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Sarah  
Haffey  
Gunnan  
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**This is the last Will**

and Testament of me Sarah Souper  
Gunnan late of the town and manor of <sup>and alias</sup> Gunnan late of the town  
and port of Dover in the County of Kent Esquire deceased whereby I give devise a  
bequeath limit and appoint all and every such part and parts as I or any person or  
persons in trust for me now am or are seized and possessed of or entitled to or over  
which I have any power of disposition or appointment of and in the manor  
capital messuage or mansion house park and appurtenances of Dodington otherwise  
Dodington Piggott in the County of Middlesex and of and in all and singular the  
messuages cottages farms lands tenements hereditaments woods underwoods  
plantations and other hereditaments whatsoever situate lying and being in  
Dodington otherwise Dodington Piggott aforesaid which are usually known and  
distinguished by the name of the Dodington estate or are reputed deemed and  
considered as part and parcel thereof and of and in all and every the rights  
royalties moneys and appurtenances whatsoever to the said manor and other  
hereditaments and premises respectively belonging or in anywise appertaining  
and likewise all such part shares proportion and interest as I or any person or  
persons in trust for me now have or be entitled to in all or any of the aforesaid  
goods furniture plate linen China or other goods chattels or effects which shall be  
in upon or about the capital messuage or mansion house and premises of  
Dodington otherwise Dodington Piggott aforesaid at the time of my death unto  
to the use of my dear mother Sarah Souper Declaral of Dodington aforesaid  
and of Crossnor place in the County of Middlesex tenements and her alms for and  
during the term of her natural life without impairment of or for any manner  
of estate and from and after the death of the said mother I give devise and  
bequeath limit and appoint all and singular the aforesaid parts or shares  
hereditaments goods chattels effects and premises respectively unto and to the use  
of my friend George Ralph Davis alias Davis of the town and port of Dover in  
the County of Kent aforesaid his heirs executors administrators and  
alms for his and their heirs and alms for his and their executors and benefit  
and as to fee and concerning all the rest and residue of my messuages lands  
tenements and hereditaments moneys goods chattels and other personal estate  
effects whatsoever and whatsoever subject nevertheless as to my said personal  
estate and effects to the payment of all my just debts and my funeral and  
testamentary expenses I give devise and bequeath the same and every of them  
and every part and parcel thereof respectively unto and to the use of the aforesaid  
George Ralph Davis his heirs executors administrators and alms for his  
and their executors absolute use and benefit and I appoint my said mother Sarah  
Souper Declaral and the said George Ralph Davis Executors and Executrix of this  
my will and hereby revoking all former wills or appointments in the  
nature thereof by me at any time heretofore made I declare this day to be my  
last will and testament in writing whereof I have caused to be laid and  
sealed this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty four Sarah Haffey Gunnan signed sealed  
published by the above named Sarah Souper Gunnan as and for her last will  
and Testament in the presence of us who are her executors at her request and in  
the presence of certain solicitors subscriber our names as witnesses — Thos  
Atherton — Jno Curtis Eastmore — George Lope —

25<sup>th</sup> 1825 at London 18<sup>th</sup> May 1825 before the Judge by the oaths of Sarah Souper Declaral  
and the mother George Ralph Davis both the bodies to colour witness was  
granted and been first sworn by Colour duly to colour —

**This is the last Will**

and Testament of me Sir James  
Graham late of Portland Place in the County  
of Middlesex Baronet having in his year one thousand eight hundred and twenty

