

Will of John Aylmer 1594 (PROB 11/84/391)

Summary

Testator: John Aylmer, Bishop of London
 Executors: cousin Richard Vaughan D.D., eldest son Samuel Ailmer, son Theophilus Ailmer, Archdeacon of London, and son-in-law William Lynche gent
 Overseer: Doctor Forthe
 Date: 28 April 1594, proved 22 November 1594
 Witnesses: Augustine Allen, Thomas Francis, Anthony Risby
 Will:

- £300 to keeping sermons at St Paul's cross
- £100 from Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury for the same use
- £200 to daughter Judith Lynch besides £400 given to her marriage
- £100 to poor within London
- £50 to apprenticeship of grandson John Squire
- £100 to marriage of granddaughter Judith Squire
- £100 due from brother Newce for marriage of his daughter Mary with son Theophilus to grandsons John and Theophilus
- £20 to poor of Fulham
- one of his great horses to Sir John Fortescue Chancellor of the Exchequer
- £20 to Nicholas Kemp
- £5 to the poor of Much Hadham
- £20 yearly to wife Judith
- £140 for his debts to son-in-law Mr John Folliott
- £40 to cousin Richard Vaughan Doctor of Divinity
- £40 and one of best geldings to Doctor Forthe
- profits of manor of Mugden Hall to executors to fulfil will, then to son Samuel
- lands in Revesby, Lincolnshire to son John
- all other lands to son Samuel
- son Theophilus Ailmer Archdeacon of London to be content with his lands in Wetheringsett
- books except some of philosophy for son Samuel to choose, to sons Theophilus, Zachary & Nathaniel equally
- rest equally among his children

Text

In Dei nomine Amen

1. I John Ailmer by God's permission Bishop of London being of good and perfect memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
2. First I bequeath my soul into the merciful hands of almighty God by faith in Jesus Christ only and my body to be buried in the church of St Paul's in London on the north side in some convenient place within the wall with a tomb of my picture after the manner of Dean Collet which is on the south side of the Choir as to my executors shall be thought meet
3. Item for the better maintenance of the sermons of Paul's cross I give and bequeath three hundred pounds to be paid by my heirs and executors in six years out of my lands to the chamber of London to that only use as by learned counsel shall be thought most convenient

4. Item one hundred pounds which the honourable Dame Elizabeth Countess of Shrewsbury committed to my hands I will it to be paid to the same use in manner as aforesaid some honourable mention to be made always in the sermons of her and such other benefactors their charitable devotion to that use
5. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Judith Lynche two hundred pounds over and besides the four hundred pounds which I gave her to her marriage
6. Item I give and bequeath to the poor within London as my executors shall think meet one hundred pounds
7. Item I give to little John Squyer to bind him apprentice with fifty pounds And to his sister Judith Squyer to her marriage one hundred marks And my will is that the said fifty pounds and one hundred marks shall be paid to my son-in-law William Lynch gent to the intent that he may have the use thereof towards the charge of the education of the said John Squyer and Judith Squyer giving bond with sufficient sureties to my other executors for the repayment thereof to the said John Squyer and Judith Squyer according to this my Will
8. Item of the two hundred pounds which my brother Newce promised to the marriage of my son Theophilus with his daughter Mary whereof I confess I have received one hundred pounds the other hundred pounds yet remaining in my brother Newce's hands I bequeath to little John Ailmer and little Theophilus Ailmer sons of the said Theophilus Ailmer Archdeacon of London by the said Mary
9. Item I give and bequeath twenty pounds to the poor of Fulham parish
10. Item I give and bequeath to Sir John Fortescue Chancellor of the Exchequer one of my great horses which he will choose
11. Item I give and bequeath to Mr Nicholas Kemp for his pains taken twenty pounds
12. Item I give and bequeath to the poor of Much Hadham in the county of Hartf five pounds
13. Item I give to my wife Judith Ailmer twenty pounds yearly for so many years as she shall live out of the houses I have by lease by the assignment of John Gilpyn gent deceased situate in Lothbury within the city of London
14. Item as concerning the sum of seven score pounds for which I and my son Samuel Ailmer stand bound with my son-in-law Mr John Folllott and for his debts to one Mr John Gawber I will that the same be paid by my executors according to the conditions of those hands And my will is to give the same seven score pounds to my said son-in-law Mr John Folllott
15. Item I give and bequeath to my cousin Richard Vaughan Doctor of Divinity forty pounds
16. Item I give and bequeath to Mr Doctor Forthe forty pounds and one of my best geldings
17. Item I give and bequeath and appoint to the executors of this my last Will and Testament all the yearly rents and profits of my manor of Mugden Hall alias Muckledenhall in the county of Essex and all other my lands and tenements in the said county to be used and employed to the payment and performance of all such legacies as by this my last Will I

- have given or bequeathed And from and after the payment and performance of my said legacies I do further give and bequeath and devise all my said manor of Mugden Hall alias Muckledenhall in the county of Essex and all other my lands and tenements in the said county to Samuel Ailmer my eldest son and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten with such remainders over and with such conditions provisos and limitations as some other of my lands are already limited and appointed to my said son Samuel by certain indentures octopartite whereof seven parts are in the custody and keeping of Mr Nicholas Kempe
18. And as concerning all other my lands whatsoever I have purchased through the great goodness of God either as joint purchaser with my said son Samuel or by myself alone my will is that the same stand assured in such sort and to such uses as in the said indentures octopartite I have already limited or the lease according to my meaning therein expressed
 19. Saving only that now at this time my will is that my son John Ailmer shall have all my lands in Revesby in the county of Lincoln to his own use in such sort as I appointed him the moiety thereof by the said indentures octopartite
 20. And my will is that my son Theophilus Ailmer Archdeacon of London shall hold himself content with the lands in Wetheringsett for such estate as is made to him thereof by the Lady Stafford and Sir Edward Stafford knight or the money therefore to be repaid him for the redemption thereof
 21. Item all my books except some of philosophy which my said son Samuel will choose I give to my sons Theophilus Zachary and Nathaniel equally to be divided amongst them according to the discretion of my executors
 22. All the rest of my goods chattels and money my funeral in comely sort discharged and my debts paid I bequeath to be equally distributed amongst my children
 23. And for the further and better performance thereof I do hereby nominate ordain constitute and appoint my faithful cousin the said Richard Vaughan Doctor of Divinity my said eldest son Samuel Ailmer and my said son Theophilus Ailmer Archdeacon of London and my said son-in-law William Lynche gent my executors of this my last Will and Testament whom I charge upon God's blessing to see these things justly performed according to my will
 24. And I do ordain and make the said Mr Doctor Forthe overseer of this my last Will and Testament trusting that he will take upon him to perform the confidence I repose in him concerning this my last Will
 25. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the eight and twentieth day of April in the six and thirtieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Queen defender of the Faith etc.
 26. Moreover I give and bequeath to all my servants one year's wages that is to say to ever of them one whole year's wages according to the entertainment he now has

John London

Sealed and delivered as the deed and last Will of the Reverend Father within mentioned in the presence of us
Augustine Allen
Thomas Francis
Anthony Risby

Probate 22 November 1594 Richard Vaughan Theophilus Ailmer William Lynche executors