

## **Will of Mary Chaplin, spinster of Colchester, 1831-2**

Paraphrased transcription:

- To be buried with her late sister and for an iron palisade fence to go round it.
- For a flat stone to be laid over her parents' grave.
- Executor: John Clay.
- John Clay to hold Mary's property in East Street, Colchester. From his death, to her godson, John's son John Clay.
- All household furniture, linen etc to be sold.
- To my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Charity Silvester of Feering, spinster, and to Mary, wife of William Edwards of Frating, butcher, all my wearing apparel.

### **Legacies:**

- £50 to John Clay (executor) to give to Colchester Hospital, and £19 for his personal use. £20 to John Clay for the upkeep of her grave.
- To my friends: Miss Mary Lugar, daughter of Revd Marshall Lugar deceased, £50.
- To my friend: Mrs Ann Clay, wife of Edward Clay Esq of Greenstead Park, £10
- To Miss Maria, daughter of the said Edward Clay, £10.
- To Sophia Bishop, wife of Francis Bishop, coachmaker of Colchester, £10
- To Miss Bethia Dunnage who resides with me, £19
- To Harriet Cowell wife of Gregory, £19
- To the said Charity Silvester, £300
- To my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin the said William Edwards of Frating, £200
- To my 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin William Gardiner, £200
- To the two daughters of John Gardiner, deceased, £50 each.
- To my 1<sup>st</sup> cousins Sarah, Thomas, William and John Lake, £200 each (the four children of Thomas Lake, late of Frating, farmer, deceased)
- To my 1<sup>st</sup> cousins Susannah Gardiner, Mary Ann Reynolds, Daniel, Stephen and Robert Gardiner £300 each, children of John Gardiner late of Great Bromley, farmer.
- Rest and residue to be divided between my 1<sup>st</sup> cousins.

Written: 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1831. Proved: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1832.

Source: The National Archives; Kew, England; *Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers*; Class: *PROB 11*; Piece: 1795.