

Will of Daines Barrington 1800. PROB 11/1338/227

This is a copy of a handwritten Will, written by Daines B himself as opposed to it being recited to a clerk. It begins with;

'After the payment of £2000 to my good brother Lord Barrington for what he so graciously advanced to me without any prospect of repayment towards my education and subsistence, as also a legacy of £100 to my Clerk, James Cobb and £50 to my Footman, Thomas Cobb, together with my clothes.'

What remains of his personal effects to be equally divided between his four nephews, Robert, William and Barrington Price and George Barrington.

He mentions that the effects will consist of Bank Stock, Annuities and 3% Consols.

'I should be very ungrateful not to be sensible of the blessing of that general good health which I have enjoyed, but as I have frequently been troubled with spasms at the heart , I desire my body may be opened to examine what may have been the occasion of them. I may perhaps also die possessed of the remainder of a turn in the Opera House and Playhouses which I devise in like manner to my nephews. I bought these when I began to apprehend that I should not be able long to read by Candle Light.'

'PS. I desire that my brother the Bishop of Salisbury will be my Executor. I leave my books to the Society of Antiquaries.'

'I need not refute any former Will as I have thrown it in the fire.'

'16 Feb 1788. My nephew, George Barrington, having married lately a woman with a good fortune and having probably other expectations from this event, I refute what I related to him in the former part of my Will and leave the residue of what I may die with to my three nephews, Robert, William and Barrington Price.' (This is his George's marriage to Elizabeth Adair and he went on to become George Lord Viscount Barrington 5th)

'1 March 1792. Having paid lately £1500, part of the £2000 which I have long been indebted to him, I now leave only £500 instead of the £2000 I have already bequeathed him.'

'I leave Thomas Cobb my servant an additional £30 for his service.'

'My nephew, Mr Barrington Price, being now married to a very amiable and good woman who is an excellent wife to him and by whom he hath already several children and is likely to have more, whilst his two brothers have not only a better income but fewer incumbrances. I hereby refute what I have given them in a former part of my Will though I shall always have the greatest affection for them as worthy and good men. I therefore give the residue of which I may die possessed of, after payment of my debts and legacies, to my aforesaid nephew Barrington Price for his life and that he may receive the interest thereof during his life and if Lady Maria survives him, to her Ladyship for her life so that she may receive the interest thereof, and after both their deaths, to be equally divided amongst their children.'

'I also leave an additional £50 to my servant Thomas Cobb for his good and faithful service making altogether £150. 12 Nov 1793. NB. My effects will be found in Bank Stock, 3% consols & bonds.'

'I need not state that my excellent brother the late Lord Barrington being dead, the £500 which I have left to him is lapsed - 12 Nov 1793.'

'I hereby give and bequeath to my faithful servant Thomas Cobb and his wife £20 in addition to what I have left him for the trouble they have had during my illness.'

'1 March 1795. Having disposed of all my books except a very few during my illness, I hereby bequeath those few to the Rev Samuel Sale as a mark of my regard.'

'14 Feb 1799. I give to my servant Thomas Cobb £100 & £50 to his wife and declare this an additional codicil to my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have signed.'

20th March 1800. On which day appeared personally Richard Hulse of Blackwath in the county of Kent, Esq, and George Burley of Lincoln's Inn, county Middlesex, Gent, to make an oath that they were well acquainted with Daines Barrington late of Inner Temple, London, deceased, and they presented his hand-written Will with the seven codicils.

The Will was proved on 20th March 1800.