

The Last Will and Testament of Ann Gant
Spinster of Duke Street, Old Artillery Ground, Middlesex

In The Name Of God Amen

I Ann Gant of Duke Street in the Liberty of the Old Artillery Ground in the county of Middlesex, spinster, being of sound mind, memory and understanding thanks be to God for _____ considering the uncertainty of this life and to avoid all controversies after my decease do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) first and principally I recommend my soul to almighty God and my body to the ground to be _____ interred at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter mentioned and my request is that Mr Harris _____ of Fort Street in the said Liberty of the Old Artillery Ground, undertaker, be appointed to perform that affair and my desire is that all my just debts, funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my will be fully paid and satisfied, and as to all my worldly goods _____ it hath pleased God to bless me I dispose thereof as follows. I give and bequeath unto my brothers James Gant and John Gant the sum of ten pounds each. I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Ann Gant, daughter of the aforesaid James Gant, one hundred pounds, stock standing in my name in _____ four pounds per cent Bank annuities and all interest and _____, together with all my plate, chest of drawers, sheeting and table linen. I give to Sarah Abbott of _____land one guinea as a token of my love for her. I give to my nephew John Gant, son of the aforementioned John Gant, my best carpet. I give unto Elizabeth, Mary and _____ the three daughters of William ?Compton late of Cheapside London such parts of my wearing apparel as my executrix shall in her discretion think proper. I give to Jane Garner of ?Pollidan Street, Mile End New Town my _____ gown, and all the rest and residue of my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath unto my executrix hereinafter named and I so hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Elizabeth Gant, wife of my said brother James Gant, sole executrix of this my will hereby revoking all former and earlier will or wills by and at any time heretofore made, and declaring this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament, witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four. The mark of Ann Gant, signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Ann Gant the testatrix 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.
Charles Beaumont, Ann Marshall

This will was proved the twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine before the worshipfull Samuel Pearce, parson, Doctor of Laws and surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir John Nicholl, Knight, Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Elizabeth Gant (wife of James Gant) the 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 only to admin.

Some punctuation has been added for easier reading.