

**Will of Mary Lawson 1831** (TNA, PROB 11/1793/135)

## Summary

- Testator: Mary Lawson, Widow and relict of James Lawson, late of Bishopsgate Street, London, Gentleman, and **formerly the wife of Thomas Higgs of Hoxton Square** in the parish of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, Middlesex, Gentleman, deceased
- Executors: John Capell, Royal Exchange, Esq., Wm. Daniel Cordell, Union Court, Broad Street, Surgeon
- Date: 2 August 1825, Codicil 11 April 1828, proved 24 December 1831
- Witnesses: James Clift Solicitor Grays Inn, Alfred Thomas Woolrych & John Pattison his clerks
- Will:
- income from 2 freeholds in Dog Row, Bethnal Green to **Thomas Higgs Hudson**, Church Street, Bethnal Green, schoolmaster for life, then to his children when 21, except for
  - £10 per year (in codicil) to Sarah Hope [née Hudson], the wife of Joseph Hope of Bethnal Green
  - interest from £400 to Sarah Hope for bringing up her four children Dulcibella, Joseph John, George William, Mary Ann, and to them equally when they are 21
  - interest from £200 to Mary [née Hudson] the wife of Joseph Gooderham of ?, shoemaker
  - interest from £100 to Catherine [née Hudson] the wife of Robert Sadler of Wilmot Square, Bethnal Green, cabinetmaker
  - interest from £100 to Sarah Hope
  - interest from £100 to goddaughter Mary Lawson
  - £50 each to James Lawson, now of Hackney(?) Road, gent., his sister Elizabeth Lawson, and Thomas Higgs Hudson for mourning
  - rest to executors

## Text

In the name of God amen

1. I Mary Lawson of London Fields in the parish of St. John, Hackney, widow and relict of James Lawson, late of Bishopsgate Street, London, Gentleman, and formerly the wife of Thomas Higgs of Hoxton Square in the parish of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, Middlesex, Gentleman, deceased do hereby revoke all Wills Codicils and other testamentary dispositions or appointments made by me at any time or times heretofore and do publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament
2. and do appoint my good friends John Capel of the Royal Exchange Esquire and William Daniel Cordell of Union Court Broad Street London Surgeon executors thereof
3. I give and devise my two freehold messuages or tenements and premises situate lying and being in Dog Row Bethnal Green in the County of Middlesex with the rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the use of the said John Capel and William Daniel Cordell their heirs and assigns upon the trusts and for the ends interests and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of and concerning the same that is to say Upon trust to pay the rents issues and profits of the same unto Thomas Higgs Hudson now of Church Street Bethnal Green Schoolmaster during his life and from and after his decease upon trust to pay the rents issues and profits thereof unto and to the use of such person as he may

hereafter marry during her life and from and after the decease of the survivor of the said Thomas Higgs Hudson and such person as he shall hereafter marry upon trust to convey and assure the said two freehold messuages hereditaments and premises with their rights members and appurtenances unto and equally between all and every the children of such marriage their respective heirs and assigns to take and hold as tenants in common and not as joint tenants

4. and in case any of the children of such marriage shall die under the age of twenty one years and without leaving lawful issue of him or her surviving then upon trust to convey and I hereby give and devise the share of him or her so dying of and in the said hereditaments and premises unto the survivors of them his or her heirs and assigns for ever and in case of default or failure of all such issue as aforesaid ? Upon trust to pay the rents issues and profits of the said hereditaments and premises unto Sarah Hope the wife of Joseph Hope of Bethnal Green aforesaid during her life for her sole and separate use and benefit independently of her present or future husband ? ? she may happen to intermarry without being in any wise subject or liable to his control debts interference or engagements and her ? or receipt for the said rents ? profits shall be good and effectual releases and discharges for the same notwithstanding her present or any future ? and from and after the decease of the said Sarah Hope Then upon trust ? hereby direct that my said Trustees or Trustee for the time being ? shall absolutely sell and dispose of the said hereditaments and premises either by public sale or private contract and in such manner as shall be deemed most convenient and at the best price or prices that can be reasonably had or gotten for the same unto such person or persons as shall be willing to become the purchaser or purchasers thereof who having paid his her or their purchase money or monies ? and obtained a receipt for the same if ? the said trustees or trustee for the time being shall be thereby fully acquitted and discharged of and from such purchase money monies or so much thereof as in such receipt or receipts shall be expressed to be received and shall not afterwards be liable to see to the application thereof and as to the money to arise and be procured by such sale or sales aforesaid I hereby direct that they my said trustees or trustee for the time being do and shall stand possessed thereof and of the stocks funds and securities wherein the same may be invested for the time being and the interest dividends and annual produce thereof In trust for all and every or such one or more exclusively of the others or other of the present or future born children of the said Sarah Hope by her present husband In trust for all and every such children who being a son or sons shall attain the age of twenty one years or being a daughter or daughters who shall attain the said age or marry under that age to be divided between or amongst the said children if more than one in equal shares and if but one the whole to be In trust for that one or only child
5. And whereas I have a certain sum of one thousand five hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities standing in the names of the said John Capel and William David Cordell Now I the said Mary Lawson do hereby give and bequeath unto the said John Capel and William David Cordell their executors administrators and assigns the sum of four hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated annuities part of the said one thousand five hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated annuities Upon trust that they my said trustees or trustee for the time being do and shall during the life of the said Sarah Hope pay into her hands the interest dividends and annual produce thereof as the same shall accrue due half yearly for the purpose and I do hereby direct that she so apply the same for and towards the maintenance education and bringing up of her four children named Dulcibella Joseph John George William and Mary Ann until they shall respectively attain their ages of twenty one years being sons or shall have attained or be married being

