

# Will of Martha Saunders of Westwick

died 26.11.1836 and was buried 5.12.1836 at Hemel Hempstead Baptist Church burial ground.

*I Martha Saunders of Westwick in the parish of St Michael in the County of Hertford widow do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of John Headech all my wearing apparel and ornaments of my person. I give and bequeath to my children John Saunders Francis Saunders the said Elizabeth Headech Thomas Saunders and William Saunders all my plate and linen and direct the same to be divided among them by William Brown my executor hereinafter named. I direct that all my just debts shall be paid and discharged as soon as may be after my decease I give and bequeath to the said John Saunders and Elizabeth Headech and to William Brown of St Albans in the said County of Hertford, gentleman their executors and administrators – after payment which I direct them to make of my just debts funeral charges the cost of proving this my will and to incidental expenses attending to execution thereof all my ready money securities for money live credits estate effects whatsoever and wheresoever not herein before otherwise disposed of To hold the same to them the said John Saunders Elizabeth Headech and William Brown their executors administrators and assigns the trusts herein after declared concerning the same that is to say I declare and direct that the said John Saunders Elizabeth Headech and William Brown their executors administrators and assigns shall stand and be possessed of and interested in all my said usidiary personal estate in trust to convert into money all such part thereof as shall consist of money or securities for money and to collect and get in the residue thereof And upon further trust to pay the sum of Four hundred pounds to my said son John Saunders. The sum of Three hundred pounds to my said son Francis Saunders The sum of Two hundred pounds to my said daughter Elizabeth Headech and the sum of Fifty pounds to my said son Thomas Saunders which I hereby give and bequeath to them respectively. And then upon trust to divide and pay the clear residue of my said Estate amongst and to my said children John Saunders Francis*

*Witnesses*

*J S Story*

*Thos Howard*

*Martha Saunders*

[The above is page one of the will]

*Saunders Elizabeth Headech Thomas Saunders and William Saunders in equal shares and proportions and I hereby nominate and appoint my said son John Saunders my said daughter Elizabeth Headech and the said William Brown executors of this my will And I direct that my said Executors shall be answerable only for such monies and effects that shall actually come to their respective funds and that one of them shall not be answerable for the others or other nor for the acts or receipts of the others or other and not for involuntary losses And that they and every of them hall be at liberty to retain and deduct and allow to each other by and out of the money which shall come to their his or her hand by virtue of this my will all such costs damages and expenses as they or any of them shall sustain or put unto by virtue hereof - And I revoke and make void all former wills by me made – In witness whereof I the said Martha Saunders the testator have to this my will contained in two sheets of paper to the first sheet set my hand and to the last sheet my hand and seal this thirty first day of May — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty [~~one~~ this has been crossed out] *two**

*Martha Saunders*

*Signed sealed and declared*

*by the within named Martha Saunders*

*the testator as and for her last*

*will and testament in the presence of*

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*us who in her presence at her request  
and in the presence of each other have  
subscribed our names as witnesses  
the word "one" in the date being  
first struck out and the word  
"two" substituted*

*J S Story St Albans  
Thos. Howard St Michaels*

Transcribed by Tony Harrison 12 July 2010. All spelling and capitalization as written

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*Will of Martha Saunders  
Dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 1822  
Proved 24<sup>th</sup> May 1837*

Written in the margin in pencil are the following comments

*Elizabeth Headech dead-  
Testator died 26 Nov 1836  
Personal Estate under £1000*

*This sent to me 23 Aug 2011 by Tony Harrison who transcribed  
it from the original downloaded from the National Archives  
website.*