

TRANSCRIPTION OF WILL AND ACCOMPANYING LETTER – 9 November 1786 / 7 November 1791

Descriptions

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Addressed to:

Mr Fox
Att[orne]y at Law
Cleobury Mortimer
(near Bewdley)

(single sheet) Worcestershire

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Nov. 7. 1791
Mr Tim^y Ball
with Copy Mrs Jane
Colebatch's Will

Testator

In the Name of God Amen I Jane Colebatch of Ditton Priors in the County of Salop Spinster being of good sound & disposing mind and memory praised be Almighty God for the same Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following

Testatum

I give devise and bequeath unto my Kinsman the Reverend Joseph Ball of Ditton Priors aforesaid and his son Timothy Ball All my Real Estate in the parish of Cleobury Mortimer in the said county of Salop To hold them the said Joseph Ball¹ their Heirs and Assigns for ever as Joint Tenants and all the Rest [blank] Residue and remainder of my Real and Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever or wheresoever I give devise and bequeath unto ~~my~~ them the said Joseph Ball and Timothy Ball to be equally divided between them share and share alike – And Lastly I do hereby nominate and constitute and appoint the said Joseph Ball and Timothy Ball joint Executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

Witnesses

In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this ninth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty Six

The mark of Jane Colebatch

¹ the copyist has missed a name

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testatrix Jane Colebatch as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto (the words for ever being first interlined)

John Baxter; Letitia Hodnett; Thomas Page

Attached letter

D[ea]r Sir

I make no doubt but you will think me long in transmitting you a Copy of my Aunt's Will – the reason is when I came to Town upon making a calculation I found I could live here and attend the Hospital for the same expense as I could live at Northampton I therefore resolved to come to Town again and between Lectures and Dissecting have had no time to Copy the Will nor have I time now to copy the probate to it – I have therefore only sent a Copy of the Will and shall be glad if you will inform me whether you [*slight tear here where seal opened*] would wish to have the Letters of Administration [*slight tear here*] – I have not had time to call upon Griffiths for the fine but will send you in a ~~Weeks~~Time or fortnights time at farthest.

Sh[oul]d be oblig'd to you if you would inform me whether Waddington is at home or not.

Your very h[um]ble Serv[an]t
(Signature of) T Ball

No 21 St Thomas Street
Borough
7th Nov 1791