James  
Graham  
Baronet  
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et  
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adjusted and settled all accounts pending between my late most dear Brother Thomas and myself and accounted mutual releases and discharges to each other and having now  
the management of my only son and only daughter settled the greatest part of my real  
and personal estate and fortune it is now only necessary to dispose of the residue -  
which I intend to do by this my will & give one hundred pounds to each of my -  
worthy and trusty friends George Slindorley and William Towneill who succeeded  
me in my professional practice and who have always had most deservedly my  
most entire and perfect confidence and I earnestly request of them to give my -  
dear son and daughter their advice and assistance in the arranging and -  
managing their affairs and that they will inform them concerning the place -  
occasion and & giving and doing unto my said friends George Slindorley and William  
Towneill and my dear wife John Graham their executors and trustees  
all and every his manors and hereditaments whatsoever and whatsoever which  
are now vested in me in fee simple or otherwise on trust for any person or persons  
whomsoever and also all trust estates and interests which shall be vested in me at  
the time of my death upon and for the several trusts intimated and purposed upon  
or for which I now or shall hold the same I give to my dear daughter Ann  
Dunlop the wife of my uncle Edward Collier in law Adolphus John Dalrymple  
in my share and interest in the Westminster life insurance office and all sums of  
money due to me as one of the proprietors of that undertaking sum of £100 and -  
sovereign to my dear nephews Thomas Scoury Graham and the said George -  
Slindorley and William Towneill their heirs and assigns All my manors -  
advocacy and civil estate of and in Colbatch or elsewhere in the County of -  
Essex to hold the same and the appurtenances unto and to the use of them the  
said Thomas Scoury Graham George Slindorley and William Towneill their heirs  
and assigns upon the trust following that is to say upon trust to pay to my said  
daughter Ann Dalrymple or permit her to receive the rents and profits thereof  
during her life for her sole and separate use and not to be subject to the debts or -  
cavall or engagements of her present or any future husband but her receipts =  
ions to be from time to time good and sufficient discharged for the same and upon  
this further trust to permit her person for the time being entitled to the rents and -  
profits of the said estate to present such person as he or she shall think proper to the  
Court of Chancery aforesaid when and as often as the same shall become vacant and from  
and after the death of my said daughter I direct my said trustees and their heirs to stand seised  
of my said manor advocacy and hereditaments of and in Colbatch aforesaid or elsewhere  
in the County of Essex on trust for all and every or such one or more exclusively of  
the other child or children of my said daughter and in such share and proportion as  
I shall appoint the value of the said manor advocacy and hereditaments to one -  
and only then if my said daughter shall so direct the same shall be chargeable and -  
thence with such sum or sum of money in favor of any other such child or children  
as the my said daughter shall notwithstanding the may be under reserve by any  
deed or deeds instrument or instruments in writing to be by her sealed and delivered in  
the presence of and attested by two or more credible witnesses or before last will and -  
testament <sup>any</sup> instrument purporting to be in the nature of her last will and testament or  
codicil hereto direct him or appoint the same and in default of such direction limitation  
or appointment and so far as any such direction limitation or appointment is made  
shall not exceed the trust for all the children of my said daughter if more than one  
who shall attain the age of twenty one years or marry and her respective heirs in -  
equivalents as tenants in common and not jointureants and it shall be only one -  
and only then the trust for only one child and his or her heirs and assigns but if my said  
daughter shall not have any children or child or having any all of them or there being  
but one if such only child shall die under the age of twenty one years and without having  
been married & give and do her my manor advocacy and hereditaments of and in -  
whatsoever aforesaid or elsewhere in the county of Essex with from and after the death of -  
my daughter and the death of such child or child of my said daughter under the  
age of twenty one years and without having been married unto and to the use of my son  
Sandford Graham his heirs and assigns for ever and I hereby authorize and empower my