daughters at which periods respectively I give and bequeath and hereby ? said trustees or trustee for the time being to ? and transfer the sum of one hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated annuities part of the said capital of four hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated annuities unto each of such four children as and when he she of they shall respectively attain such age of twenty one years or be married as aforesaid provided always and I hereby direct that in case any one or more of such children shall happen to die before he she or they shall have become entitles to his or her share of the said four hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities under and by virtue of this my will that then and in such case the share or shares which the child or children so dying would have become entitled to had he she or they lived to such period as aforesaid shall be paid ? and transferred to the survivors or survivor of them his or her executors administrators and assigns provided also that in case the said Sarah Hope shall happen to die before any or either of the said four children shall have become in ? entitled absolutely to his her or their share of the said capital of four hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated annuities under this my will then I direct my said trustees or trustee for the time being do and shall himself pay and apply for and towards the maintenance education and bringing up of such of the said four children who shall not then have arrived at either of the aforesaid periods of twenty one years of age or marriage the interest dividends and annual produce of his her or their then presumptively share of the said four hundred pounds consolidated bank annuities provided also and I hereby empower my said trustees or trustee for the time being at any time or times during the minority of any or either of such four children to apply the whole or any part of the share which he she or they shall be presumptively entitled to under this my will for or towards his her or their preferment advancement in the world or otherwise for his her or their benefits

6. And I give and bequeath the sum of two hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities further part of the said one thousand five hundred pounds consoles to Mary the wife of Joseph Gooderham of – shoemaker to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit the sum of one hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities further part thereof to Catherine the wife of Robert Sadler of Wilmot Square Bethnal Green cabinetmaker to and for her own sole and separate use and benefit And I hereby declare that the receipt and receipts of the said Mary Gooderham and Catherine Sadler for the said sums of one hundred pounds and one hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities shall be good and sufficient discharges for the same respectively and I give and bequeath to the said Sarah Hope and to my goddaughter Mary Lawson the sum of one hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities each further part of the said one thousand five hundred pounds three pounds percent consolidated bank annuities
7. and I give and bequeath thereout also to James Lawson now of Hackney Road gentleman to his sister Elizabeth Lawson and to the said Thomas Higgs Hudson the sum of fifty pounds sterling each for mourning
8. And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my ? personal estate and effects I give and devise and bequeath the same unto and between the said John Capel and William Daniel Cordell their heirs executors administrators and assigns equally to and for his and their own absolute use and benefit to hold as tenants in common and not as joint tenants provided always and I do hereby declare that if the trustees of this my will or either of them or their or either of their heirs executors administrators and assigns shall happen to die or be desirous of being discharged from or refuse or be incapable to act in the trusts hereby in them respectively reposed as aforesaid that then and in such case it shall and may be lawful

to and for the then surviving or continuing trustee his heirs executors or administrators by any deed or deeds instrument or instruments in writing from time to time to nominate or appoint any person or persons to be a trustee or trustees in the stead or place of the trustee so dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing declining or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid and when and so often as any new trustee shall be nominated and appointed as aforesaid all the said trusts estates monies and premises shall be thereupon conveyed assigned and transferred in such sort and manner so as that the same shall and may be legally invested in the person or persons so to be appointed as aforesaid either solely or jointly with such surviving or continuing trustee as occasion shall require to the uses upon and for the trusts intents and purposes herein before expressed and declared of and concerning the said trust estates monies and premises or such of them as shall be then subsisting ? and capable of taking effect and the person or persons so to be appointed as aforesaid shall have all the powers and authorities of the trustee in whose room he or they shall be substituted

