

### **Will of Hugh Josselyn of Mount Bures, farmer, 1809**

- Son-in-law Thomas Taylor of Dovercourt, miller. £500 in trust, interest to pay out for his natural life. On his death, money to be divided between the four children he had by my late daughter Susanna (note: married Mt Bures 1791)
- Daughter Mary Page, widow, £500 in trust, interest for life, after death, divide between her children.

Then we get the “children or reputed children/natural children”. All born of Mary Hammond, Hugh’s housekeeper. Surnames of the ones not married “Josselyn otherwise Hammond”. The married women all seem to have used Josselyn when marrying though! In true Georgian gentleman style, there’s quite a few of them....

The sums are all intended to be interest-only and divided up among their children on their death, as above.

- Sarah wife of Samuel Ratcliff of Toppesfield, farmer (married 1801, Mt Bures) (£200)
  - Mary wife of John Josselyn of Great Oakley, farmer (married 1801, Mt Bures) (£200)
  - Ann wife of Arthur Allen of the Ordnance Office at the Tower of London (that sounds like a cool job!) (£200) (they married in 1807 in London)
  - Elizabeth wife of Francis Josselyn of Wix, miller (£500)
  - Mark Josselyn/Hammond (£500)
  - Rose J/H (£500)
  - Charlotte J/H (£500)
  - James J/H Newly erected property in Mt Bures, inc. windmill, and some land.
  - Hugh J/H: land in Mt Bures which Hugh J senr had inherited from his father in 1766.
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- £600 in trust for housekeeper Mary Hammond, to live on interest.

Mary Hammond and her unmarried children by Hugh to live in Hugh’s house for a year after his death, money for them to live on from executors.

Executors: Sons James and Hugh, John Kingsbury of Wormingford, gent.

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Hugh senr died 18 Oct 1809

Will proved 26 Dec 1809

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