

This is the last Will and Testament of me John Leah of Antrobus in the County of Chester Yeoman made and published the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and eighty seven in the manner following, that is to say, I order and direct all my just debts (save the sum of One hundred and twenty pounds hereinafter mentioned) my funeral expences and the charge of the probate hereof to be paid and discharged from and out of my personal Estate and Effects immediately after my decease I give and devise unto my Wife's half-Brother James Chadwick of Moss side near Manchester and my Friend John Mairs of Great-Budworth in the said County of Chester Schoolmaster and their heirs All that my messuage or Dwellinghouse with the outbuildings Garden Crofts and Appurtenances thereto belonging situate and being in Antrobus aforesaid now in my possession, And also my messuage and Tenement with the Lands and hereditaments thereto belonging in Antrobus aforesaid now in the possession of George Hindley as Tenant thereof And also all my personal Estate and Effects To hold the same unto the said James Chadwick and John Mairs their heirs executors administrators and assigns Upon the Trusts and to and for the intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned that is to say, Upon Trust and to the intent and purpose that they the said James Chadwick and John Mairs and the survivor of them his heirs executors administrators and assigns shall and do permit and suffer my loving Wife Mary Leah to hold and enjoy or to receive the rents issues and profits of the said premises and permit and suffer her to have the use and enjoyment of my personal Estate and Effects for and during the Term of her natural life, who shall appoint so much of such Rents and the Interest of my personal estate as shall be necessary for the maintenance and support of my Daughter Martha, until she shall arrive at the Age of Twenty four years and of my Son Samuel until he shall attain the age of Twenty one years And from and after her decease Upon Trust to stand seized of the said messuage or Dwellinghouse Outbuildings Garden Crofts and appurtenances now in my possession and convey the same unto and To the use of my said son Samuel Leah his heirs and assigns for ever. And Upon Trust that they the said James Chadwick and John Mairs and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of my said Wife shall and do make Sale and absolutely dispose of the said messuage and Tenement Lands and hereditaments now in the possession of George Hindley either by public Auction or private Contract for the best price and prices and most money that can or may be had or gotten for the same and convert my said personal Estate and effects into money, And Upon Trust that they the said James Chadwick and John Mairs and the survivor of them his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns shall and do out of the money to be raised as aforesaid in the first place pay or satisfy and discharge all such Costs charges and expences as they the said Trustees or the survivor of them his heirs executors administrators or assigns shall pay bear expend or be put unto on account of such sale or in the execution of the Trusts aforesaid And then Upon Trust to pay and apportion the remainder of the money to be raised as aforesaid unto and amongst my five Children John, James, Samuel, Elizabeth and Martha Leah and the Issue of such of them as may happen to be then dead (such Issue to take no greater share than the parent or parents of such Issue could if living have taken) to be equally divided amongst ~~them~~ share and share alike, and to be for no other use trust intent or purpose whatsoever, - I give and devise unto my Executors hereinafter named their heirs and assigns All and every my Real Estate situate and being in Sutton near Macclesfield and in Macclesfield in the said County of Chester with the Appurtenances To hold the same unto my said Executors their heirs and assigns Upon the Trusts and to and for the intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned of and concerning the same that is to say, -

as to for and concerning ~~All that messuage or Dwellinghouse with its Appurtenances in~~ ~~Sutton aforesaid~~
commonly called or known by the name of the Blue Bell with the Croft inclosed from Macclesfield Mess
and the Mess Rooms there now in the possession of William Cone (Subject to an allowance of six loads
of Turf yearly from the Mess Rooms which I give and devise unto my son James and his heirs for ever)
In Trust that my said Executors or the survivors or survivor of them his heirs or assigns shall ^{and} do
receive and take the Rents issues and profits of the said premises until thereby or therewith they shall
have received the sum of sixty pounds to be paid and applied as hereinafter mentioned And upon trust
that they my said Executors or the survivors or survivor of them his heirs or assigns shall and do
within the space of five years next after the raising and payment of the said sum of sixty pounds as
aforesaid by Mortgage or sale of the said premises or any part thereof or by such other ways or means
as they shall think fit levy and raise the sum of One hundred pounds and pay the same unto
my Daughter Betty Leah to whom I give and bequeath the same accordingly, And subject to the
payment of the said several sums of Sixty pounds and One hundred pounds and the remedies
hereinbefore declared for raising the same In Trust to Hand seized of the said last mentioned
premises and convey the same unto and to the use of my son ~~John~~ Leah his heirs and
assigns for ever, And as to for and concerning All those two Messuages or Dwellinghouses with
the Appurtenances situate in the Wallgate in Macclesfield aforesaid now in the possession of
Jampson Rowe and John Allen and a dwellinghouse or Shop being part of a building formerly
known by the sign of the Cock situate in the market place in Macclesfield aforesaid now in
the possession of Bridget Steys with the Appurtenances In Trust that ^{they} my said Executors or the
survivors or survivor of them his heirs or assigns shall and do receive and take the Rents
issues and profits of the said last mentioned premises until thereby or therewith they shall have
received the like sum of sixty pounds to be paid and applied as hereinafter mentioned And
upon Trust that my said Executors or the survivors or survivor of them his heirs or assigns shall and
do by mortgage or sale of the said last mentioned premises or any part thereof or by such other
ways or means as they shall think fit levy and raise the sum of One hundred pounds and
pay the same unto my said Daughter Marthia Leah on her attaining the Age of twenty four
years but without any interest for the same in the mean time, in case she shall be then
living, but if she shall happen to die before she attains that Age without issue Then upon
Trust to pay and apply the said last mentioned sum of One hundred pounds unto and amongst
all my other Children who shall be then living and the issue of such of them as shall be
then dead (such issue to take no greater share than the parent or parents of such issue could
if living have taken) to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike, And subject
to the payment of the said last mentioned sums of sixty pounds and one hundred pounds and the
means and remedies hereinbefore declared for raising the same In Trust that my said Executors and
the survivors and survivor of them his or her heirs and assigns shall stand and be seized of
the said last mentioned premises and convey the same unto and to the use of my said son
James Leah his heirs and assigns for ever, And to or for no other trust intent or purpose
whatsoever, And all the residue and remainder of my Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever
(not hereinbefore disposed of) I give and Devise unto and amongst my said Sons John James
and Samuel and my two Daughters Betty and Marthia Leah as Tenants in Common and
not as Jointenants and to their several heirs and assigns for ever, And I do hereby
declare my Will and mind to be that when and so soon as my said Executors or the
survivors or survivor of them his heirs or assigns shall have raised the said two several

The Twentieth Day of August 1791. Mary Leah and John Morris two of the
Executors within named were sworn in common Form / Power reserved for
James Chadwick the third Executor to take the Execution thereof for him
when he shall lawfully request the same / before me

Value above £. and under 100

Peter Wright
Surrogate

Pro. i. p. d. 24. Aug. 1791.

John Leah's Will