9. Provided always and I do hereby further declare that the said trustees or trustee for the time being their and each of their heirs executors administrators and assigns shall be chargeable respectively for such monies only as they respectively shall actually receive by virtue of the trusts hereby in them reposed notwithstanding their giving or signing or joining in giving or signing any receipt or receipts for the sake of conformity and any one or more of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the others or other of them for involuntary losses And also that it shall and may be lawful for them with and out of the monies which shall come to their respective hands by virtue of the trusts aforesaid to retain to reimburse themselves respectively all costs charges damages and ? which they or either or any of them shall or may suffer sustain expend disburse be at or be put to in or about the execution of the aforesaid trusts or in relation thereto
10. In Witness whereof I the said Testatrix Mary Lawson have to this my last Will contained in seven sheets of paper to the first six sheets thereto set my hand and to this my last sheet thereof set my hand and seal this second day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty five

Mary Lawson

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testatrix Mary Lawson as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto and to the due execution thereof

James Clift Solicitor Grays Inn  
Alfred Thomas Woolrych  
John Pattison his Clerks

#### Codicil

This is a Codicil to the last Will and Testament of my Mary Lawson of London Field in the parish of Hackney in the county of Middlesex but now of Paradise Fields in the same parish and county Widow bearing date the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty five and which I desire may be considered as and be taken as part thereof Whereas I have given and devised my two freehold messuages or tenements and premises situate and being in the Dog Row Bethnal Green in the County of Middlesex unto and to the use of John Capel and William David Cordell therein described their heirs and assigns upon trust to pay the rents issues and profits of the same unto Thomas Higgs Hudson of Church Street Bethnal Green aforesaid Schoolmaster

during his life And after his decease Upon trust to pay the rents issues and profits thereof unto and to the use of such person as he might thereafter marry during her life and from and after the decease of the said Thomas Higgs Hudson and such person as he should thereafter marry upon trust to convey the same premises unto and equally between the children of such marriage their respective heirs and assigns as tenants in common on their attaining their ages of twenty one years with benefit of survivorship And in default of or failure of such issue Then upon trust to pay the rents and profits unto Sarah Hope wife of Joseph Hope of Bethnal Green aforesaid during her life for her separate use and her receipt to be a sufficient discharge for the same And from and after her decease upon trust to sell the same as therein is mentioned and whereas I am desirous of giving the annual sum of ten pounds part of the said rents and profits unto the said Sarah Hope to commence immediately after my decease Now I do hereby revoke part of the said rents and profits arising out of the said two messuages or tenements so given to the said Thomas Higgs Hudson for his life with remainders as aforesaid And I do hereby give and bequeath the annual sum of ten pounds part of the rents and profits arising out of the said hereditaments and premises unto the said Sarah Hope the wife of the said Joseph Hope And I direct my said trustees and executors their heirs and assigns to pay the said annual sum of ten pounds half yearly unto the said Sarah Hope during her life for her sole and separate use and benefit independently of her present or any future husband with whom she may happen to intermarry and the same not to be subject or liable to his debts interference or engagements and her receipt alone notwithstanding her coverture shall be a good and effectual discharge for the same And the remainder of the said rents and profits I direct my said trustees and executors to pay unto the said Thomas Higgs Hudson for his life with remainder as in and by my Will is more particularly mentioned And I do hereby in all other respects ratify and confirm my said Will In Witness whereof I the said Mary Lawson to this Codicil to my last Will and Testament contained in one sheet of paper have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight Mary Lawson Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Lawson as and for a Codicil to her last Will and Testament in writing in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have set our names as witnesses the work "Sarah" written over the erasure of the work Joseph between the 8th and 9th lines of the second side being first made James Payze Mere Street Hackney Jn Tipper Clifton Place Hackney Willm Howard his clerk

Proved at London with a Codicil the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1831 before the Worshipful George Matcham Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the oaths of John Capel Esq. and William Daniel Cordell Esquire the executors to whom administration was granted having been first sworn duly to administer