

Will of William Wimberley

(1582-1644)

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In the name of God Amen. I William Wimberley of the parish of St. Lawrence in the old Jewry in London, citizen and Ironmonger of London being weake in body but of perfect minde and memory laude and pray be therefore given to allmighty God doe make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and forme following.

That is to say ffirst and principally I my soule unto the hands of Almighty God my Creator. Hoping and confidently believing by and through the merrits and mediation of my blessed Savior Jesus Christ to obteyne my pardon and remission of all my sinns in this world and a crowne of glory in the kingdome of Heaven. My body I committ to the earth from where it came to be decently buried at the descretion of my executrix hereafter named. and touching such worldly substance as it hath pleased God of his infinite goodness to bestown upon me I give devise and dispose of the same as followsth that is to say my will and minde is that my executrix shall out of my estate pay and satisfy all my debts and promise of money which I am justly indebted or of conscience ought to pay to any upon what Person; And my will and minde is that as soone after my death as comenendly may (after my debte and furnerall sharyes tized fully paied and satisfied) all _____ my goods shattles landes tenem/th and all other my estate whatsoever shalle justly divided into three equall parts according to the custome of the city of London; One full third part whereof I give devise and bequeathe unto my most beloved wife SUSAN who is and _____ of right belonging unto her by the custome of the said citty one of the full third share of I give devise and bequeath unto my fower (4) children THOMAS, ADAM, SUSAN, and JOHN WIMBERLEY to be equally divided between them part and use alike. Item. I give and bequeathe unto my sonne WILLIAM WIMBERLEY which I had by my former wife, FRANCES, to whome I have formerly given sufficient portion and to his wife twenty shillings apeece to make them rings to weare in remembrance of my kind love to them and to their children _____ apeece. Item all the rest and residue of my estate being the other third part which according to the custome of the said citty is to be by me disposed (my legaties hereby bequeated being first divided) I give devise & bequeath unto my said lovemy wife SUSAN WIMBERLEY whoe I make and ordaine full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament informeing her speciall care in the tricon and bringing upp of my said children. I doe hereby nominate and appoint my loving frends Thomas Spabeman Clothwon Rex and John Swift I. Wabernohiuryion cittizens of London witness of this my will, desireuity of them to be ayding and asstling (assisting) to my said wife in the performance thereof and for their care and paines to be thereon taken I give unto each of them forty shillings apeece in remembrance of my love to them. In witness hereof I have to this my last will and testament conveyed in one sheete of Paglet my land and seale the first day of March Anno Dom. 1643 and in the nyneteenth year of the raigne of Souviyne Lord King Charles over England.

cr. WILLIAM WIMBERLEY signed, sealed published and declared by the said WILLIAM WIMBERLEY as his last will and testament in the presence of (after the underlying of these wordes to whom I have formerly given a sufficient portion). Francis Wamislor; Bartho Pictoring To. Harrisayson.

This will was proved 20 Dec 1644, Susan Wimberley as his relict.