Fanny Rigby

This is the last Will and Testament of me Fanny Rigby of the city of New Sarum in the county of Wilts widow made the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1822 that is to say I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as can be after my decease I desire to be decently buried at Cranborne in the county of Dorset in the vault wherein my late father **Dr Robert Prower** and my dear daughter **Harriet Rigby** and other relatives are buried and that these words **Fanny Rigby** daughter of **Robert Prower M.D.** with the day of the month and year of my decease be inscribed on the monument which I have lately put up in the chancel of the church of Cranborne which I desire may be done within a month at farthest after my internment

I bequeath a legacy of 30 guineas clear of the legacy tax and of all outgoings to my servant Robert Dixon provided he be living with me at my decease Also I bequeath to my servant Elizabeth Turner £10 free of the legacy tax and of all outgoings provided she shall have lived with me three years at the time of my decease Also I give and bequeath to two of my nephews Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey of Basset Dowry House in the county of Wilts aforesaid esquire and the Reverend John Mervin Prower of Purton in the said county of Wilts clerk the sum of £500 stock x in the £5 per centum per annum government stock but now in the £4 per centum per annum lately floated or about to be floated by authority of Parliament

Upon trust to pay the dividends or yearly income to arise therefrom to my servant Sarah Small widow for the term of her natural life free from the legacy tax and all other deductions the first payment of the said dividends or yearly income to be made within twenty days next after such of the usual days of payment of the dividends of the said now £4 pounds per centum per annum as shall happen next after my decease

Also I give devise and bequeath all my estate right title term and interest which I shall have at my decease of in and to a certain leasehold messuage or tenement farm lands and hereditaments with the appurtenances at Ockford Fitzpaine in the county of Dorset late the property of my said father to my said nephew Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey To hold the same to the said Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey his executors and administrators for his and their own use Also I give and bequeath to the said Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey and John Prower their executors and administrators £120 stock in the said now £4 per centum per annum stock. Upon trust to pay the dividends arising therefrom yearly and every year for ever on New Years Day amongst the poor aged people who shall be residing in the town of Cranborne in the said county of Dorset or such of them as they shall think fit but not to the poor who reside in the hamlets lying out of the said town

And I empower my said trustees their executors and administrators and their successors to appoint new trustees from time to time as often as they shall see occasion for carrying the said trust into full execution and all the rest and residue of my real and personal estate money securities for money plate linen china goods and chattels whatsoever and also the said principal sum of £500 stock upon the death of the said Sarah Small I will and direct shall be divided into four equal parts and I bequeath one of the said four parts to the said Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey and John Mervin Prower their executors and administrators Upon trust for the sole and separate use of my niece Anne Isherwood wife of Robert Isherwood of Highgate in the county of Middlesex esquire free from the control of her present or any future husband and I direct that her receipt alone shall be sufficient discharge to my said trustees

And as to the remaining three other equal parts I bequeath one of them to the said Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey his executors and administrators for his and their own proper use and another of the said equal parts I bequeath to the said John Mervin Prower his executors and administrators for his and their own use and the remaining equal part I bequeath to my nephew Thomas Prower a surgeon in London his executors and administrators for his and their own use and I appoint the said Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey and John Mervin Prower executors of this my Will revoking all former Wills

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written - Fanny Rigby (ls) signed sealed published and declared by the said Fanny Rigby the testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us - Thos. Winch att. at law Salisbury - James Chisholme James Edwards X clerks to Mr Winch

All my apparel excepting colored silks and silk shawls that are not black the last flowered one I bought I give to my niece a black one with a border to it also silk stockings for my niece a clear £20 a year free of all kinds of deductions whatsoever to my servant **Sarah Small** as long as she lives and every half year as the dividends become due after her death £6 a year for ever to the widows and poor of Cranborne as directed by my Will which I think is an addition of £5 more than my Will mentions but it must be for ever and ever Amen - **Fanny Rigby** October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1825

Appeared personally Robert Dixon and George Glass of the city of New Sarum in the county of Wilts x and made oath as follows (that is to say) the said Robert Dixon and George Glass severally say that they knew and were well acquainted with Fanny Rigby late of the city of New Sarum aforesaid widow deceased for some years before and to



the time of her death also with manner and character of handwriting and subscription having frequently seen her write and write and subscribe her name and having carefully viewed and perused the paper writing hereunto annexed beginning thus 'All my apparel excepting colored silks and silk shawls that are not black' ending thus 'which I think is an addition of £5 more than my Will mentions but it must be for ever and ever Amen' and thus subscribed Fanny Rigby October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1825 they say that they verily and in their consciences believe the whole of the writing contained in this said paper writing to be of the proper handwriting of the said deceased - Robert Dixon - George Glass - on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1827 the said Robert Dixon and George Glass were duly sworn to the truth hereof before me Charles Henry Hodgson Commissioner

Proved at London with a codicil 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1827 before the judge by the oath of **Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey** esquire and the **Reverend John Mervin Prower** clerk the executors to whom Admon was granted having been first sworn by Comon duly to administer

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