

### THOMAS LOVELACE (1754-1830)

Thomas LOVELACE was born in 1754, the third child of William LOVELACE and Ann TOMLINSON and baptised at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch:

*1<sup>st</sup> August 1754 Thomas (born July 15<sup>th</sup>) son of William & Ann LOVELACE, Charles Square, (St. Leonard, Shoreditch Baptism Register).*

He lived all his early life at Charles Square and married at St. Peter, Cornhill in 1773 Jane Andrews.

*12 Jun 1773 Thomas LOVELACE, bachelor of this parish & Jane ANDREWS, spinster of this parish, by banns. Witnesses Anna ANDREWS, Jas. STEVENS (clerk). (St. Peter, Cornhill Marriage Register).*

Jane was born in ---. She and Thomas are believed to have had four children between 1774 and 1790 but only one baptism has been located and the rest is deduction.

Thomas was a schoolmaster when he was first married. In 1788 they lived at The Minories, London and Thomas was described as a gentleman.

Thomas and Jane were living at 120 Whitechapel in 1802, when their son James sent a series of letters to his wife Mary, who was then living with Thomas and Jane. Thomas, described as a Revenue Officer of High Street, Whitechapel, was left 1 guinea in his brother William's will of 1805.

Jane died sometime between 1802 and 1818. In her last years she was looked after by Elizabeth Jane BOWCOCK, who then continued as housekeeper to Thomas. By 1818 Thomas was living at 10 William Street, Pitt Street near the Kent Road in St. George the Martyr parish, Southwark. In 1829 he was at Swan Place, Old Kent Road.

In accordance with the terms of the 1801 Will of his cousin John LOVELACE of Malaga, it fell to Thomas to seek letters of administration after the death of George WARD, the last trustee. On 15<sup>th</sup> July 1829 letters of administration to the estate of John LOVELACE in England were granted to Thomas LOVELACE. During Thomas' short period of administration, compensation of some £10,500, in respect of John's sequestered property in Spain, was received and, at last, some progress could be made towards implementing the terms of John's Will. However, in less than a year Thomas was dead.

Thomas died on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1830. His Will dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 1818 was proved on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1830 by Elizabeth Jane BOWCOCK, his sole executrix, to whom Thomas left everything. As Thomas' executrix, Elizabeth BOWCOCK was obliged to become involved in the Chancery proceedings concerning LOVELACE's Charity. Thomas' Will is transcribed below:

#### **Thomas LOVELACE**

In the Name of God Amen, I Thomas Lovelace, widower, at No. 10 William Street, Pitt Street near the Kent Road in the parish of Saint George the Martyr, Southwark in the County of Surry, Officer of Excise, being of a sound mind, memory and understanding (I thank my God), do make and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, desiring my Executrix, hereinafter named, to comply with my following requests (that is):

**First of all**, I desire and beg what [*that*] my funeral charges may be as small as possible and entirely plain.

**Secondly**, I order that all my just debts and funeral charges to be fully paid and discharged and, after payment thereof, I give and bequeath to Mrs Elizabeth Jane BOWCOCK, widow, now residing with me as my housekeeper, in consideration of her attention and humane care of my late wife Mrs Jane LOVELACE deceased and also for her motherly care and attention to me, all my worldly goods, chattels, debts, ready money and all other moneys that may be due to me in my life time from the Estate of my late cousin John LOVELACE Esq'r of Malaga in the Kingdom of Spain, deceased.

**And I hereby nominate** and appoint the aforesaid **Mrs Elizabeth Jane BOWCOCK**, widow, my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Will and Wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fourth day of Nov'r in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Thomas LOVELACE (sgd.).

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Thomas LOVELACE and for his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other. Cao'y HURT (mark), Rich'd GREEN (sgd.).

Proved at London 15<sup>th</sup> June 1830 before the Worshipful Charles COOTE, Doctor of Laws and Surrogate, by the oath of Elizabeth Jane BOWCOCK, widow, the sole Executrix, to whom administration was granted, being first sworn duly to administer.

[*National Archives Prob 11/1772*].

### Their children

1. James Bowden LOVELACE (born 1774) married Mary MARTIN (see that line).

2. William Rocket LOVELACE was born in 177- .

He was mentioned, in letters written from Spain in 1802 by his brother James and on one occasion referred to as Bill.

He married at St. George in the East in 1797 Sarah MARTIN.

Sarah was born in 17--. She appears to have died a few years after her marriage to William.

In 1802 William's brother James was encouraging William to come to Spain and work for their cousin John LOVELACE but this does not seem to have happened.

William married secondly at St. Mary, Whitechapel in 1804 Margaret WOOLNOUGH.

It is believed to be this Margaret, who was baptised at Christchurch, Spitalfields on 28 Sep 1777.

William died in 1807 and was buried at St. Ann, Soho, Westminster.

It is not known what became of Margaret.

They do not appear to have had any children.

3. Ann LOVELACE was born in 17.. It is possibly her, who in 1833 was described as second cousin to John LOVELACE of Malaga and in poor circumstances. If Thomas had a daughter called Ann, she would have been John LOVELACE's first cousin once removed.

She must presumably have died before 1844, when it was stated that Letitia LOVELACE and daughter Letitia were the only persons called LOVELACE in this family, left in England

4. Lucy LOVELACE (born c.1790) married Jacob Samuel BOWLING (see that line).