

1821 Will of Mary Cory

No. 13 For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of Mary Cory late of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly Devon, Widow (28 June)

One of the Executors James Cory of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Yeoman

Proved in the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 8 May 1821

Effects sworn under £100

Walter Prideaux Dy Regr

Forms of Affidavits to be required and received from Persons applying for Probates of Wills, and Letters of Administration, of the Value of the Personal Estate and Effects of the Deceased.

No. 1. For Executors.

James Cory of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Yeoman one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of Mary Cory late of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid widow who died on the [blank] Day of March 1821 maketh Oath and saith that he hath made diligent search and due enquiry after and in respect of the Personal Estate and Effects of the said Deceased, in order to ascertain the full amount and value thereof; and that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the whole of the Goods, Chattels, and Credits, of which the said Deceased died possessed, within the Archdeaconry of Totnes, in the Province of Canterbury, (exclusive of what the Deceased may have been possessed of, or intitled to as a Trustee for any other Person or Persons, and not beneficially; but including the Leasehold Estates for years of the Deceased, whether absolute or determinable on Lives, and without deducting any thing on account of the Debts due and owing from the Deceased) are under the value of One hundred Pounds and this Deponent further saith that the said Deceased had no Personal Estate and Effects at the time of his decease within the Province of York to which he this Deponent need to Administer [signed] James Cory

Sworn on the 8th Day of May 1821 before me [signed] [?] Archdeacon of Totnes

Every such Affidavit to be exempt from Stamp Duty, and to be transmitted to the Commissioners of Stamps, together with a Copy of the Will to which it shall relate, under a Penalty of £50.

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Cory of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Widow being in good health and sound and perfect mind memory and understanding (blessed be God therefore) but considering the uncertainty of life and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Imprimis I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the Earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ And as for that Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me I give and dispose thereof as follows that is to say

First I give unto my son John Cory the sum of One Pound

Also I give unto my son Richard Cory the sum of ten pounds

Also I give unto my son in law William Eastcott the sum of One Pound

Also I give unto my daughter Mary Wife of the said William Eastcott the like sum of One Pound

Also I give unto my son in law John Bickle the sum of One Pound

Also I give unto my daughter Grace Wife of the said John Bickle the like sum of One Pound

All the rest residue and remainder of my Personal Estate Goods and Chattels whatsoever I shall die possessed of I give and bequeath unto my two sons Samuel Cory and James Cory equal between them

And I do hereby make and ordain they my said two Sons Samuel Cory and James Cory joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament And I do hereby order and direct that the [said?] Legacies above given shall be paid by my Executors within three months after my decease And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Wills and Testaments of what nature or kind soever by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of January in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand eight hundred and sixteen. [signed] Mary Cory

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Cory the Testator as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us [signed] John Bickle John Bickle

The above contains a true Copy of the original Will of Mary Cory late of Bratton Clovelly deceased the same having been by us therewith carefully examined [signed] James Willis Jr Francis Henry Forord Clerks to Walter Prideaux Deputy Regr of the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes

Transcribed by Kim Baldacchino
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