

Testament of Thomas Stoddart, 5 March 1852
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I Thomas Stoddart presently
residing at Newington Edinburgh
Considering that it is desirable to
settle my affairs so as to prevent
disputes in the event of my decease
Do hereby Will and Bequeath,
Give, Grant, and Assign my
whole moveable Means and Effects
goods gear and chattels Household
Furniture Books Plate Table Linen
China, Money in the House, Personal
Bonds, Deposit Receipts, Money
in the Bank or whereosever
situated, shares in Banks or other
Public Companies and in general
my whole moveable Means and
Estate of whatever description
and wheresoever situated to and
in favour of Harriet Taylor Niece
to

To Jane Ratcliffe my Wife presently
residing at Newington Edinburgh,
in consideration of the care and
and attention which she has shewn
to me and of the love and affection
which I bear to her, whom failing
to my own nearest heirs whomso:
:ever but under deduction always
of my sickbed and funeral expenses
and of my just and lafull debts
and of the Legacy after mentioned,
and for the more effectual execution
of these Presents I hereby Nominate
and Appoint Henry Herring,
Mechanic presently residing with
me at Newington, Michal law:
:son Solicitor before the Supreme
Courts of Scotland No. 16 South
Bridge Street Edinburgh, and John
Stirling Grocer and Wine Merchant,
Edinburgh

Edinburgh, or the acceptors or acceptors, survivors or survivor of them to be my Executors with full power to them or their aforesaid to intromit with my whole moveable estate hereby conveyed, to give up Inventories thereof, and to confirm the same, and I bequeath a Legacy of Thirty pounds Sterling to Ann Plain daughter of John Plain presently residing with me, which Legacy is declared to be payable by my said Executors or their aforesaid to the said Ann Plain at the first term of Whitsunday or Martinmas that may happen six months after my death, decease, provided the said Ann Plain should then be of lawful age or should be married, and in the event of my

decease previous to either of of these events then I direct my said Executors or their aforesaid to deposit the said sum of Thirty pounds in one of the Chartered Banks in Edinburgh for her behoof and to apply the yearly interest of the same for her benefit as they may think expedient: and in the event of the decease of the said Ann Plain before her marriage or majority as aforesaid, then and in that case the said sum of Thirty Pounds shall revert to the said Harriet Tay: or whom failing to my heir's aforesaid, and I hereby declare that these Presents shall be valid & effectual although found in my Repositories or in the custody of any other person at the time of my death undelivered, with

with the delivery hereof I hereby
dispense for ever, In Witness Whereof
I have subscribed these Presents written
upon this and the three preceding
pages of paper by John Yule Writer
to the Signet at Edinburgh the twenty
first day of January Eighteen hun-
dred and fifty two years before these
Witnesses the said John Yule and
James Watson Campbell, Jeweller, No.
5 George Street Edinburgh. (signed)
Tho[mas] Stoddart. John Yule Witness.
James W. Campbell Witness
Presented by James Cant Clerk to
Michael Lawson Solicitor at Law Edin-
burgh and Registered as a Probative
Writ in the Register of Deeds & Probative
Writs for the Shire of Edinburgh on
the sixteenth day of February Eighteen
hundred and fifty two years (signed)
Hilton Wilson. Dep[ute] Sh[eriff] Cl[er]k
Edin

Edin. 5 march 1852 This is the
Will by the late Thomas Stoddart re-
ferred to in my Deposition of this
date annexed to the Inventory of his
Personal Estate
(signed) Mich[ael] Lawson
" J. Inglis Com[missary]