

**This is the last Will and Testament** of me **Elizabeth Goldstraw** of Leek in the County of Stafford widow in manner following First I will and direct that all my just debts and my funeral and testamentary expenses be paid and discharged as soon as convenient may be after my decease And I Give and bequeath all my Household Goods and Furniture Plate Linen and china and other my Household Effects, shop fixtures Stock in Trade, Book debts and all other my personal Estate and Effects to my daughter **Elizabeth Goldstraw** for her own absolute use and benefit And I also Give Devise and bequeath unto my said Daughter **Elizabeth Goldstraw** All that my Messuage or Dwelling house hereditaments and premises in derby Street in Leek aforesaid now in my own occupation (Subject nevertheless to a certain Indenture of Mortgage charged thereon by me) And also all those two several Messuages or Dwelling houses hereditaments and premises adjoining or near thereto and now in the respective holdings of **Samuel Milner** and **Joseph Malkin** as Tenants thereof To hold the same unto my said daughter **Elizabeth Goldstraw** and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life And I also Give Devise and Bequeath all my Estate right and interest of and in all those three several Messuages or Dwelling houses hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances to the same belonging situate lying and being at Leek Moor in Leek aforesaid and now in the respective occupations of **James Horton**, **William Freeman** and **Richard Rushton** as tenants thereof To hold the same unto my said Daughter **Elizabeth Goldstraw** and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life (in case my eldest Son **James Goldstraw** should not return to Leek aforesaid from Uitenhage in the Cape of Good Hope and claim or take possession of the three said several Messuages or Dwelling houses and premises last mentioned) and from and immediately after the decease of my said Daughter I Give Devise and Bequeath the said several Messuages or Dwelling houses hereditaments and premises with the appurtenances to the same belonging to my friend **Ralph Mountfort** of Leek aforesaid Flax Dresser (whom I do nominate and appoint Trustee of this my Will) his heirs executors administrators and assigns To hold the same unto the said **Ralph Mountfort** his heirs executors administrators and assigns Upon trust that he the said **Ralph Mountfort** his heirs executors or administrators shall from and immediately after the decease of my said Daughter absolutely to sell and dispose of my said several Messuages or Dwelling houses hereditaments and premises or such part or part thereof as he shall think proper for the most money and best price that can or may be obtained for them and either together or in lots and by Public auction or private contract as to him shall seem best And after paying and discharging all such costs damages and expenses as he or they shall sustain expend or be put unto in or about the execution of this my will or any matter or thing relating thereto Upon trust to pay distribute and divide the clear monies arising from my said Real Estate unto and amongst all and every my children (inserted above: "except the said **James Goldstraw**") (namely) **William Goldstraw**, **Joseph Goldstraw**, **Mary** the wife of **Daniel Birchenough**, and the children of **Hannah** the late wife of **James Wardle**, **George Goldstraw**, **Daniel Goldstraw**, **Ellen Goldstraw**, **Isaac Goldstraw** and **Samuel Goldstraw** in equal shares and proportions Provided and it is my mind and will that in case any of my said children shall happen to depart this life before his her or their shares under this my Will shall become payable leaving lawful issue him her or them surviving then I do hereby Give and bequeath the share or shares under this my Will of him her or them so dying and leaving Issue unto and amongst such Issue in equal shares as tenants in common But in case any of my said children shall die before his her or there share or shares under this my Will shall become payable without lawful Issue then I Give and Bequeath the share or shares of such Child or Children so dying without Issue unto and among my surviving children in equal shares as Tenants in Common And I do hereby declare and direct that the receipt and receipts of my said Trustee his Heirs executors or administrators for all monies received by virtue of this my will shall be good valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever and that the person or persons paying the same his her or their Heirs executors or administrators shall not be obliged to see to the application or be answerable or accountable for the loss misapplication or non application of such monies or any part thereof and it is my mind and will and I do hereby declare and direct that it shall be lawful for my said Trustee to deduct and reimburse himself from and out of my Estate and Effects all such costs and expenses which he or they shall sustain or be put unto in or about the execution of this my will or any matter or thing relating thereto And I do hereby make nominate and appoint the said **Ralph Mountfort** and my said Daughter **Elizabeth Goldstraw** Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Will or Wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I the said **Elizabeth Goldstraw** have to this

my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this Thirty first day of March One thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Signed sealed published and declared  
by the said **Elizabeth Goldstraw** the testatrix  
as and for her last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us who at her request  
in her presence and in the presence  
of each other have hereunto set our  
names as witnesses thereto

