

***This is the Last Will** and testament of me **Thomas Goostrey** of the parish of St James within the Liberty of Westminster in the County of Middlesex Gentleman made this Eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two. I desire to be buried in the parish wherein I shall happen to reside at my death and do expressly direct that no more be expended in my burial than decency requires Whereas my articles of agreement bearing date on or about the twenty eighth day of January One thousand Seven hundred and forty made previous to and in consideration of my then intended marriage with **Mary** my Late wife deceased it was agreed that the whole of the then fortune of my said wife should be laid out in the purchase of South Sea Stock in the names of **John Fleetwoode** and **John Ansell** Esquires herein named and both since deceased In Trust to permit me during my life to receive the dividends thereof and after my decease to permit my said wife to receive the dividends thereof during her life and after the several deceases of me and my said wife to transfer and dispose of the said stocks and the dividends thereof unto and among our children who should be then living in such parts shares and proportions and at such time or times and in such manner as I by my last Will and Testament in writing should limit direct or appoint the same and for want of such appointment then among our children living at the death of the survivor of us in manner herein mentioned and whereas no part of my wife's fortune was ever invested by me in South Sea Stock or otherwise in the names of the said trustees or either of them nor was any extra amount ever taken thereof at the time of my marriage but upon a computation made afterwards thereof upon the best of my recollection and in which my late wife concurred. I conceive the net produce thereof after discharging the several debts which were due from my said wife at the time of our marriage did not exceed the value or amount of five thousand five hundred pounds we therefore long since set it at that sum and whereas I have three children now living namely **Sarah, Mary** and **Elizabeth** and I have advanced my daughters **Mary** and **Elizabeth** in marriage with portions of ten thousand pounds each and an ample provision is made for my daughter **Sarah** out of the estate at Missenden in the county of Bucks now in order to make unnecessary and enquiring after the amount of the fortune of my said late wife and in pursuance of the power and authority to me for that purpose given and reserved by and in the said herein before me in part recited articles and by force and virtue of all other powers and authorities whatsoever to me appertaining or in any wise enabling me thereunto and in execution thereof I the said **Thomas Goostrey** have limited directed and appointed and by this my last Will and Testament in writing attested by the noble persons whose names are intended to be hereunder written as witnesses hereto do limit direct and appoint that the said sum of five thousand five hundred pounds or whatever greater my said late wife's fortune may appear to have amounted into in case any further enquiry shall be made after the same shall be disposed of among my said children in the shares parts and proportions following that is to say the sum of two thousand pounds part thereof being more than her share therein and the consideration that intend that she shall in any event have thereof unto my said daughter **Sarah** the sum of One thousand pounds other part thereof to my said daughter **Elizabeth** and the residue thereof be it what it may unto my said daughter **Mary** in consideration of her large family of children and as to all my own estates and effects whatsoever I dispose thereof as follows that is to say I give and bequeath unto my sister **Elizabeth Tomkyns** in return for her great kindness and attention to my late dear wife and to me since her death and in order to prevent any trouble or inconvenience to her that might otherwise happen from any question or doubt that should arise by separating her effects from mine all and every my household goods and furniture of every sort and kind which shall be in or about our Town House at the time of my decease and also my Linnen, China, pewter, pictures, prints, Books and plate those therein except the small picture of my said late wife and my Law books and I likewise for give to the said **Elizabeth Tomkyns** all monies that may happen to be due to me from her at the time of my decease in order to prevent the taking of any account between us unless she should be in advance in which case I would have her paid whatever shall be due to her I give the said picture of my said late wife and also the Cypher ring with her hair*

to my daughter **Elizabeth** to whom I likewise give the sum of one thousand pounds in full satisfaction and discharge of her share in the residue of the personal estate of her late uncle **William Goostrey** deceased and which greatly exceeds the same I give all my Law Books to my Son-in-Law **William Lowndes** for the service of each of his children as he shall think proper I give the Diamond ring with the picture of my said late wife to my said daughter **Mary** towards not doubting of her taking care that it shall be preserved in her family in perfect memory of her dear mother to whom it was so much indebted I give my wearing apparel of all sorts to my servant **Robert Cooper** together with ten pounds for mourning and {twenty?} Guineas for a legacy in case he shall be in my service at the time of my decease and as to all the rest and residue of my personal estate and effects of what nature or kind soever not by me already otherwise disposed of which shall remain after payment of my debts and funeral charges and the several specific and pecuniary legacies or sums of money herein before given and which I shall or may thereafter give or dispose of I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof and all my estate right and interest therein unto my said daughter **Mary Lowndes** to and for her own separate use and benefit independent of the said **William Lowndes** her husband to enable her if she shall so think fit to make some provision for her numerous family and I do hereby constitute and appoint my said daughter **Mary Lowndes** sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said **Thomas Goostrey** have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written **Thomas Goostrey** {his signature}. Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Thomas Goostrey** the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses attesting the one execution thereof **Benj Richards ~ Watkin Morgan ~ John Hibble sent to Mr Richards**

**This is a codicil** to the last Will and Testament of me **Thomas Goostrey** of the parish of St James within the Liberty of Westminster in the county of Middlesex Esq. made this Thirteenth day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty five. That as the intent of the gift of my plate and furniture to my sister **Elizabeth Tomkyns** no longer exists by an being separate I do revoke the bequests thereof to her and do direct that the same be applied in the same manner as my personal by my said Will is directed. Witness my hand the day and year above written **Thomas Goostrey** {his signature} **George Burley**

6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1785

**Which Day** appeared personally **Robert Cooper** of the parish of St James Westminster in the County of Middlesex Gentleman and being sworn on the Holy Evangelist to dispose the truth made oath that he knew and was well acquainted with **Thomas Goostrey** late of the parish of Saint James Westminster in the County of Middlesex Esquire deceased for four years before and to the time of his death and during such his knowledge and acquaintance with him hath frequently seen him write and write and subscribe his name whereby he is become well acquainted with his manner and character of handwriting and subscription and now looking upon and perusing of the name "**Thomas Goostrey**" appearing subscribed to the paper writing hereunto annexed purporting to be and contain a codicil to the last Will and Testament of the said deceased this deponent faith he doth verily and in his conscience believe the same to be of the proper handwriting and subscription of the said **Thomas Goostrey** Esquire deceased **Robert Cooper** {his signature} Same day the said **Robert Cooper** was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me **Geo. Harris** Surrogate ~ Psh **Tho Adderley** {Imd?} Noty. Public

***This Will** was proved at London with a codicil on the Seventh day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty five before the worshipful **George Harris** Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful **Peter Calvert** Doctor of Laws Master Keeper and Commissary of the prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of **Mary Lowndes Selby** Esquire the daughter of the deceased and sole executrix named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer*

*On the twentieth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty six administration with the Will and codicil {consisted?} of the goods chattels and credits of **Thomas Goostrey** late of the parish of St James Westminster in the County of Middlesex Esquire deceased left unadministered by **Mary Lowndes Selby** formerly **Mary Lowndes** wife of **William Lowndes Selby** Esq. the daughter of the said deceased sole executrix and residuary legatee named in the said Will now also deceased was granted to **John Beardsworth** and **George Burley** the limited administrators with the Will or Testamentary disposition annexed of the goods of the said **Mary Lowndes Selby** having been first sworn duly to administer.*