said grandson John Williams Bird All my share and interest in the Schooner  
Diana of Cardiff and all monies dividends and proceeds to arise therefrom and also  
the bed, bedstead and furniture in the bed room over the kitchen in my said  
dwelling house I give and bequeath unto my daughter All my share and interest  
in the Cardiff Gas Light and Coke Company and in the Taff Vale Railway and  
11 all dividends, interests and proceeds to arise therefrom I also give and bequeath  
unto my said daughter the bed, bedstead and furniture in the bedroom in my said  
dwelling house over the kitchen belonging to Mr Edward Priest Richards and the  
other moiety or half part of the furniture in the parlour on the ground floor of my  
said dwelling house and of the kitchen utensils And also the furniture and books  
in my Library (with the exception of the piano forte, bureau and book case) in  
the said parlour and with the exception also of the choice of One hundred volumes of books  
12 given as hereinafter mentioned and all my manuscript and other music books  
I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John Godwin Bird of Bridgend,

Witnesses

James Lewis  
J. Williams

2 J. Bird

Bookseller the letter press, type and forms now in his possession I give and  
bequeath to the Trustees of the Church intended to be erected in the Parish of Saint  
Mary's Cardiff, or to the person or persons lawfully authorised to receive the same  
13 for the use of the said Church, my Organ built by Smith of Bristol I give  
and bequeath unto my inestimable friend and patient Lord Bute my gold  
headed cane, which formerly belonged to General Abercrombie of America the  
father of Sir Ralph Abercrombie who was killed in Egypt, as a mark of the  
feelings of deep gratitude which pervades my bosom for the manifold kindnesses I  
have received at the hands of his Lordship and of his revered ancestors I give devise  
10 and bequeath unto my old and faithful servant Hannah Probert the sum of two  
shillings and six pence weekly and every week during the term of her natural life  
which I direct my Executor hereinafter named to pay or cause to be paid to the  
said Hannah Probert I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Niece  
Jemima Bird Wife of John Bird of the Town of Neath in the County of  
Glamorgan Gentleman as some remuneration for the kindness and attention  
15 she has shewn me and the care she has taken of me in my advanced years  
All that Messuage or dwelling house cottage garden and premises with the  
appurtenances situate in Crookherbtown in Cardiff aforesaid now in the occupation  
of Mr John Waddington and which I hold by Lease under the Marquess of  
Bute (but subject nevertheless to the payment of the annuity or yearly sum of  
20 twenty pounds to my said Wife during her life and to the payment of the ground  
rent and the performance of the covenants contained in the Lease under which I  
hold the said premises and which on the Tenants or Lessees part are required  
to be paid observed and performed.) I hold the said Messuage or dwelling house  
cottage garden and premises (subject as aforesaid) with their and every of their  
rights members and appurtenances unto the said Jemima Bird her executor  
17 administrator, and assigns for all the residues and remainder of my estate and interest  
therein for her and their own sole and separate use exclusive of the present or any  
future husband she may have and wherewith he is not to intermeddle, nor shall  
the same or any part thereof be subject or liable to his management control debts  
or engagements I also give and bequeath unto my said niece Jemima Bird  
The piano forte, bureau and book case in the parlour on the ground floor  
18 in my dwelling house aforesaid together with my musical instruments And all  
the furniture beds bedding pillows bolsters with four pairs of sheets and four

Witnesses,

James Lewis  
J. Bird

pairs of blankets, the sofa pictures looking glasses chairs tables cases of drawers  
and all other articles, as they now stand and are situated or at the time of my decease  
may stand and be situated in the sitting room on the first floor of my said  
dwelling house and in the front bedroom leading from and adjoining thereto and  
in the small bedroom at the head of the stairs leading from the kitchen in my said  
dwelling house to the last mentioned bedroom I also give and bequeath unto the  
said *Jemima Bird* my best set of China, and two teatrays my small silver  
tea pot, four silver table spoons, one plain silver teatongs one silver cream jug one  
silver gravy spoon and one silver punch ladle; six of the best table knives and forks  
one silver marrow spoon two silver forks, one plated set of castors one plated sugar  
basin one large pair of plated candlesticks, one plated snuffers and stand one  
pair of bronzed candlesticks one pair of spring snuffers and stand one metal  
Coffee Began one plated cake basket, one plated waiter, one silver waiter  
table lamp, my watch, gold chain and seals silver soup ladle clock in the passage  
mahogany supper tray, side board and also the choice of One hundred Volumes  
of books from my library and such printed and manuscript music as the the  
said *Jemima Bird* may be desirous of possessing All the rest and residue of my  
Household goods furniture and ~~accessories~~ ~~of~~  
heretofore specifically bequeathed I give and bequeath to my said daughter  
*Anne* for her own use and benefit Subject nevertheless to the payment of my  
just debts funeral and testamentary expences And I hereby nominate and  
appoint my said nephew *John Bird* of *Neath* Gentleman, sole Executor of  
this my Will And lastly I hereby revoke all former and other will and wills  
at any time heretofore by me made and declare this only to be my last Will and  
Testament In Witness whereof I the said *John Bird* the Testator have to this  
my will contained in four sheets of paper set my hand at the bottom of each of  
the three preceding sheets and my hand and seal to this fourth and last  
sheet this fifteenth day of March in the year of our said one thousand eight  
hundred and thirty nine *J*

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said *John Bird*  
The Testator as and for his last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence  
and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed  
our names as Witnesses

*James Lewis of Cardiff, Surgeon*  
*James Jones of Cardiff, Druggist*

*J. Bird.*  
*J*



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