The mark or Crop  
and Seal X () of  
**Elizabeth Goldstraw**

**Samuel Howard**  
**Mary Howard**  
**W. Condlyffe**

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This is a codicil to be added and taken as part of my last Will and Testament of me the before mentioned **Elizabeth Goldstraw** which bears date the Thirty first day of March One Thousand eight hundred and thirty. Whereas I have in and by my said Will given devised and bequeathed to my Executor or Trustee Mr **Ralph Mountfort** All those several Messuages Dwellinghouses or Tenements and premises thereunto respectively belonging in Derby Street aforesaid unto my children, **William Goldstraw, Joseph Goldstraw, Mary Birchenough** and the children of my late Daughter **Hannah Wardle, George Goldstraw, Daniel Goldstraw, Ellen Goldstraw Isaac Goldstraw** and **Samuel Goldstraw** in equal shares and proportions from and immediately after the decease of my Daughter **Elizabeth Goldstraw**, subject nevertheless upon the trust as therein is particularly mentioned and expressed by my said Will And whereas I have heretofore lent and advanced to the said **William Goldstraw**, the sum of Ten Pounds, to the said **Joseph Goldstraw** the sum of Fifty Pounds, to the said **George Goldstraw** and **Daniel Goldstraw** the Sum of Ten Pounds each Now I do hereby revoke my said will so far as respects the parts or shares of my said four children **William Goldstraw, Joseph Goldstraw, George Goldstraw** and **Daniel Goldstraw** and in lieu thereof and upon the same trust and in manner as therein mentioned by my said Will, which said several Sums of Ten Pounds, Fifty Pounds, Ten Pounds and Ten Pounds are to be brought together into Hotchpot the one of them may have an equal share with the other of such advancements and I order and direct my said Executor or Trustee named and appointed in and by my said Will to deduct and retain the same several Sums of Money as aforesaid from the parts and shares arising from the Sale and produce of my said Real Estate as is before mentioned and I do hereby ratify and confirm my said Will in all other respects whatsoever In Witness whereof I the said **Elizabeth Goldstraw** the Testatrix have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal this Seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed Sealed Published and declared by me the said **Elizabeth Goldstraw** the Testatrix as and for a Codicil to her last (The Mark or X crop()) of **Elizabeth Goldstraw** Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses ? **Hargreaves ~ George Bull ~ Wm Condlyffe**

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Probate Document

**JAMES THOMAS LAW**, Clerk, Master of Arts, Vicar General of the Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God **HENRY**, by Divine permission, Bishop of **LICHFIELD** and **COVENTRY** to **Thomas Henry Heathcote** and **Daniel Turner** Clerks, jointly and severally Sendeth Greetings, WHEREAS it has been alledged, before the Reverend **George Buckeridge**, Clerk, Master of Arts, our Surrogate, that **Elizabeth Goldstraw** late of Leek in the County of Stafford and Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, Widow deceased, duly made and executed her last Will and Testament, in writing, and therein named **Elizabeth Goldstraw** of Leek Spinster and **Ralph Mountfort** of the Parish of Leek Grocer and Flax Dresser Executors thereof We therefore by these presents, Commit and Grant, to you jointly, and severally, full power and authority to administer the

Oath under- written, to the said-----Executors and also to Swear the Persons Whose names are subscribed to the Affidavit annexed to the truth thereof, and the said oath being administered, you are to certify the same to US or our said Surrogate, and subscribe your Name theless that this Commission shall be of no effect, unless so certified and transmitted to US within that time. Dated at LICHFIELD, the twelfth day of April in the Year of our Lord, 1832 ~ **J. Mott** In Haworth ?D: Registrar

**YOUR Oath** is, that the writing, now shewed unto you, contains the true last Will, and Testament (inserted above: and Codicil) of Elizabeth Goldstraw deceased, so far as you know and believe; that you the Executors named therein, and will faithfully perform that Office by paying her Just Debts, and the Legacies therein bequeathed, so far as her Personal Estate will Extend, and the Law require from you; that you will make a true, and perfect, Inventory thereof, and Exhibit the same into the Registry when you are thereunto lawfully required, and that the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased without deducting any debts owing by the said deceased there from, do not amount in value to the Sum of One hundred Pounds and that the contents of the Affidavit hereto annexed to which you have subscribed your name were and are true, So help you God, &c.

On the Fourteenth day of April 1832 this Commission was duly executed and the said **Elizabeth Goldstraw** and **Ralph Mountfort** both of the Parish of Leek aforesaid were duly sworn according to the above oath before me Probate extracted at Lichfield 30<sup>th</sup> April 1832 ~ **Daniel Turner**, Commissioner

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Will

In the Bishop's Court of Lichfield In the Goods of **Elizabeth Goldstraw** Deceased

**Appeared Personally** **Elizabeth Goldstraw** of Leek in the County of Stafford Spinster and **Ralph Mountfort** of the same place Grocer and Flax Dresser the Executors named in the last Will and Testament (inserted above: and Codicil) of the said **Elizabeth Goldstraw** late of Leek in the County of Stafford Widow Deceased; and made Oath, that the Estate and Effects of the said Deceased, for, or, in respect of which a Probate of the said Will and Codicil is to be granted exclusive of what the said Deceased may have been possessed of, or entitled to, as a Trustee for any other person or persons, and not beneficially, but including the Leasehold Estate or Estates for Years of the Deceased, if any, whether absolute or determinable on Lives, and without deducting any thing on account of the Debts, due and owing from the said Deceased, are under the value of One hundred Pounds, to the best of these Deponent's knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn on the Fourteenth  
day of April 1832  
before me,

The mark X or crop of  
**Elizabeth Goldstraw**  
**Ralph Mountfort**

**Daniel Turner**  
Commissioner

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\*NB **Elizabeth**, the Executor, was blind from birth.

Her mother **Elizabeth** did not sign her Will or Codicil but as at her marriage in 1789 to **Isaac Goldstraw** at St. Edward the Confessor, Leek, she made a cross.

**Elizabeth** died on the 22 October 1831