

Instrons for Will of **Keeling Freeman** Dec 21 1837 I wish my one third of the property to which I am entitled under my mother's Settlement to go to **my brother and sister** for their lives and life of survivor and the principal to be divided between their children at ages of 21 years

if either should die without children the whole to go between children of survivor of them **my brother and sister** and if both should die without children who attain 21 years of age then the said principal to be divided between the children of my uncle **Rev'd Joseph Freeman** in equal shares for their absolute use

with respect to all my other property real or personal I give the same in the same way and to the same persons as I have named in respect to my own third of the property belonging to me under my mother's Settlement I wish my uncle **Joseph Freeman** and **my brother** to be my executors — **Keeling Freeman**

Appeared personally **George Barker** of Grays Inn Square in the county of Middlesex solicitor the **Reverend Joseph Freeman** of Charwelton House in the county of Northampton clerk and **Edward Henry Rickards** of no 29 Lincolns Inn Fields in the said county of Middlesex gentleman and jointly and severally made oath and first the said **George Barker** for himself made oath that he knew and was well acquainted with **Keeling Freeman** late of the town and county of Northampton esquire deceased and that on the 21st day of December now last past the deponent having been on a visit at the house of the grandmother of the deceased at Northampton aforesaid there met the said deceased who was then about to leave Northampton and proceed to Dublin and to return from thence through London that the deceased upon such occasion informed this deponent that he had not made any Will and having then requested this deponent to make a Will for him he the deponent did accordingly from the verbal instructions and directions of the said deceased and in his presence draw up and reduce into writing the very paper writing how hereto annexed which begins Instrons for Will of **Keeling Freeman** Dec 21 1837 and thus I wish my uncle **Joseph Freeman** and **my brother** to be my executors

and that having so done he read the same over to the deceased who expressed his entire approbation of the same that it was then arranged between the deceased and this deponent that the deponent should prepare for him a formal Will agreeably to the contents of the said paper writing and that the deceased should on his return from Dublin call upon this deponent in London and execute the same

And he further made oath that the deponent then requested the said deceased to sign his name to such paper writing informing him that in the event of his being lost at sea during his absence such paper would stand and be operative as his Will and that the said deceased thereupon immediately subscribed his name **Keeling Freeman** to the said paper writing in manner as the same now appears set and subscribed thereto in the presence and sight of this deponent

and he further made oath that the deceased very shortly afterwards quitted Northampton aforesaid on his intended journey and voyage to Dublin and that he hath been informed and believes that he was taken ill on such journey and voyage and died at an hotel in Dublin on the 9th day of January last

And the deponent having now perused the before recited ending of the said paper writing he further made oath that he well knows that the deceased had but one brother namely **Charles Joseph Freeman** esquire who he said was and is the person meant and intended in and by the before recited ending and other parts of the said paper writing by the words 'my brother' appearing therein

And the said **Edward Henry Rickards** for himself made oath that he knew and was well acquainted with the said deceased for several years and down to the time of his death and that having during such his acquaintance with the said deceased frequently saw him write and having occasionally received letters from him he hath thereby become well acquainted with the manner and character of his handwriting and subscription

and the said deponent having now viewed and inspected the said paper writing beginning ending and subscribed as hereinbefore recited and having particularly noticed and observed the said recited signature or subscription appearing to the same he for himself lastly made oath that he truly and in his conscience believes the said recited signature or subscription appearing thereto to be of the own proper handwriting and subscription of the said deceased

And the said **Reverend Joseph Freeman** for himself made oath that he is the uncle of the deceased and one of the executors named in the said paper writing and that the deceased was not a householder and has not any fixed permanent residence and that no other Will or Testamentary paper of the said deceased hath at any time come to his hands possession or knowledge save the said Will of the said deceased now hereto annexed and beginning ending and subscribed as hereinbefore recited —

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Joseph Freeman on the 15th day of March 1838 the said **Reverend Joseph Freeman** clerk was duly sworn to the truth of the foregoing affidavit by virtue of the Commission hereto annexed by me **Daniel Veysie** commissioner — **George Barker** on the 19th day of March 1838 the said **George Barker** was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me **WC Curteis** surr. present **NB Engleheart** notary public — **EH Rickards** on the 23rd day of April 1838 the said **Edward Henry Rickards** was also duly sworn to the truth of the foregoing affidavit before me **WC Curteis** surr. present **NB Engleheart** np

Proved at London 27th April 1838 before the judge by the oath of the **Reverend Joseph Freeman** clerk the uncle one of the executors to whom admon was granted having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to **Charles Joseph Freeman** the only brother the other executor

(margin note)

On the 12th March 1863 admon (with the Will annexed) of the personal estate and effects of **Keelinge Freeman** late of the town and county of Northampton but at the city of Dublin esquire deceased who died 9th January 1838 at the said city left unadministered by the **Reverend Joseph Freeman** clerk deceased whilst living the uncle of the said deceased one of the executors mentioned in the said Will was granted to **Louisa Caroline Auchmuty** (wife of the **Reverend Samuel Forbes Auchmuty** clerk) the natural lawful and only sister of the said deceased living at the date of the said Will and as such the surviving Universal Legatee for life therein mentioned she having been first sworn... **Charles Joseph Freeman** esquire the natural lawful and only brother of the said deceased living at the date of the Will and as such the other executor therein named having survived his brother executor the said **Reverend Joseph Freeman** and died on the 15th day of October 1853 without having taken upon himself probate and execution of the said Will

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