

1840 Will of Frances Bedford

For the Stamp Office

Copy of the Will of Frances Bedford late of Bratton Clovelly Devon Widow deceased

Executor The Rev William Walter Gurney of Bratton Clovelly Clerk

Proved in the Principal Registry of the Lord Bishop of Exeter the 15 December 1840

Testatrix Died 2nd October 1840

Effects sworn under £5,000

[signed] Ralph W Barnes Dep Registrar

For Executors.

(Probate Issued 15 December 1840)

Appeared personally The Reverend William Walter Gurney of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon Clerk the Sole Executor named in the last Will and Testament of Frances Bedford late of Bratton Clovelly aforesaid Widow deceased who died on the second Day of October 1840 and made Oath, 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 Diocese of Exeter, (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 and without deducting any Thing on Account of the Debts due and owing from the Deceased) are under the Value of Five thousand pounds to the best of this Deponent's Knowledge, Information, and Belief, and this Deponent lastly made Oath, that the said Deceased was not possessed of or intitled to any Leasehold Estate or Estates for Years of the Deceased, whether absolute or determinable on a Life or Lives, to the best of this Deponent's Knowledge, Information, and Belief. [signed] William Walter Gurney

Sworn on the fifth Day of November 1840 before me Westcott H Veale, Curate of Northlew Commissioner

Frances Bedford deceased Affidavit

My last Will and desire is to give all I possess to my dear Nephew William Walter Gurney after paying the following Legacies, as my Executor, as soon as convenient after my death to my dear Sister Anna Cooper and my dear Brothers William and Charles Burne a hundred pounds each

To Bedford Kenyon's five younger Children twenty pounds each

To my faithful Servant Joanna Taylor Twenty pounds and to Elizabeth Drowne our other Servant five pounds, but no mourning to either

To Susan Eliza Burne daughter of Charles & Trelawny Burne I give my Diamond and large pearl Brooches.

To Maria Frances Gurney my Goddaughter I give my watch with bunch of Seals [?] and the Silk Guard Chain, as I wish my nephew William Walter Gurney to keep the Gold Chain and always wear it for my sake.

My other Broaches & Trinkets I give to Anna Elizabeth Gurney

I give the best of and the remainder to my Servant Joanna Taylor

I wish to be buried in the Vault at Lifton in the least expensive manner, with my two plain gold rings on my fingers and the same clothes in which I die, and my old Cloth Shawl (with a Colored Border) wrapped around me.

Written and signed by me this seventh day of June eighteen hundred and forty [signed] Frances Bedford

Witnesses [signed] James Medland Martha Taylor Grace Taylor

Transcribed by Kim Baldacchino
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