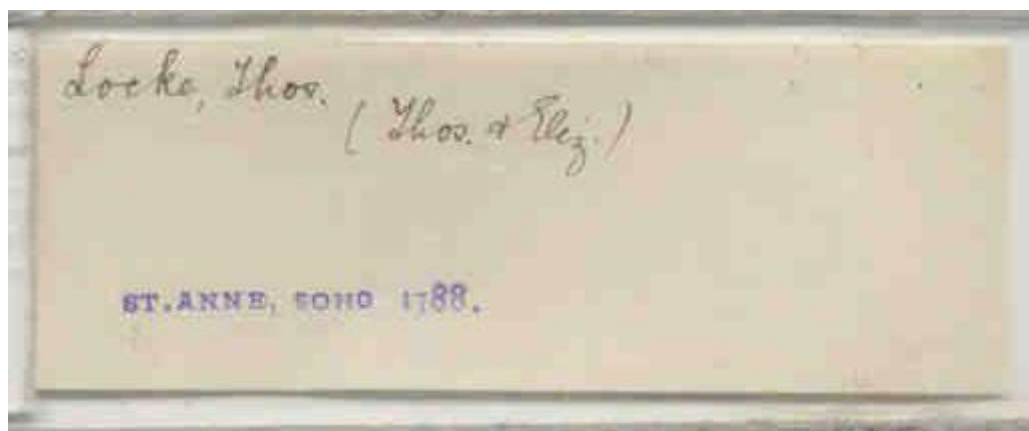


# Capt Thomas Locke Will - 1850

**Thomas Locke was baptized in St Annes Soho (Westminster) in 1788:**



**There is a hand written copy of his christening record signed by his father Thomas in his 1807 Madras Army cadet application.**

**Thomas Locke joined the Madras Army after a second cadet application in 1809-10, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the 7<sup>th</sup> Madras Native Infantry.**

**Married in 1820 to Helena Frances Frederica de Sadlo (d1821), 1822 to Indiana Laura Shaw (Adrian's 4xgrt grandmother) (d1827), and 1828 to Justa Jacobina Hoff Wodschow. Justa died in 1857 and also left a will (lds 506908). All told his unions produced around 16 children who were all brought up by Justa.**

**Capt Thomas Locke was "invalided" in 1827 "at his request", and transferred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Native Veterans Battalion, then later to the 1<sup>st</sup> NVB where he was when he died in July 1850 aged 62.**

**His will is in lds 527451, pt 3 p23.**

*Probates*  
 granted by  
*The Supreme Court of Judicature*  
 at  
*Madras*  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1850.

This is the last Will and Testament  
 of me Thomas Locke. I give and  
 bequeath one third of all my property  
 of what nature or kind - soever unto  
 my beloved wife Justa Jacobine Stoff  
 for her own sole use and benefit - and  
 I give and bequeath the remaining  
 two thirds of all my said property to  
 all my children to be divided equally  
 between them share and share alike -  
 and I appoint my said wife Justa Jacobine  
 Stoff the sole Executrix of this my will -  
 Dated at Madras this Twenty eighth  
 day of July one thousand eight hundred  
 and fifty.

Signed by the Testator?  
 Thomas Locke as and for  
 his last Will in our  
 presence who in his presence  
 at his request and in the  
 presence of each other have  
 hereunto signed our names  
 as witnesses.

Alex<sup>r</sup> Stewart  
 J Rheims.

The mark

of Thomas Locke

Examined compared and Carefully Collected with the Original Will and attested to be a true Copy.

*J. Shaw*  
 Chief Clerk

**The lack of a proper signature can be taken as a sign of infirmity rather than illiteracy, as he had earlier signed three wedding records and one imagines would have had to have demonstrated adequate literacy standards to be accepted as an (officer) cadet in the first place.**