



COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM

The will of William Cowper Esq dated 20 May 1777

Ref PROB 1/347/107

I Wm Cowper of Olney in the County of Bucks do make this my last Will and Testament I give to Mrs Mary Unwin the sum of three hundred pounds or whatever sum shall be standing in my Name in the Books of the Bank of England at the time of my decease I give to Mr Joseph Hill of Great Queen Street whatever Money of mine he may have in his Hands arising from the Bond of my Chambers in the Temple or may be due for the same at the time of my decease and my desire is that such Money as he may have received on my account in the way of contribution and not remitted to me may be returned to those who gave it with the best acknowledgments I have it in my power to render them for their kindness I have written this my own hand and the contents may suffice surely prove that I am in my Senses May 20 1777
Wm Cowper

Eighteenth Aug 1800

On which Day appeared personally Theodosia Hill and Frances Hill both of Reading in the County of Berks spinsters and jointly and severally made oath that they knew and were well acquainted with William Cowper formerly of the Temple London afterwards of Olney in the County of Bucks but late of East Dereham in the County of Norfolk Esquire deceased and having frequently seen him write and subscribe his Name are thereby become well acquainted with his manner and character of Handwriting and subscription and having now carefully viewed and perused the Paper Writing hereto annexed purporting to be and contain the last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus "I Wm Cowper of Olney in the County of Bucks do make this my last Will and Testament" and ending thus "I have written this with my own Hand and the contents may sufficiently prove I am in my Senses" and thus subscribed "Wm Cowper" They the appearers do verily and in their consciences believe the whole series and Contents of the said Paper Writing beginning ending and subscribing as aforesaid to be all of the proper Handwriting and Subscription of him the said William Cowper Esquire deceased Theo Hill Frances Hill Same day the said Theodosia Hill and Frances Hill were duly sworn to the truth of this Affidavit before me Pfi: Nind
Commissioner

On the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred administration (with the Will annexed) of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of William Cowper formerly of the Temple London afterwards of Olney in the County of Bucks but late of East Dereham in the County of Norfolk Esquire deceased was granted to Dame Harriot Hesketh Widow the Cousin Certain and one of the next of kin of the said deceased she having been first sworn by Commission Duly to administer Qro Executor or Residuary Legatic being named in the said Will

On the 26th day of Nov 1807 Admon (with the Will annexed) of the Goods Chattels and Credits of William Cowper formerly of the Temple London afterwards of Olney in the County of Bucks but late of East Dereham in the County of Norfolk Esquire a Batchelor decd last named by Dame Harriot Hesketh Widow decd whilst being the Cousin Guardian and one of the next of kin of the said decd was granted to Anne Bodham Widow the sole ... German also and one other of the next of kin of the said decd having been first sworn by Comand duly to administer - no Executor or Residuary Legatic being named in the said Will