

Lyddington Manor History Society

Joseph CLARKE of Leicester

Will proved 1844

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1 I the undersigned Joseph Clarke
2 \of Leicester/ being about to embark for the United States of North America and
3 knowing that in the course of long voyages casualties may happen
4 and also that life at all times is uncertain I do wish hereby to declare
5 my will and intentions with respect to the disposal and distribution
6 of my small property I therefore appoint my Brother John Pretty
7 Clarke of Leicestershire aforesaid my Executor whom I charge to be faithful
8 in carrying out my wishes notwithstanding any apparent discrepan-
9 cy that may appear upon the face of this document To him the afore-
10 said John Pretty Clarke I bequeath the whole of my real and
11 Personal Property chargeable nevertheless first with a due discharge of
12 all debts that may be owing from my estate at my decease And
13 second with the sum of two thousand pounds to be divided equally
14 between my \four/ Sisters namely Susannah, Rebecca, Elizabeth & Lucy
15 Sophia And that those four equal and individual sums of five hundred
16 pounds each shall be secured upon each of my four Sisters as afore-
17 said for their own use so long as they shall live that each may
18 enjoy the interest arising therefrom But at and after the decease
19 of each Sister respectively the said sum of five hundred pounds
20 shall be equally divided amongst her then surviving children provi-
21 ded the younger of them have attained the age of twenty one years
22 until then the principal sum of five hundred pounds shall remain
23 at interest which interest shall be received for the use and benefit
24 of such children until the younger attain the age of twenty one
25 years I also will and desire that in each case where there are no
26 children and in the case of the Mother surviving her children the
27 principal sum of five hundred pounds shall in each respective case of
28 each of my Sisters whether she had no child or none living at the
29 time of her decease in each of those cases the principal sum of five
30 hundred pounds shall revert to and become the property of my Brother

31 John Pretty Clarke or his assigns I also give and bequeath to the said
32 John Pretty Clarke the residue and remainder both of my real and perso-
33 nal estate for his own use and benefit This my last Will and Testa-
34 ment is made this 2nd day of July 1842 being signed sealed and
35 delivered by me Joseph Clarke the testator as my last Will and
36 Testament in the presence of two witnesses who in my presence and
37 in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed their names as
38 witnesses Joseph Clarke

39 John Wootton

40 G\eorge/ Watts

41 Appeared Personally John Wootton of Leicester in
42 the County of Leicester Warehouseman and made oath that he is one
43 of the attesting Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Joseph
44 Clarke formerly of Leicester in the County of Leicester but late of the
45 City of Brooklyn Kings County in the United States of America
46 deceased bearing date the second day of July one thousand eight
47 hundred and forty two and now hereunto annexed And he further
48 made oath that on the second day of July one thousand eight
49 hundred and forty two aforesaid the said testator duly executed his
50 said will by signing his name at the foot or end thereof in the
51 presence of this deponent and of George Watts the other attesting
52 witness thereto who were then together present at the same time with
53 the said testator and this deponent and the said George Watts there
54 upon attested and subscribed the said Will in the presence of the said
55 testator and of each other John Wootton On the twenty fourth day
56 of May one thousand eight hundred and forty four the said John
57 Wootton was duly sworn to the truth of this Affidavit by virtue of the
58 commission hereunto annexed Before me John Brown Commissioner

Proved at London the 8th day of June 1844 before the Judge by the

Oath of John Pretty Clarke the Brother the sole Executor to whom

Administration was granted having been first sworn by the Commission duly
to administer

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