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**Will of Mary Ramsey 1807** (PRO, ref. PROB 11/1465 Image 70)

## Summary

Testator: Mary Ramsey, Barnstaple, Devon, Widow  
Executrix: daughter Sarah Purchase  
Date: 26 March 1806, proved 24 July 1807  
Witnesses: Henry Drake, Wm Watts  
Will: - £200 in trust to friends Joseph Frazee of Barnstaple Glazier and John Charley of Ilfracombe, interest to daughter Mary Darke for her lifetime, after that to granddaughters Sally Darke and Mary Ann Darke  
- £40 to granddaughters Sally Darke and Mary Ann Darke  
- £20 to grandson John Ramsey Purchase son of daughter Sarah Purchase  
- £50 to son John Ramsey if he returns to England from Philadelphia  
- rest to daughter Sarah Purchase

## Text

1. This is the last Will and testament of me Mary Ramsey of Barnstaple in the County of Devon widow made this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six as follows
2. First I give and bequeath unto my friends Joseph Frazee of Barnstaple aforesaid Glazier and John Charley of Ilfracombe in the said County Ironmonger the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money upon the trusts following that is to say upon trust to place out the same at interest on government or other good security and the interest or dividends arising therefrom do and shall pay half yearly unto my daughter Mary Darke during her natural life provided nevertheless and it is my will that in case my said daughter Mary Darke shall at any time in order to increase her Income wish to lay out one hundred pounds part of the said sum of two hundred pounds in the purchase of an annuity for her life that then it shall be lawful for the said Joseph Frazee and John Charley or the survivor of them to call in such sum of one hundred pounds as aforesaid and lay it out in the purchase of an annuity for the benefit of and during the life of my said daughter Mary in such manner as she shall direct and from and after the decease of my said daughter Mary Darke then do and shall pay and divide such part of the said sum of two hundred pounds which shall be then remaining unto and amongst my two granddaughters Sally Darke and Mary Ann Darke daughters of my said daughter Mary share and share alike
3. Also I give and bequeath unto the said Joseph Frazee and John Charley the sum of forty pounds upon trust for my said two Granddaughters Sally Darke and Mary Ann Darke and by them to be paid to or loan out from time to time for the benefit of the said Sally Darke and Mary Ann Darke as to them shall seem proper
4. Also I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Ramsey Purchase son of my daughter Sarah Purchase the sum of twenty pounds
5. Also I give and bequeath unto my son John Ramsey now residing at Philadelphia in America the sum of fifty pounds if he should ever again happen to return to England but not otherwise
6. Lastly all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods Chattels Credits personal and Testamentary Estate and Effects whatsoever and where so ever I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Purchase widow whom I make constitute and appoint whole and sole

executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this to be my last

7. In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Mary Ramsey

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Mary Ramsey 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

Henry Drake          Wm Watts

This Will was proved at London on the twenty fourth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and seven before the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Sarah Purchase widow the daughter of the deceased the sole Executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn by commission duly to administer.