

## **Martha Dulake of Croydon Widow 1850**

### **PROB 11/2117**

Will made 16 September 1846, probate 17 August 1850

This is the Last Will and Testament of me Martha Dulake of Croydon in the County of Surrey Widow I desire to be buried in an unostentatious manner and that no Gravestone shall mark the place where I am laid I give my wearing apparel to the servant that shall be living with me at the time of my decease I give the sum of ten pounds each to my two Executors hereinafter named in consideration of their ?? accepting that office And all the residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever I direct to be by my Executors converted into money and the proceeds thereof subject to the payment of my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses I give and bequeath in manner and proportions following that is to say - One half thereof to the four children of my late husbands brother Thomas Dulake of Gillingham near Chatham Kent in equal shares and if any of them should die in my lifetime then to the survivors or survivor of them in equal shares if more than one – one eighth part thereof to my Brother Thomas Bowring of Limpsfield Yeoman, one other eighth part thereof to the children of my late Brother George Glover Bowring and if any of them should die in my lifetime then to the survivors or survivor of them in equal shares if more than one, one other eighth part thereof to the children of my late Brother Samuel Bowring and if either of them should die in my lifetime then to the survivor of them and the remaining eighth part thereof to John Harvey son of my late Sister Sarah Harvey And if any of these several bequests of shares or portions of residue should lapse or fail by the decease in my lifetime of the party or parties to whom the same are respectively given then I bequeath the shares comprised in such lapses or failing bequest or bequests to and among the other parties entitled to shares or portions of my residue in ?? proportion to their several and respective shares And if any married woman or women shall become entitled to any legacy or legacies I direct that the same shall be for her or their separate estate or estates and that receipt or receipts shall alone be sufficient discharge I appoint John Price of Limpsfield Grocer and William Henry Hodgkins of Old Town Croydon aforesaid Executors of this my Will And I declare it to be my Will that my said Executors or either of their heirs or either of their executors or administrators shall not be answerable for each other but each only for himself and his own acts and defaults nor for any involuntary losses and that they may reimburse themselves all costs damages and expenses incurred in the execution of this my Will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty six – Martha Dulake – Signed by the Testatrix Martha Dulake as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were together present at such signing who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses Wm Drummond Wm Purvis Croydon.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1850

I request my Executors to give Mary Evans as she is with me at my service to give her the sum of ten pounds for her attention to me during my illness Signed Martha Dulake  
Witness'd by Charlotte Brown Old Town Mary Brown South ??

July 12<sup>th</sup> 1850

Martha Dulake desires Mary Evans may have her watch also all her plate likewise her books and bookcase for her kind attention to her during her illness Martha Dulake – witness  
George Bottomley witness Charlotte Brown Mary Brown witness George Bottomley.

Appeared personally Charlotte Brown wife of Edward Brown of Old Town Croydon in the County of Surrey Carpenter... *Following discussion of validity of codicils not transcribed.*

Proved at London with two codicils 17 August 1850 before the Worshipful John George Middleton Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the Oaths of John Price and William Henry Hodgkins the Executors to whom execution was granted having been first sworn ..  
*(remainder obscured)*