

provision for a settlement upon any of his children, other than the said gift of furniture; but that upon his death his property would be divided equally among them, and that he would effect such his intention by his Will; and I declare that the engagement of marriage between the said Walter Watson and the said Louisa M. was contracted upon the faith of that understanding, and they were married believing that the said promise would be carried out.

Subsequently, and prior to the intermarriage of his daughter, Harriet Amelia, with Francis Wolferstan Thomas, and again prior to the intermarriage of his daughter, Mary Gomm, with Benjamin Cronyn, similar representations and assurances were made and given to the said Francis Wolferstan Thomas and Benjamin Cronyn, respectively, by my said husband; and such marriages were contracted and entered into on the faith that the said promises would be carried into effect by his last Will and Testament.

For many years prior to his decease, my husband endured much suffering, and I believe that for some months prior to his decease his mind had become very much weakened thereby, and he was incapable of sustained thought, especially in business matters involving complicated details; and though in the society of persons to whose presence he was not accustomed, he would occasionally appear comparatively vigorous in mind, still it would be for a brief period only, and he would quickly relapse.

I believe that towards the last my husband was impressed with a desire to secure to me a fit provision during my life, and that by the provisions of his Will he intended to secure that to me, and believed that my annuity being secured to me, the residue would be divided among his children in equal shares, thereby substantially, as he thought, complying with the promises and assurances he had made and given.

Prior to the marriage of my daughters, I informed each of their respective intended husbands of the intention of my husband as to the disposition of his property which he proposed to make; and I can say with certainty that my husband made similar statements to them all.

I desire that relief shall be given to his and my children against the strict terms of his Will, in order that the promises given by my