

Will of Elizabeth Townsend 1800

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Elizabeth Townsend was born Elizabeth Aikenhead in Jamaica about 1734 the eldest daughter of William Aikenhead. She married first Gilbert Ford, Attorney General of Jamaica, as his second wife, and after his death moved to London where she married General Samuel Townsend in August 1772. He died in 1794. Also in England were two of her sisters Margaret Eleanor Alpress and Millbrough McLean, both of whom were still alive when Elizabeth wrote her will. Elizabeth had two surviving children with her second husband, Samuel Irwin Townsend and Elizabeth Trelawney Townsend, who married her cousin Horatio (or Horace) Townsend in 1799.

In the Name of God Amen

I **Elizabeth Townsend of Upper Wimpole Street** in the Parish of St Mary le Bone in the County of Middlesex Widow of the late Lieutenant General Townsend do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in Writing in manner following I do hereby give devise and bequeath all my Estates real and Personal whatsoever in Great Britain and elsewhere unto my dear beloved amiable **Daughter Elizabeth Trelawney Townsend** her heirs Executors Admons and Assigns for ever nevertheless Direct her to pay my dearest **Sister Milbrough McLean** an Annuity of one hundred and twenty pounds nineteen shillings Sterling half yearly to the day of her death

I give and bequeath to my dear beloved **Son Samuel Irwin Townsend** my two handled large Silver Cup with the Mancel(?) Arms my smallest Silver waiter my pair of Oval Silver hand waiters my half pint Silver Mug with his Cypher Engraven upon it and also his Fathers portrait Picture in other respects I have provided amply for my said Son on His Marriage

I desire to be buried as near as may be to the remains of my late dear Husband

And as to the Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds reserved on my Sons Marriage Settlement for me to Dispose of I Give and and Bequeath the Same to Mary Collins my Housekeeper

I appoint my said Daughter sole Executrix of this my Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the third day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six E Townsend Signed sealed Published and delivered by the said Elizabeth Townsend as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence of us Thomas Smith Lincolns Inn James Hal Stewart H Bright Clerks to Mr Smith

I Elizabeth Townsend Widow of the late Lt General Townsend of Upper Wimpole Street Cavendish Square do make this codicil to my last Will and Testament bearing date the 3rd of May 1796 I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son Samuel Irwin Townsend in addition to the Legacies bequeathed in my Will my two Pair of High Candlesticks my one Pair of Flatt candlesticks my bread basket my coffee pot my two pair of salt cellars and spoons and soup ladle my Marroco spoon my cruets Compleat my three Mahogany knife cases with two dozen large knives and forks one dozen desert knives and forks and one dozen large spoons nine desert spoons my pair of Coronet cups my large bookcase in the Library my Writing table with drawers at the sides and I confirm my aforesaid Will in all other requests bearing date the 3rd May 1796 I the said Elizabeth have written this codicil in my own hand writing this 16th July 1796 Witness my hand Elizabeth Townsend

This will was proved at London with a codicil on the 17th day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred before the Worshipful Charles Coote(?) Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of Elizabeth Trelawney Townsend Wife of Horace Townsend Esquire the Daughter of the deceased and the sole Executrix named in the said will to whom Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and credits deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.

Transcribed by Anne M Powers

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