

WILL OF WILLIAM ATTFIELD, OF BATH (1826)

THIS IS THE LAST WILL and testament of me **William Attfield** of Gay Street in the City of Bath Esquire touching the settling and disposing of such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, first I will that all my just debts funeral expenses and the costs and charges of proving this my will be fully paid and satisfied, I give and bequeath to my dear wife **Sophia Attfield** one annuity or yearly rent charge of three hundred pounds clear of all legacy duty property tax and all other deductions for her life / in addition to any other provision heretofore made for my said wife by settlement or otherwise / and I direct the same to be paid half yearly on the first day of May and the first day of November in every year the first payment thereof to commence on such of those days as shall next happen after my decease the same annuity or yearly rent charge to be issuing and payable out of all and every my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments hereinafter devised to my dear son **William Attfield** and I do hereby charge the same and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtements with the payment thereof accordingly, and my will is that in case the same annual sum or yearly rent charge or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid for the space of fifteen days next over or after any of the aforesaid days of payment then and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for my said dear wife **Sophia** and her assigns to enter upon all and every or any part of the said messuages lands tenements and hereditaments charged with the said annual sum or yearly rent charge as aforesaid and to distrain for the same or so much thereof as shall be so in arrears and all costs and charges occasioned by the non payment thereof and such distresses to call in like manner as for rent assured by lease or common on demise, I give to my brother **James Attfield** now living in Barnet two hundred pounds sterling, to my brother **George Swayne Attfield** now living with Mrs Young at Gloucester House Weymouth or in Harley Street London two hundred pounds sterling and to such of his children / their Christian names I do not recollect / as may be living at my decease the sum of nineteen guineas each, to **Mrs Sarah Spong** No.32 Thornhaugh Street Bedford Square London **Mrs Mary Smith** now living in London **Sophia Attfield** spinster **Mrs Jane Ellis** now living at Chertsey the four daughters of my late brother **Henry Attfield** the sum of nineteen guineas each as an acknowledgement for their united care of my late brother **John**, to **James Ellis** the husband of the above named **Jane Ellis** the like sum of nineteen guineas, to **Miss Jane Short** now of Clifton the great niece of my dear wife the like sum of nineteen guineas, I give devise and bequeath unto my son the **Reverend William Attfield** all my goods chattels monies and securities for money, money in my bankers hands, money in the long annuities and other stocks rents and arrears of rent and all debts due to me at the time of my decease and all my messuages lands tenements hereditaments and premises and all other my estate and effects both real and personal whatsoever and

wheresoever and of what nature or kind soever the same may be of which I may be seized possessed interested in or entitled unto in possession reversion remained or expectancy / subject nevertheless as to my real estate to the said annuity or yearly rent charge of three hundred pounds hereinbefore bequeathed to my said wife / to hold subject as aforesaid / unto the said **William Attfield** his heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively for ever or for and during all such estate and interest as I may have therein respectively at the time of my decease and according to the tenure and nature of the said property respectively, and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said son sole executor of this my will hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have to this my will contained in two sheets of paper set my hand and seal / to the first my hand only and to this second and last sheet my hand and seal, this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six --- **William Attfield** --- signed sealed published and declared by the said testator **William Attfield** as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, the legacy to **Miss Jane Short** being first interlined. Henry Maut Solicitor Bath --- George Britiffe Skottowo his Clerk -- - William Dixon Horne Clerk to Mr H.J. Maut.

PROVED at London 10th May 1828 before the Judge by the oath of the **Reverend William Attfield** Clerk the son the sole executor to whom administration was granted having being first sworn by commission duly to administer.