

## Copernicus THOMAS Will

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

In the name of God Amen I Copernicus Thomas of this town of Plymouth Dock within the parish of Stoke Damerel this the County of Devon late carpenter of his majesty's Ship Royal George now a superannuated carpenter from his said Majesty's navy being at present sick and weak in body but of a sound disposing mind memory and understanding praise to God for the same and duly considering that it is appointed for all men once to die and being mindful of the ?tainty of that great change when it shall please God to call on him for allowing **[10]** all con? after my decease

I make publish and declare this to my last will and testament in manner following, first and principally to command my soul to Almighty God my Creator in steadfast hope of future happiness through his mercy and the merits of my dear redeemer Jesus Christ and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to all my worldly estate and effects where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this life.

I leave and dispose of the same at my death in manner following that is to say first I will and direct that all my just debts funeral charges and the expenses attending the proving of this my will **[20]** shall be fully paid and discharged out of my estate and effects by my [New page] Executors hereinafter named as soon as conveniently may be after my internment whereas my wife Ann Thomas now or lately residing in Plymouth Dock aforesaid hath highly offended and dishonoured me by her misconduct for many years past in consequence whereof we have never since lived together. Yet I allow her a separate maintenance now.

Therefore I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said wife Ann Thomas the sum of one shilling of lawful money current in England and no more which said sum of one shilling to be paid to her immediately after my decease and it is my express will and meaning that in case my said wife **[30]** shall have outstanding debt or debts for the necessaries of life at the time of my decease and payment thereof required of my executors herein after named then and in such case I will and direct that my said executors or the survivors of them do and shall immediately thereupon raise the whole of the household furniture and other effects which my said wife may then have in her possession in the house wherein she resides belonging unto me or so much or such part thereof as may be deemed requisite to be sold and to pay and apply the money arising there from towards the liquidation of her said debt or debts.

but should the money so to be raise as aforesaid prove insufficient to pay the same then the **[40]** remainder of such debt or debts to be paid out of my estate and effects and in case as such debt or debts shall appear to have been contracted by my said wife then I will and direct my said executors and the survivors of them to permit and suffer her to hold and enjoy the aforesaid household furniture and other effects to and for her own sole use and benefit and disposal in consideration of her giving up to my said executors or the survivor of them the portions of my savings which she now has in her possession but not otherwise

also I do hereby give and bequeath unto my good and worthy friend Jane Thomas of Plymouth Dock aforesaid Spinster the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money **[50]** current in England as a recompense for her love care and great attention for and towards my late beloved sister Polly Thallia Thomas deceased in her health and sickness during the period of sixteen years which said sum of one hundred pounds. I will and direct to be paid to her the said Jane Thomas in manner following that is to say the sum of fifty pounds part thereof at the end of three months next after my decease and the further sum of fifty pounds residue thereof at the expiration of nine months after that event.

Also I give and bequeath unto the said Jane Thomas all such household goods furniture household linen plates pictures china ware, ready money And also all and singular my own wearing apparel which shall be in the house [60] belonging unto me at the time of my decease to hold the same unto the said Jane Thomas her executors administrators and assigns to and for her and their own use and benefit absolutely forever

Also I do hereby give and bequeath unto my dear brother Ulysses Achilles Thomas the sum of twelve pounds of lawful money current in England for mourning to be paid to him as soon as conveniently may be after my decease.

And all the rest residue and remainder of my good chattels debts money and interest in the public stocks or funds or on government and other good security or securities my wages or pay and prize money due from government or otherwise and all other my personal and testamentary estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind quality and description soever which [70] I shall be possessed of interested in or any way entitled unto at the time of my decease and not here by me otherwise given bequeathed or disposed of subject nonetheless to and after payment of all my just debts funeral charges the expenses attending the proving of this my will and the aforesaid several legacies.

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my dear brother John Perkins Thomas of Plymouth Dock aforesaid wharfing and to my said good and worthy friend the said Jane Thomas in addition to what I have already given and bequeathed to her in and by this my will to hold the same and every part thereof unto them the said John Perkins Thomas and the said Jane Thomas as tenants in common and [New page] not as joint tenants and to their survival and respective executors administrators and assigns [80] absolutely for ever. And I do hereby nominate and appoint my said brother John Perkins Thomas and my much esteemed friend George Field Harris of the Town of Plymouth Dock aforesaid gentleman executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all forms and other will and wills by me at any time or times heretofore made. And do declare this to be and contain my last will and testament.

And lastly I do hereby declare it to be my will that my said executors and the survivors of them his executors and administrators shall not be responsible or accountable for more of my personal estate and testamentary estate and effects than they or any or either of them shall respectively actually survive or shall come to their respective hands by virtue of this my will nor with [90] or for any loss which may happen of the same or any part thereof so as such loss happen without their or out of their wilful neglect or default nor the one of them my said executors for the other of them or for the acts or scripts disbursements payments neglect default executors or administrators of the others of them but each of them for himself only and also that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said trustees (crossed out) executors and the survivors of their executors and administrators upon all occasions in the first place by and out of my said estate and effects or the monies arising maintaining therefrom to deduct retain to and reimburse himself and themselves respectively all such costs charges damages demands and expenses whatsoever as they shall respectively sustain [100] or disburse to at or be put unto in or about the execution of this my will or in any thing in any wit relating thereunto or concerning the same.

In witness whereof I the said Copernicus Thomas the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written on four sheets of paper out my hand and seal to wit my hand only at the bottom of the four first sheets thereof and my hand and seal to this fifth and last sheet thereof this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twelve

Cop Thomas (LS) Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Copernicus Thomas the Testator . As and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each [110] other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Geo (for George) F Harris Conveyancer Plymouth Dock Wm (for William) Shapland his Clerk

[PROBATE]

Proved at London 4<sup>th</sup> August 1812 before the judge by the oaths of George Field Harris and John Perkins Thomas the Executors to whom administration was granted They having been first sworn by commission duly to administration

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Children of Richard Thomas and Mary Eveleigh Married 13 Apr 1754

St Andrew, Plymouth, Devon:-

John Perkins Thomas Ch 1756

Richard Thomas Ch 1759

Copernicus Thomas Ch 1761- **His Will**

Telemachus Shakespear Thomas Ch 1762

Polyhymnia Thomas Ch 1764

Ulysses Achilles Thomas Ch 1767

Polly Thalia Thomas Ch 1770