

Will of Joseph Harger of Oxton, co. Chester, esq., dated 19 Nov 1869

My house and premises at Oxton plus household furniture etc. to my sister Sarah.

£100 each to the Birkenhead Borough Hospital, Liverpool Royal Infirmary, Liverpool Blue Coat Hospital, Liverpool Seaman Orphan Asylum, Duke Street, Leeds Infirmary, Settle Branch of British & Foreign Bible Society.

To the Albeit Memorial Industrial School, Birkenhead, and the Idiot Asylum Lancaster £50 each.

To each of the four sons of my cousin Joseph Harger of Settle namely Robert, John, Thomas, and Joseph £1000

And in case of the death of Joseph the youngest of such sons under the age of 21 years I give his legacy of £1000 equally amongst his three brothers.

To each of my cousins the daughters of my late uncle William Harger £100 for their respective separate use.

To my cousin Agnes Leeming of Leeds £100
[Note: Agnes Harger m 1834 to Robert Leeming].

To each of my godchildren Henry Davis of Thornton Grange Cheshire and Arthur Henry Arkle of Oxton £100.

To William Baillie Arkle of Oxton £50.

To my friend William Francis Armitt [Armilt?] of Liverpool £100.

To my distant relative Robert Bateson of London £100
[Note: Nancy Harger m 1823 to Thomas Bateson].

To Mary Metcalfe of Settle spinster, Isabella Harrison of Settle servant, Hannah Cook of Oxton servant, Miss Cecilia Williams of Childwall, Miss Ellen Williams of Childwall & Mrs Jane Rimmer of Childwall, each 19 guineas.

Executors to set apart £2500 (part of £10,000 guaranteed 4% stock in Birkenhead & Chester Railway) on trust for my brother Robert during his life and remaining £7500 on trust for my sister Sarah.

I give and devise the house in Church Street Settle with garden and outbuildings etc. and furniture etc. to my sister Nancy absolutely.

I give and devise my close of land called the Banks or Netherwood Banks to my brother John absolutely.

The residue to be equally divided between my brother John and my sisters Sarah and Nancy - they and J.B.Wilcox to be executors of my will.

Witnesses: Wm Hartley, solicitor, Settle
J.H.Vant, his clerk

Joseph Harger died 30 Nov 1869 at Settle, co. York.

Will proved 11 Jan 1870 at Chester by John Harger of Settle, gent., brother, Sarah Harger of Oxton, spinster, Nancy Harger of Settle, spinster, sisters, and John Button Wilcox of Ealing, co. Middx, solicitor, the executors.

(Estate under £50,000 including leaseholds)

Further grant Sep 1896 [following the death of Sarah]
and RR. Dec 1904 [following the death of Robert].

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