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# William in the Picture of God

## William Speeding

Probate Ref no. 1538 Date 1/5/1812  
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- of Robm. Sams in the parish of Saint Georges Monks in the County  
 of Middlesex Gentleman being now at this time of sound memory and  
 understanding do for the preventing separation notwithstanding death  
 otherwise happen amongst us friends after his former willable and  
 shall be and contain my only true last will & Testament in manner  
 and form following that is to say first I desire to be severally interred in the  
 way and in as my executors cause or cause shall give direction for  
 that purpose I desire to have just debts & funeral expenses & the charges of  
 moving his and last will be in the first place paid and discharged and as to  
 such worldly Estates for my inheritance in part & parcel God to honor me in  
 [10] I do give & devise & bequeath of the same thereof as follows i give to my son and  
 bequeath unto my Son William Speeding all that my Copperold Cotatte or  
 situate houses being in popular and worth 1000 L. to the said William  
 of Poplar in the said County of Middlesex now in the name or occupation of  
 Emilia Head Coates her name an owing to the Customs of the said Man or in  
 my said Son William Speeding the debts & expenses for our service & labour  
 bequeath unto my Son William Speeding who lives with Sarah Speeding  
 daughter of James Speeding formerly of Poplar now in the County of Essex  
 Labour of which my friend's estate houses being in Middlesex  
 same also now in my own occupation of John Smith Esqre the late owner of  
 the opportunity Coates 1000 L. to the said Sarah Speeding to her  
 Sarah Speeding an owing Apries for over and above the usual Custom  
 rate and Sarah Speeding to pay to me the sum to be paid by public money  
 as soon as may be after my death or before the receipt of all expenses  
 out of sale of my Copperold Cotatte situate houses being in Poplar in the said  
 County of Middlesex of the value of 600 L. worth of the remainder of as follows one third  
 or half of what I give to my son Son William Speeding as above for the  
 non use of benefit and as the other third shall paid over to bequeath  
 [20] the same unto my son James Speeding son of the above named  
 Sarah Speeding to be paid him on his attaining the age of twenty one years  
 in case he should die before he attains his said age of twenty one years  
 then I direct the same to fall in the possession of my estate and lands  
 to have that the receipt & receipts of the above named Sarah Speeding  
 shall be made up bona fide good receipts or receipt to the said sum  
 purchased thereof accordingly to me & my service bequeath I will that  
 200 my Copperold Cotatte situate houses being in Poplar in the said  
 County aforesd and in North Street adjoining thereto part of which is  
 the public house called or known by the Name of the White Horse formerly  
 in my own tenure or occupation and given 90 L. for a year to the opportunity  
 thereto adjoining and is at this time in the use or occupation of John  
 Wallace No 1 Robert Miller No 2 and William Smith No 3 and John  
 Gr. & Joseph Stephens No 5 Thomas Pratt No 6 John Ellis No 7 John  
 Tate No 8 John & Christopher Evans Robinson Jeremiah Gandy  
 John Hall & William Rayman William Justice Bartholomew Collier  
 and other parts in my own occupation unto her the said Sarah Speeding  
 for her Apries for over and owing to the sum of the Manor of Stepney  
 otherwise I, bequeath in the said County of Middlesex But except  
 subject chargeable with the payment of one annuity or yearly Rent  
 [30] charge of twenty pounds per annum unto my daughter Mary &  
 her wife of Francis Darter to be paid her for her life to be  
 quarterly payments without any deduction or abatement whatsoever  
 upon any account whatever and I hereby expressly declare to make  
 myself liable to the Coulson Debts or Engagements of the said  
 Darter the Testator that that her receipt & wages alone shall at all times  
 be a good sufficient discharge for the same notwithstanding the Court

