

Ann Walker commission and inquisition of lunacy

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Transcription

SHEET 1

Dated 2nd November 1843

[?] Commission to inquire of the
Lunacy of Ann Walker Spinster

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Lunacy Inqt
Nº 249

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Walker [Ann?]
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SHEET 2

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Rec[eiv]ed 9 Dec 1843

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An Inquisition taken at the house of *John [Mallinson]* situate at Brigg house
in the County of York commonly called or known by the name of The Royal Hotel
this *twenty eight* day of *November*

in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and forty three before Edward Mislow Esquire one of the Commissioners in Lunacy appointed in
under the provisions of the Act of Parliament in that case made and provided and by virtue of Her
Majesty's Commission in the nature of the Wit the Lunatico Inquirendo under the Great Seal of Great [and]
Britain bearing date at Westminster the second day of November instant to Francis Barlow and Edward
Winslow Esquires the Commissioners in Lunacy directed and to this Inquisition annexed to enquire amongst
other things of the Lunacy of *Ann Walker of Shibden Hall* [^]Halifax in the West Riding of the County of
York Spinster upon the Oath of *John Farnell [Horsfield] Esquire Edward Acroyd ~~Esquire~~ Ely Bates*
Richard Kershaw [Lumb] John Staveley George [Haigh] Hanson Irving [Harrison] Milligan Joseph
Smith, Charles Tesley Bernard Hartley John Lees [Jabez] Butterworth Joseph [Cockill] John Prestman Alfred Harris and Joseph Fryer
good and lawful men of the said County who being sworn and charged upon their oath say that

the said Ann Walker at the time of taking this Inquisition of unsound mind
so that she is not sufficient for the government of herself her manors messuages lands tenements
goods and chattels and that she is said Ann Walker hath been in the same state of [unsoundness]
of mind from the *fifteenth* day of *October* in the year of our Lord *one*
thousand eight hundred and forty one but how or by what means she the said Ann Walker
so became *of unsound mind* the Jurors aforesaid known not unless by the visitation
of God **And the Jurors** aforesaid upon their Oath aforesaid further say that whether the said
Ann Walker being in the same condition hath alienated any lands and tenements ^{as also what lands and tenements} goods and chattels
as yet remain to the said Ann Walker the Jurors aforesaid know not **And the Jurors** aforesaid
upon their Oath aforesaid further said that who is the nearer heir of the said Ann Walker they
know not **In Testimony** whereof as well the said Commissioner Edward Winslow Esquire as
the Jurors aforesaid have to this Inquisition set their seals the day and year first above
written.

Ed. Winslow [seal]

[column of 10 seals]

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SHEET 3

Victoria by The Great God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland's Queen Defender of the Faith -
To her beloved Francis Barlow and Edward Winslow Esquire the Commissioners in Lunacy appointed under the x x
provisions of an Act of our [Parliament] passed in the sixth year of our Reign [intituled] "An Act to alter and amend the
practice and [course] of proceeding under Commissions in the [nature] of Writs de Lunatico Inquirendo" **Know [ye]**
that we have assigned [ye] of one of [ye] to enquire by the Oath of good and lawful men of our County of York
as well within Liberties as without [by] whom the truth of the matter may be better known whether **Ann Walker**
of Shibden Hall Halifax in the West Riding of the County of York Spinster is a Lunatic or [enjoys] lucid intervals so that she is
not sufficient for the government of herself [her] manors messuages lands tenements goods and chattels and if so from
what time after what manner and how and if the said Ann Walker x x x being in the same condition hath
alienated any lands or tenements or not and if so what lands and what tenements to what person or persons where

when and after what manner and how and what lands and tenements goods and chattels as yet remain to her and of what person or persons as well the lands and tenements so alienated as the lands and tenements to her retained are held and by what [service] after what manner and how and how much they are worth by the year in all [issues] and who is her [nearer] heir and of what age **And therefore we command [ye]** or one of [ye] that [certain] [days] and places which ye shall for this [purpose] appoint ye [diligently] make Inquisition in the premises and the same [distinctly] and plainly made to us into our [Chancery] under the seals of ye or one of ye and the seals of those persons by whom it shall be made without delay ye send. And these our Letters patent **For we Command** by the tenor of these presents our Sheriff of our County of York x x x aforesaid that at [certain] days and places [which] ye shall make known to him he [cause] to come before ye or one of ye so many and [such] good and lawful men of his [bailiwick] as well within liberties as without by whom the truth of the matter in the premises shall be better known and enquired into **In Testimony** whereof we have [caused] [these] our Letters to be made patent **Witness** ourself at Westminster the second x x day of November in the Seventh year of our reign. -

Cartledge