## The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Seagram 13 December 1852 Proved 26 October 1855



This is the Last Will and Testament of me Thomas Seagram formerly of Penleigh Farm in the Parish of Westbury in the County of Wilts but now of No. 119 Pall Mall in the Parish of St. James Westminster in the County of Middlesex Doctor of Medicine desire that I may be buried in the Parish Church of Westbury aforesaid in the same vault in which the remains of my late dearly beloved Wife Jane Mary are deposited I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew Thomas Seagram of Bratton in the County of Wilts Gentleman his executors administrators and assigns all and every sum and sums of money which may be found in my house or about my person or are due to me at the time of my decease and also all and everything stocks funds and securities to money money due on ...... or other securities and all and every other my estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever both real and personal instruction in possession or reversion remainder or expectancy upon trust as soon as conveniently may be after my decease to collect get in and waive such parts thereof as shall consist of monies or securities for money and to sell dispose of and convert into money the residue of my said estate and effects either by public auction or private .....as to him should occasion and when and so soon as the same shall have been converted into money and ......upon trust thereon in the first place to pay satisfy and discharge all my .....and funeral and testamentary expenses and after payment thereof upon trust in the next place as to the sum of one thousand six hundred and forty pounds being the amount received by me under or by virtue of there several bonds given to my late dear Wife by her brother Thomas Henry ... Phipps late of Bath in the County of Somerset Esquire deceased for money lent to him by her to pay and divide the same equally per rapita and not per stirpes between and amongst such of the daughters being the nieces of my said dear Wife of the three persons hereinafter mentioned that is to say of the said Thomas Henry ..... Phipps of ... the widow of Weston Staines late of North Cerney near Cirencester in the County of Gloucester Esquire deceased and of Penelope the Wife of the Reverend James ...... late of Beverley in the County of York but now of [Warrens ?] in the said County of Wilts as shall be living at the time of my decease as and when they shall severally attain the age of twenty one years or be married which shall first happen and after payment thereof upon further trust to pay to the several persons next hereinafter mentioned the several legacies which follow their respective names that is to say To my niece Julia Seagram of Bratton aforesaid spinster the sum of one hundred pounds To my niece Keren Happuch Seagram of Bratton aforesaid spinster the sum of one hundred pounds To my niece Elizabeth Collins Wife of the Reverend Henry Collins of Evershot in the County of Dorset the sum of one hundred pounds. To my brother George Seagram of Warminster in the County of Wilts Esquire the sum of two hundred pounds To my nephew Major Charles Seagram (the son of my late brother John Seagram) the sum of three hundred pounds To Emily the Wife of the Reverend Henry Nawbolt of Paulerspury in the County of Northampton the sum of one hundred pounds To my nephew John Seagram Halliday the son of my late sister Jane Mary Halliday the sum of one hundred pounds and to my niece Anne Richardson the Wife of ....... Richardson late of Taunton in the County of Somerset Gentleman the sum of three hundred pounds and to the residue of my said estate and effects after payment of the several legacies given and bequeathed in and by this my Will upon trust as to one equal undivided fourth part thereof to pay or transfer ©Wiltshire OPC Project/Angela Furnival/2011

the same unto my brother William Frowd Seagram for his own absolute use and benefit as to one other equal undivided fourth part thereof to pay or transfer the same unto my sister Ann Frowd Davies for her own absolute use and benefit as to one other equal undivided fourth part thereof to pay or transfer the same equally between and amongst all and every the child and children of my late brother Edward Frowd Seagram as shall be living at the time of my decease for their own absolute use and benefit and as to the other remaining one equal undivided fourth part thereof to pay or transfer the same unto my brother Frederick Frowd Seagram for his own absolute use and benefit and do hereby direct that in case either of my said last named residuary legacies should happen to die .....lifetime leaving lawful issue him or them surviving the said legacy or other of the residue herewithfore given to him her or them shall not thereby lapse but in each case I so hereby give and bequeath the share of him her or them so owing to him her or their children in equal proportions to be paid and payable as to sons on his or their attaining the age of twenty one years and as to daughters on her or their attaining the like age or on marriage which shall first happen. I devise all the real estate vested in me as mortgage or trustee unto the said Thomas Seagram his heirs executors administrators and assigns subject to the trusts and equities affecting the same respectively and ....that the receipt of the trustee for the time being of my Will will effectually exonerate mortgagees and other paying money to such trustee from all liability in respect of the application thereof and I do hereby .....and appoint the said Thomas Seagram Executor of this my Will and give and bequeath unto him the sum of one hundred pounds as some recompensation for the trouble he may in the execution of the trusts thereof and to declare that the trustee for the time being of this my Will shall and may at all times out of the... moneys that may come to his hands.....and indemnify himself all such costs charges damages and expenses as he may be put unto or sustain in and about the execution thereof hereby revoking and making void all former or other Wills by me at any time heretofore made I do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Two