said Trustees Thomas Derry Graham George Blundell and William Derville  
 their heirs and assigns to sell and dispose of my said estates in the County of Cork with  
 in case they shall at any time be required so to do by my said daughter by any writing  
 under her hand but not otherwise either together or separately or in parcels and in  
 such manner as to them or him with the approbation of my said daughter to be kept  
 shall be fit and I declare before that in case of such sale or sales the receipt or receipts  
 of the said Thomas Derry Graham George Blundell and William Derville their heirs  
 executors and administrators shall be a good and sufficient discharge and good and a  
 sufficient discharge to his purchaser or purchasers of the said estates or any part or parts  
 thereof for his or their purchase money and that such purchaser or purchasers shall  
 not be obliged to go to the application or be answerable for the non application or mis-  
 application and in case of such sale or sales I direct my said trustees or trustee for the  
 time being to invest the money arising therefrom in the purchase of other real estates  
 either freehold customary or copyhold or partly of one nature and partly of another and  
 either with or without a reversion howsoever purchased and investment to be  
 made with the approbation of my said son by writing under his hand and I direct  
 Daughter (to be sign- my said trustees or trustee for the time being to settle money and affect the estates so  
 fied as aforesaid in such to be purchased as aforesaid to the same uses and upon and for the same trusts and  
 she shall be there subject to the same powers as my said estates in the County of Cork with  
 living but if dead lea- doverd or so many of them as shall be then subsisting and capable of taking effect and  
 ring any child or chil- with the money to arise from the sale of my said estates in the County of Cork shall be  
 dren then with her approved in the purchase of other estates as aforesaid I direct my said trustees or trustees  
 for the time being to invest the same or such part thereof as shall not be invested in  
 the purchase of other estates as aforesaid in the public stocks or funds or on real or  
 document securities at interest with the approbation of my said daughter during  
 her life and after her death leaving any child or children then with her approval of my  
 said son to be signified as aforesaid and in case of both their deaths at the direction of  
 my said trustees or trustee for the time being and from time to time to vary such a  
 stocks funds or securities with the like approbation and I direct my said trustees to  
 stand possessed of such stocks funds or securities upon trust to pay the interest dividends  
 and proceeds thereof from time to time to the same person or persons as would have  
 been entitled to the rents and profits of my said estates in the County of Cork in  
 case the same had not been sold and I hereby authorize and empower my said daughter  
 during such time as she shall be in the possession of or entitled to the rents and profits  
 of my said estates in the County of Cork and also my said trustees or trustee for the  
 time being after the decease of my said daughter and during the minority of any child or children  
 of my said daughter to grant leases at rent out of all or any or any part or parts of my  
 said estates in the County of Cork for any term not exceeding fourteen years in total  
 and not in reversion without taking any fine for the same and so that the lease or  
 leases in such lease or leases do contain a counterpart or counterparts thereto and that  
 there be inserted therein all such clauses as shall in the judgment of my said trustees or  
 trustee for the time being be considered usual clauses and covenants for the management  
 of the land and for the support and repair of the buildings fruits & cains wither and also  
 clause empowering the landlords to recover upon the premises named in consequence  
 nonpayment of rent by the tenant within certain days after the same shall  
 become payable or of the breach or nonperformance of all or any of the covenants  
 in such lease or the lessors part to be observed and performed I declare that the  
 silver tea chest tea urn coffee pot waiter two pipes of wine books pictures prints  
 and various articles of furniture which are in my house in Portland place are the  
 property of my daughter and will remain to be and I hereby declare that all  
 the houses and buildings hereby made to or in favor of my said daughter are of  
 want and intended to be in addition to the provision which I made for her and  
 her issue on her marriage I will give and bequeath unto my dear son Stamford  
 Graham his heirs and assigns all my tenancy and ownership and title of the  
 castle of Sugarshall in the County of Cork and also all my real estate within  
 the tenancy of Sugarshall and parish of Sugarshall and elsewhere in the County  
 of Cork I give and bequeath into my dear sister Mary Graham's hands and in

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Dear wife Elizabeth Margaret Stobs wife of Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Dalrymple late  
of C B and their heirs and assigns the several cottages garths and pieces of ground in the  
village of Bawton adjoining to their house and estate called Stockhouse in the County of  
Cumberland and also the house garth and close called Stockhouse near Bawton all which  
said premises so bounded to my said sister and wife have been lately purchased by me and I give  
and devise to my nephew Thomas Darcy Graham and his heirs all such real estates within the  
parish of Bawton as have been conveyed to me and sold I hold in trust for him or his  
heirs from time past up to now and unto the sons and daughters of my late dear brother  
Thomas am duly provided for or I would have given them share of my fortune but I  
doth not exceed fifteen pounds as a small token of my affection for them and I hope and trust  
that they and my son and daughter will always live on terms of friendship as well as love  
and affection and absent each other in the varying scenes of life as much as in their presence  
despite my greatly beloved friend the Earl of Londale will accept a ring of fifty guineas or  
value as a small but sincere token of my grateful remembrance of and attachment to him  
and of his uniform friendship and kindness and as to all the rest residue and remainder  
of my real estates to her husband and children & gos and devise the same to my son  
and son Sandford Graham his heirs and assigns and as to all my personal estate and effects  
not before by me disposed of I give and bequeath the same to my said son Sandford  
absolutely free paying therefore my debts funeral and testamentary expenses and legacies  
bearing several years since granted the following annuities I desire my son will so  
certainly pay the same namely to Elizabeth Stoddard our old and faithful servant twenty  
six pounds five shillings for her life to come. And our housekeeper twenty one  
pounds for her life to be paid into her own hands and not to be subject to the debts of  
her husband or to his control to Mrs Catherine Scott sixty pounds for her life to come  
to Agan Clark of Carlisle two hundred and thirty pounds for her life and I do hereby  
dine the receipt and receipt of my said trustees Thomas Darcy Graham George  
Dundas and William Donegall and the survivors and survivor of them and the  
said survivors or administrators of such survivor for any money paid or payable to  
them under the trusts of this my will shall effectually discharge the person or persons to whom  
the same shall be given bearing answerable for the nonapplication or bound or  
outward to see to the application thereof and my will is that if my said trustees or any  
one of them or any trustee or trustees to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid  
shall die or be desirous of being discharged from or refuse or be incapable to act in this  
trust aforesaid the surviving or continuing trustee shall and may as often as the case may  
happen but with the approbation of my son and daughter during their joint lives and  
of the survivors during his or her life by any writing under their hands or her hands  
and seals or hand and seal nominate substitute or appoint any other person or  
persons to be a trustee or trustees in the stead or place of the trustees or trustee so  
dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid  
and therupon all the trust premises shall be with all convenient speed removed  
transferred to the new trustee or trustees to be appointed as aforesaid either singly or jointly  
the surviving or continuing trustee or trustees as the case may require and such new trustee  
or trustees shall and may in all things act and be invested with the same powers and  
authorities in every respect for the purposes of the trust as if he or they had been named  
appointed such trustee and trustees by this my will and I do also declare that the said  
several trustees hereby and hereafter to be appointed as aforesaid either singly or jointly  
shall be answerable only for such misuses as they shall respectively actually exercise  
notwithstanding any of them signing any receipt for the sake of conformity and am out  
or more of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the other or others of them or  
for the acts neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for any misfortune loss  
or damage which may happen in the execution of the aforesaid trusts or relations thereto  
except the same happen by or through his or their own wilful default respectively and also  
that my said trustees and each and every of them shall out of the trust money collected  
shall come to their respective hands retain to himself and his executors and administrators  
other all rents and appurtenances which they or any of them shall be put into in the  
execution of the aforesaid trusts and I hereby appoint my son Sandford Graham  
my son in law Adolphus John Dalrymple my two nephews Thomas Darcy Graham

