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"photocopy of memorandum of agreement (28 Aug. 1815) re sale of no.4, Robin Hood Lane, by James SPEEDING to Robert Burnside (refers to the will of William SPEEDING).

\* [10] - Is the tenth line on the actual document.

In the name of God Amen I William SPEEDING of Robin Hood Lane, in the parish of Saint Leonard's, Bromley in the County of Middlesex Gentleman being now at this time of sound mind and memory and understanding. So for the preventing disputes and controversies that might otherwise happen amongst my family after my decease make publish and declare this to be and contain my only true last will and testament in manner I form following that is to say.

First I desire to be decently interred in such way and manner as my Executrix hereinafter named shall give directions for that purpose.

I devise that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges of [10] proving this my last Will be in the first place paid and discharged. And as to such would estates, fortune where which it oath pleased God to bestow on me. I do give, devise, and bequeath of the same thereof as follows.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son William SPEEDING all that my Copyhold estate is in situate lyings being in Poplar and which hold of the sons of the Manor of Poplar in the said county of Middlesex now in the tenure or occupation of Timothy NEAL Toasts the same according to the customs of the said namesake my said son William SPEEDING, his sons and assigns for ever.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my dear reputed wife, now living with me, Sarah SPEEDING daughter of James SPEEDING formerly of Northwood in the county of Essex, [20] labourer all that my freehold estate situate lying and being in Robin Hood Lane aforesaid now in my own occupation and of John SCOTT with their and every of their appurtenances to hold- ? and every part thereof unto her heirs.

Sarah SPEEDING her heirs and assigns for over upon this special trust that she the said Sarah SPEEDING do cause the same to be sold by public auction as soon as may be after my decease and after payment of all expenses ? such sale and incident thereto. The clear surplus monies arising by such sale I hereby give, devise and bequeath of the same thereof as follows.

One moiety or half part thereof I give to my son William SPEEDING absolutely for his own use and benefit.

And as to the other moiety and half part I give and bequeath of [30] the same unto my reputed son James SPEEDING, son of the above named Sarah SPEEDING, to be paid to him on his attaining his age of twenty one and in case he should die before he attains his said age of twenty one years then I direct the same to fall in the residuum of my estate and I hereby declare that the receipt and receipts of the above named Sarah SPEEDING shall be absolute and bona fide good receipts or receipt to the purchase or purchases thereof accordingly item.

I give devise and bequeath all that have my Copyhold estate situate lying and being in Poplar aforesaid the county aforesaid and in North Street adjoining thereto part of which is the public house called or known by the name of the White Horse formerly [40] in my own tenure or occupation and divers, messuages, gardens and appurtenances thereto adjoining and is at this time in the tenure or occupation of Joseph WOLLAY No.1, Robert MILLER No.2, William SMITH No.3, John SMITH? No.4, Joseph STEVENS No.5, Thomas PRAT No.6, John ELLIOTT No.7, John TATE No.8, Martha THOMPSON, Edward ROBINSON Jeremiah GOLDEN?, David WALTERS?, William WAYMAN, William SMITH, and Bartholemew COLLIGER? and other part in my own occupation unto her the said Sarah SPEEDING her heirs assigns forever according to the custom of the Manor of Stepney otherwise ?? in the said county of Middlesex.

But expressly subject and chargeable with the payment of one annuity or part ? [50] charge of twenty pounds per annum unto my daughter Mary BAXTER wife of Francis BAXTER, to be paid to her for her life by four equal quarterly payments without any reduction or abatement there out upon any account whatever and I hereby expressly declare the same shall not be liable to the ? debts or engagements of the said Francis BAXTER the husband but that her receipt and alone shall ? be a good and sufficient discharge for the same notwithstanding this caveat and also subject and chargeable with the payment of our other annuities or yearly rent charge of twenty pounds per annum unto Sarah WRENN the daughter of the said Sarah SPEEDING for and during the term of her natural life [60] by four even quarterly payments without any reduction or abatement thereout upon any account whatever the first quarters payments of the said annuities to begin and be made on the first general quarter day or at which shall happen next after my decease twelve calendar months.

But if my said son William SPEEDING should happen to depart this life before he can be entitled to receive the same then I first will and bequeath that the bequests hereby given to him shall be divided equally between my daughter Mary BAXTER Sarah WRENN absolutely for there own benefits . And as to all the ? residue and remainder of my estate or estates and effects of what nature or kind ? whatsoever or howsoever I do give [70] devise and bequeath of the same and every part thereof unto the said Sarah SPEEDING as heirs executors and assigns for ever And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the said Sarah SPEEDING to be sole Executrix to this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and so this to be and contain my only true last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this forth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ten. William SPEEDING Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator William SPEEDING as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at [80] his request and in the presence of each other have inscribed our names as witnesses thereof  
William BATTON John SCOTT, William COMBE. Attorney at Law St Greo's Place St 600s East  
August 19th 1812

Alteration to this will that I have made this day. I having sold the freehold house to Samson HANBURY Esq, known by the sign of the Lord Nelson. And I having built four houses adjoining No 1, 2, 3, and 4 . Two of the houses numbered 1 and 2 adjoining the Lord Nelson public house I give and bequeath to my son William SPEEDING to him and his sons for ever if he should return to England within two years.

And I give and bequeath [90] to my son James SPEEDING the other two houses 3 and 4 adjoining the Dock Masters house to him and his heirs for ever.

My son William SPEEDING being out of England in some part of the East Indias. I hereby order and direct my Executrix in case my son William SPEEDING should not return to England within two years after my decease to sell and dispose of the said Copyhold house and the two freehold houses aforesaid and to divide the money arising from such sale between my son James SPEEDING, Mary BAXTER and my daughter Sarah WRENN.

I having standing in my name seven hundred pounds. Stock in the five per cent Navy annuities.

I hereby give and bequeath unto my brother Edward SPEEDING of Warminster, [100] in the county of Wiltshire fifty pounds stock in the five per cent annuities aforesaid.

I give and bequeath to my sister Mary WATLEY fifty pounds stock in the five per cent annuities aforesaid.

I give and bequeath to James SPEEDING of Greenwich in the county of Kent, Shoemaker, fifty pounds stock in the five per cent annuities aforesaid.

I give and bequeath to Mary SPEEDING of Islington Spinster fifty pounds stock in the five per cent annuities.

I give to my daughter Sarah WRENN one hundred pounds stock in the five per cent annuities aforesaid.

And all the rest and residue of my stock, property and estate real and personal I give to my Executrix for her sole and separate use .

I do hereby expressly declare and my will is [110] that in case of any of the ? or Legatees mentioned herein shall in any wise or at or on any account controvert, dispute, or oppose the probate of this my will or the executrix thereof or shall institute, commence or threaten to do any action or suit either at law or equity relating to the same or any part thereof or herein contains caveat then such person or persons shall be excluded from all benefit arriving from this my will and legacy or legacies herein bequeathed to him or her or either of them shall be profited and given land amongst the most of my legators of a more peaceable disposition.

William SPEEDING

Witnesses, William STANDEN, Simon KNIGHT, [120] Robert FRECKINGHAM  
Proved at London with a codicil 28th October 1812

Before the worshipful Samuel RUSH Doctor of Laws and by the oath of Sarah SPEEDING, the relict and sole executrix to whom administration was granted having been first sworn fully to administration.