[Signed – Thomas Seagram]

Signed by the said testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses [Edw.d ... Harwick... Golden Square Sol.s] [John Leach..... Street Golden Square Clark to Mr Beckett]

This Is A Codicil to be annexed to and taken as part of the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Seagram Doctor of Medicine last of Number 119 Pall Mall London and now on a visit at the house of my Brother in Law Matthew Davies of Warminster in the County of Wilts Gentleman Whereas I have in my said Will bequeathed unto John Seagram Halliday son of my late Sister Mary Halliday deceased the sum of one hundred pounds Now I do hereby revoke annul and make void the said legacy and bequest and whereas I have in my said Will given or bequeathed unto or for the benefit of my niece Anne Richardson daughter of my said late Sister Mary Halliday the sum of three hundred pounds now I do hereby revoke annul and make void the said legacy or bequest so given or bequeathed last aforesaid and in lieu of and substitution for the same I do hereby give and bequeath unto the executors of my said Will the sum of four hundred pounds to be retained by them at the expiration of one calendar month after my decease upon trust to place the same out on Government security or on mortgage of any lands messuages or ......being freehold copyhold or inheritance or leasehold for a term of years absolute of which sixty years at least shall be unexpected situate in England but not in Ireland with full liberty from time to time to alter change and vary such securities as my said

executors may deem expedient without being answerable for any loss that may happen thereby and also without being answerable or accountable for the defertive title to or before ....of any laws messuages hereditaments or mortgage whereof the said trust fund or any part thereof shall or may be advanced or for any other involuntary loss whatsoever and upon trust to pay the dividends interest and annual income of the said trust fund as the same shall arise and be received unto my said niece Anne Richardson for and during the term of her natural life to and for her own exclusive use and benefit apart from and independent of any husband of her the said Anne Richardson who shall have nothing to do therewith or ......therein but her receipt and her ....alone for the said dividends interest and income shall be a good and sufficient discharge and effectual discharges for the same and on the decease of the said Anne Richardson upon trust to pay and divide the said trust fund unto and amongst all and every the children or child of her the said Anne Richardson who shall be living at the time of her decease and residing in some part of Great Britain or Ireland If more than one in equal shares and proportions and if there shall be but one such child then to such only child absolutely subject nevertheless to the provisions therein after contained that is to say provided always and it is my will that it shall be lawful for my said executors or other the trustees or trustee for the time being of the said trust fund if they he or she shall think proper so to do to lay out the whole or any part of the said sum of four hundred pounds in the purchase of a Government or other annuity for the life of the said Anne Richardson and to pay unto her or to permit or authorize her to receive such annuity to and for her own absolute and exclusive use and benefit during the residue of her natural life I give and bequeath unto my Goddaughter Elizabeth Ridgeway daughter of James Ridgeway of Number 169 Piccadilly London Publisher the sum of nineteen pounds nineteen shillings for her own use and benefit and in all other respects I confirm my said Will .....whereof I gave herein to subscribe my name and affixed my seal the twenty seventh day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four [Signed -Thomas Seagram]

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator Thomas Seagram

And for a Codicil to be annexed to and taken as part of his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses [Jer.r Cruse Warminster Wilts Chas. Davies Sol.s Southampton]

**This Is A Further Codicil** to the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Seagram of London in the Parish of St James Doctor of Medicine made and published the seventeenth day July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five I give and bequeath unto each of my two nieces Anne Seagram and Rosalie Seagram daughters of my brother Frederick Frowd Seagram the sum of one hundred pounds sterling to be paid to them respectively within six months next after my decease and in all other respects I confirm my Will and former Codicil in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the day and year first above written [*Signed* – *Thomas Seagram*] Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Thomas Seagram as and for a Codicil to be annexed to and taken as part of his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses [*Thomas Harris Warminster Wilts Richard Fly Warminster Wilts*]

**Proved** at London with two Codicils 26<sup>th</sup> October 1855 before the Worshipful John George Middleton Doctor of Laws and Surrogate by the Oath of Thomas Seagram Esquire the nephew the sole executor to whom ....was granted having been first sworn only to administer