

**Will of Elizabeth Hill, Spinster, 26<sup>th</sup> October 1827 (Probate copy)**  
**Proved at London, 11<sup>th</sup> December 1827**

By the grace of God Amen I **Elizabeth Hill** late of Cirencester and now of Chipping Campden in the County of Gloucester but born in the County of Pembroke **Spinster** Do revoke all former wills and declare this only to be my last Will and Testament *Imprimis* I direct that my body be laid in a strong plain coffin and interred in a very plain way; no pall, no bands or scarfs, no useless or vain trappings whatever accompanying the corrupting mass on the point of being concealed from mortal eye And that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease My mind and will is that no funeral sermon be preached for me and that no account of my religious experience be published I have passed through deep and varied trials from a very early age and God through Christ has been my continual refuge To him be all the glory None of my natural friends are in want or even in straitened circumstances (all possessing incomes far superior to mine) Neither did I derive any of my property from those of them now alive therefore the dear children of God our common parent have the first claim on me *Item* I give and bequeath unto the friend of my youth my tried and faithful friend **Nicholas Sibly** now a travelling preacher in the late John Wesley's connection the sum of £400 sterling for his own use and benefit I give and bequeath the sum of £20 sterling now at interest on the Pembroke Methodist Circuit unto the said Circuit and direct that the Note of Hand by which that sum is secured may be speedily sent to the hands of the Stewards of the said Circuit I give and bequeath unto my friend **Josiah Hill** whom I reverence as a father and who is now a travelling preacher in the Wesleyan connection my silver cream jug marked with the cipher 'H' Also my gravy spoon marked the same And my telescope I bequeath unto my sisters **Margaret Leake** of Chelmsford in the County of Essex and **Dorothy Banks** of Kingswood near Bristol and to my nephews and niece **John Leake** **Mary Leake** **Richard Burnell Banks** and **Lewis Knight Banks** the sum of one guinea each I give and bequeath unto **Ann Evans** of Coshaston near Pembroke all my share of the profits of the lease of the little farm called The Mountain in Pembrokeshire for her own use and benefit I give and bequeath unto my esteemed friend **Mary ?Cull** of Evesham Spinster now residing with me the sum of £200 sterling and all my household furniture books linen china clothes and plate (except any articles which are specifically bequeathed) for her unwearied attention to me by day and night both at Evesham and at Campden I give and bequeath unto the said **Nicholas Sibly** my guitar And all the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects real and personal of in or to which I or any person in trust for me shall at my decease be seized possessed or entitled for his own use and benefit and to his heirs executors administrators and assigns for ever And I appoint the said **Josiah Hill** and **Nicholas Sibly** Executors of my Will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1827 - **Eliz<sup>th</sup> Hill** - Signed sealed published and declared by the said **Elizabeth Hill** as and for his[*sic*] last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses - **Ann Haines** **Peter Haines** Chipping Campden **W Kendall** Solicitor, Bourton on the Water