

Administration of Deborah Adamthwaite 1803

Deborah Adamthwaite was the widow of William of Branthwaites (1718-1776): their children were Rev John Adamthwaite DD, Thomas Adamthwaite and Jane Adamthwaite – who had married Rev John Turner in 1782

It is interesting that thirteen years earlier, following her husband William's death there was a dispute between the children of this couple as to the distribution of William's estate (see Turner v. Adamthwaite). I wonder how Deborah's estate was divided?

Know all Men, by these presents that we John Adamthwaite Clerk DD of the parish of Baddesley Ensor in the County of Warwick, John Owen of Atherstone in the parish of Mancetter in the County of Warwick gentleman and Edward Neall of the same place gentleman are holden and firmly bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God Henry William by Divine Permission, Lord Bishop of Chester, in the sum of three hundred pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain to be paid unto the said Right Reverend Father, his lawful Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us severally for and in the whole, our Heirs Executors and Administrators and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of each of us, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the eighteenth day of August in the forty third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King defender of the Faith and in the year of our Lord God one thousand, eight hundred and three.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden John Adamthwaite, the natural and lawful son and one of the next of kin and Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Deborah Adamthwaite late of Settlebeck in the parish of Sedbergh in the West Riding of the County of York and within the Archdeaconry of Richmond in the Diocese of Chester widow deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said Deborah Adamthwaite deceased which have or shall come to the hands, possession or Knowledge of him the said administrator or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for his use and the same to be made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited unto the registry of the consistory court of Richmond, at or before the Expiration of three calendar months to be computed from the day and the date of the above written obligation. And the same goods, chattels and credits and all other the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of her death, which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Administrator or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for his use do well and truly administer according to Law, and further do make or cause to be made a true and ... account of his said administration at or before the expiration of twelve calendar months to be computed from the day of the date of the above written obligation. And all the rest and residue of the said goods chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed of by the judge or judges for the time being of the said court, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Judge or Judges by his or their decree (pursuant to the true intent and meaning of an Act of Parliament made in the two and twentieth and three and twentieth years of the Reign of his late Majesty King Charles and Second, entitled an Act for the better settling Intestates Estates) shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the said Deborah Adamthwaite deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Administrator above bounden being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (Approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Court) then this Obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of John Adamthwaite
James Chartres, Surrogate of the Consistory Court of Lichfield
John Owen
Eds. Neall

We the Reverend Worshipful George Markham Clerk Doctor in Divinity Commissary in and throughout the Archdeaconry of Richmond in the Diocese of Chester lawfully constituted to the Right Reverend Father in God James by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry his Vicar General Official principal lawful Surrogate or other Judge competent in this behalf with all due reverence and respect send Greeting. Whereas we of our mere office rightly and lawfully proceeding because the Reverend John Adamthwaite of Baddesley Ensor near Atherton in the County of Warwick Doctor in Divinity the natural and lawful son and one of the next of kin of Deborah Adamthwaite late of Settlebeck in the parish of Sedbergh in the West Riding of the County of York and within the Archdeaconry and Diocese aforesaid widow deceased resides within your jurisdiction and cannot without great expence and inconvenience appear before us to take upon himself the administration of the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased did upon the petition of the said John Adamthwaite decree your assistance to be asked for the purpose hereinafter mentioned Justice so requiring. We therefore in aid of the Law and confiding in your assent hereunto do desire and request that you will be pleased in our stead to administer to the said John Adamthwaite the oath hereunder written and also to see the Bond hereunto annexed duly executed by the said John Adamthwaite together with two fit and sufficient sureties and further to do and expedite all and whatsoever shall be requisite or expedient to be done in or about the premises for which we hereby grant you our full power and authority requesting you likewise that after the said Oath has been so administered and Bond duly executed as aforesaid you will forthwith transmit unto us or our lawful surrogate or other competent judge in this behalf the said bond and other the whole and entire proceedings ... and made before you touching the premises certified under your proper hand and seal of your office together also with these presents for which we shall be ready to do you the like service when required so to do and given under the seal your office at Lancaster this twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and three.
John Dowbiggin dep reg.

The form of the Oath to be administered to Revd John Adamthwaite laying his right hand on the New Testament you shall swear that to the best of your knowledge and belief Deborah Adamthwaite your late Mother deceased died without making any will and that you will well and faithfully administer the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased and pay all her debts so far as such goods chattels and credits will extend and the Law shall bind you and that you will make and render a true and perfect Inventory and Account of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased according to the purport and interest of the Bond entered into or to be entered into by you for duly administering the same and that the goods chattels and credits .. which your said late mother died proposed within the Archdeaconry of Richmond in the Diocese of Chester did .. in real value amount to the sum of three hundred pounds.. So help you God.

I do hereby certify under my hand and seal that the within named John Adamthwaite Clerk DD was duly sworn according to the tenor hereof and the bond hereunto annexed duly executed at Atherstone in the County of Warwick and within the Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry this eighteenth day of August 1803. Before me James Charters (seal) Surrogate of the Consistory Court of Lichfield.