and John Graham and my friends George Lindley and William Bourne Esquires  
of this my will I declare whoerof & the said Sir James Graham has set to this my last  
will and testament contained in six sheets of paper set my hand and seal that is to say my  
hand to the first five sheets and my hand and seal to this sixth and last sheet the fourteenth  
day in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two James Graham  
signed sealed published and declared by the said Sir James Graham the testator at and  
for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the  
presence of each other have subscribed our names as witness thereto —  
John Shattock — Daniel Lister — Benj Brooks Clerks to me — James Graham —  
James Morris — Edward Cope my

Dated

I give to James Baldwin my Butler fifty pounds and to my Coachman & Groom each  
twenty five pounds if living with me at the time of my death — James Graham  
4 July 1822 —

At further cost to my will this 30 June 1823 I give my own man James Baldwin  
the further sum of two hundred pounds for an annuity of thirty pounds for his life in the  
sum of the same & of fifty pounds given him by the first cost to my will — James Graham

Witnesses — I have set and by my last will and testament dovided my real estate in the  
County of Warwick to my daughter Alice and otherwise as the said will contained since which  
I have now sold the same by way of mortage to James and Benjamin Brooks of Colwich  
in the County of Shropshire for securing the principal sum of eight thousand pounds & interest  
thereon at 5% per cent and do set that the said sum of eight thousand pounds interest shall  
be paid out of the residue of my real and personal estate and that my said estate in  
consideration shall be discharged herefrom and so to do hereby ratify and confirm the devise  
of my said real estate contained in my said will I declare whoerof above to this witness I  
declare to be a cost to my will set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April one  
thousand eight hundred and twenty four — James Graham — Edward Cope — Benj.  
Brooks — Mr. J. Bosomworth — Robt. Giles —