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and also subject to chargeable with or payment of one other annuity or yearly  
rent charge of twenty pounds per annum unto Sarah Wren the daughter  
of the said Daniel Scroffing for and during the term of her natural life  
[60] in four even quarters payment to be made by my Executor or Administrators  
thereon upon any account relating to the first quarterly payment of the  
said annuities to begin and be made on the first general quarter day of  
whichever shall happen next after my Testator having reached his age of  
sixty if my said son William Scroffing should happen to leave this life before  
the same be entitled to receive the same then my testator will be compelled to pay the  
annuities yearly given to said child so called otherwise in my  
Testator Mary Braxton shall remain absolutely for her own benefit  
as to all the Rent Annuities & Remainder of my Estate or Lands and  
Effects of what nature or kind soever whereupon a summons  
[70] to be brought of the same account paid into the said Testator  
according to the said Testator's direction & appointment for my said son William Scroffing  
to make & appoint the said Sarah Scroffing to be sole Executrix to this my  
last will & Testament now consisting & making up all former & other wills  
by me at any time heretofore made or written prior to the date hereof  
as in this last will & Testament in writing witness I have caused to be  
done and seal this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand  
and seven hundred and twelve in the presence of witness in this manner  
[80] as follows signed sealed by the Testator William Scroffing as and for  
his last will & Testament in the presence of witness in this manner  
as required and in the presence of each other have submitted the same  
and witnessed thereto - Wm. Butter, John Scott, Wm. Miller & George  
Army at fees of £50. place st. 600<sup>0</sup>. East. /  
August 19<sup>th</sup> 1813

**Alteration to this will that I have made this day**  
leaving to the said Testator to Samson Danbury Esq<sup>r</sup> his son by his first wife  
of the said Mr. Danbury and I leaving built four houses adjoining No 1, 2, 3 and 4  
two of the houses numbered 1 and 2 adjoining the said Mr. Danbury public  
house of which I bequeath to my son William Scroffing to him & his heirs for  
[90] ever if he should return to England within two years and give the bequeath  
to my son James Scroffing the other two houses No 3 & 4 adjoining the said  
public house to him & his heirs for ever my son William Scroffing being  
out of England in some part of the East Indies I hereby order & direct my exec  
utor in case my son William Scroffing should not return to England  
within two years after my decease to sell & dispose of the said Corporation  
house & the two freeholds houses aforesaid to satisfy the Moneys arising  
from such sale between my son James Scroffing Mary Braxton and  
my daughter Sarah Wren Scroffing standing in my name being  
hundred pounds stock in the first per cent Derry Annuitie I hereby  
[100] give & bequeath unto my son James Scroffing Mary Braxton and  
my daughter Sarah Wren Scroffing standing in my name being  
hundred pounds stock in the first per cent Cork a sum  
aforesaid I give & bequeath to my sister Mary weekly fifty pounds  
stock in the five per cent annuitie aforesaid I give & bequeath to James  
Scroffing of Greenwich in the County of Kent a sum of fifty pounds  
a week in the five per cent annuitie aforesaid I give & bequeath to Mary  
Scroffing of Islington Spinster fifty pounds stock in the five per cent &  
annuitie I give to my daughter Sarah Wren our hundred pounds  
stock in the first per cent annuitie aforesaid and all the Rest & residue  
[110] of my stock property & estate real & personal I give to my Executor for  
an sole and separate use I do hereby except by separate and my will is  
that in case of any of the devidents or legatees mentioned herein above  
in any wise or at or on any account Corkover dispute or oppose the  
probate

Probate of this my will or the creation thereof or shall institute  
commence or prosecute unto any action or suit either at law or  
equity relating to me Jane or any part thereof or the same in whatsoever  
manner such person or persons shall be called or from all benefit or  
restitution such person or persons shall be excluded from all benefit or  
arising from this my will and so far as I can or do give or cause  
to him or her or either of them shall be profited and given a sum  
amongst the rest of my legatees of a more pecuniary disposition to  
William Speeding, witness Mr Standen my son Simon Knight  
Robert Freckingham.

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Proved at London with a Court 20 October 1812 before the  
respectful Samuel Rule Magistrate of London & Justice by the Oath  
of Sarah according to the Rule of the County to whom Anna  
was granted having been first sworn before to administer

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