In the Goodness of Sir James Graham Baronet Testored

affirmed personally George Weston Steatfield of Shrewsbury in the County  
of Shropshire Esquire and Benjamin Brooks of the same place Esquire and made oath that  
they knew and were well acquainted with Sir James Graham formerly of Shrewsbury  
Esquire but late of Portland Place in the said County of Shropshire Esquire  
deceased for several years before and to the time of his death and also with the manner and  
manner of his handwriting and subscription having several times seen him write and also  
prescribe his name and the deponents have also attestedly viewed the paper writings  
hereunto annexed purporting to be and contain the first and second cost to the last will  
and testament of the said deceased his first cost being contained in the words following to  
wit "I give to James Baldwin my Butler fifty pounds and to James Morris my Coachman  
& Groom Cope my Groom each twenty five pounds if living with me at the time of  
my death" and thus subscribed and sealed "James Graham 4 July 1822" the said second  
cost beginning thus "a further cost to my will made this 30 June 1823" adding this  
"by the first cost to my will" and thus subscribed "James Graham" they further  
made oath that they do certify and in their testimonies believe the whole body of this  
instrument of the said first cost and the subscription and date thereof and also the said  
second cost beginning and ending as aforesaid and the subscription thereto to be of the  
same handwriting of the said Sir James Graham Testored —  
Benj Brooks — Shrewsbury 15th day of May 1825 the said Benjamin Brooks cordially desirous  
to the truth of this affidavit before me Hubert Summer, Justice of the Peace Dyer  
not P.C. — On the 15th day of May 1825 the said George Weston Steatfield was duly  
desirous to the truth of this affidavit before me J. S. Pickard, Justice of the Peace Dyer

affirmed at London with costs 18 May 1825 before the worshipful Doctor James D'ane  
Esquire by the oaths of Sir Sandford Graham Bart before Sandford Graham Esq.

the son John Graham Esq; the nephews George Blundell & William Somville Esq's  
from of the Estates to whom Adm'rn was granted being first bornen bly to above. —  
Also executors to Adolphus John Salterupple Esq; & Thomas Henry Graham Esq; the  
nephews the other Estates —

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Edward  
Gregory  
Esquire  
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**S**ee also Daniel Morley Hamilton acting Governor of the Colony of Sierra Leone and its Dependencies Chancellor and Ordinary of the same spirally authorized and incorporated in His Majesty's Charter under the Great Seal of Great Britain and Ireland dated at Freetown the twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty one to execute do and perform all that is necessary to be done for the granting Probate of Wills and Administrations for Testifying or proving any estate or interest within any person or persons shall have within the said Colony or the Dependencies thereof. To all to whom these presents shall come and be it known that on the twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty one and twenty five at Freetown in the said Colony of Sierra Leone before Samuel James Esq; our Notary Public last will and Testament of Edward Gregory Esq; Esquire His Majesty's late Commissioner Judge of the Court of Appeal Commissioned in this Colony for the prosecution of illicit Slave Trade, he having resided living and at the time of his death goods chattels and credits within the said Colony were bequeathed appraised valued and Administered all and singular his goods chattels and credits of the said deceased in any way concerning his said will was granted to George Gregory Esq; the Executor named in his said will first duly proven will and faithfully to execute the same as aforesaid in the Register of the Court of the Ordinary a new and perfect inventory and account respecting the effects of the said deceased whenever he should be required by law to do so which said will and the affidavit of Samuel Mathias Dragnis and John Martin Gathorne follows in that record —

**S**ee also the last will and Testament of us Edward Gregory of Freetown in the Colony of Sierra Leone by his first place of will and then that all and singular his household furniture plates linen covering apparel horses carriages pictures and books which may be at the house & estate at in Freetown shall be sold at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and the proceeds of such sale applied to the purpose of liquidating all my just debts due and owing at my decease & do also will & direct that my Executor shall use his endeavours to arrange my papers using his discretion to report to such papers of a private nature as he may find and forth report to our Consul at Sierra Leone after my decease directed to me and publish the same & record parts of them being intended for the general use of the British Commissioners established in this Colony for the prosecution of illicit Slave Trade & request that my Executor will deliver to His Majesty's Commissioner of Arbitration in the British Consuls at this Colony such letters as appear to have been addressed from the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to His Majesty's Commissioners at Sierra Leone & also request of my Executor that my books & papers containing topics of the correspondence carried on between His Majesty's Commissioners and the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall likewise be delivered to His Majesty's Commissioner of Arbitration & further request that the pistols which will be found in my house having the initials E.G. may be sent to my brother John Edward Gregory to whom they belong & likewise request that my Executor will cause my body to be buried but the said body of the remains of my late friend Chief Justice Fitzgerald and whatever my brothers are provided for do therefore give and bequeath all the residue of my estate not within otherwise disposed of unto my brother George Gregory and my sister Julia Duggan in equal proportion to be held and possessed by them and their respective heirs for ever and to be buried name and appoint my brother George Gregory Executor of this my will and Testament hereby revoking all former and other wills and bearing this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have thereto subscribed my hand and affixed my seal of arms of Freetown also.

for their guidance  
in matters relating  
to the mixed commu-  
nion