

Will of John Dixon 1635 (Ancestry PCC Wills 1384-1858, TNA, PROB 11/169/472)

Summary

Testator: John Dixon, baker of Loughborough
 Executors: wife Gertrude, sons Samuel and Thomas Dixon
 Overseers: pastor Mr. John Browne, Mr. John Holt, Nathaniel Williams
 Date: 24 September 1635, proved 14 December 1635
 Witnesses: William Fowler Jonathan Gawtherne
 Will:

- dwelling house to son Samuel Dixon, he to pay 50s per year for life to son Thomas
- but only after the death of wife Gertrude
- £40 to eldest son Samuel Dixon [aged 19] when he is 24
- £70 to youngest son Thomas Dixon [aged 16] when he is 24
- £5 to grandson John Fowler, son of daughter Abigaill [aged 27] and her husband John Fowler
- malt mill to son Samuel
- both stills to daughter Sarah [aged 24]
- if son Samuel dies before the age of 24, his £40 to be divided between son Thomas Dixon, daughters Abigaill Fowler and Sarah Browne, and grandchild John Fowler [aged 6]
- if son Thomas dies before the age of 24, his £70 to be divided between son Samuel Dixon, daughters Abigaill Fowler and Sarah Browne, and grandchild Rebecca Fowler [aged 2]
- if son Samuel dies without an heir, the dwelling house to son Thomas
- if son Thomas also dies without an heir, the dwelling house to daughter Abigaill Fowler, and she to pay £40 to her sister Sarah wife of Henry Browne
- £5 to daughter Abigaill Fowler when wife Gertude dies or remarries
- £5 to daughter Sarah Browne from her husband and £5 from her son John when he is 21
- 20s to the poor of Loughborough

Modernized spelling

In the name of God Amen

1. On the 24th day of September in the year of our Lord God 1635 and in the eleventh year of our most gracious sovereign Lord King Charles by the special grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith etc.
2. I John Dixon of Loughborough in the County of Leicester Baker being though weak in body yet whole in mind and in good and perfect memory (thanks be given unto God for the same) do ordain and make this my present testament concerning my last will following in this form and manner
3. First I commend my soul unto Almighty God my Creator and Redeemer
4. And my body unto the earth out of which it was created and to be buried in the parish church or churchyard of Loughborough aforesaid
5. I give unto my eldest son Samuel Dixon the house wherein I now dwell and half an acre of arable land ? down to the three willows on this condition that he the said Samuel Dixon shall pay unto his younger brother Thomas Dixon my son out of the same house or cottage

- yearly so long as the said Thomas Dixon lives two pounds ten shillings at two several payments that is to say half of it to wit 25 shillings at Our Lady day or Michaelmas day which shall come first after my decease and the rest at the next of the days I say 50 shillings at two payments
6. I decree also that Samuel my son shall have possession of the house which will not be till the decease of Gertrude Dixon my wife
 7. I give to my eldest son Samuel Dixon forty pounds to be paid him when he shall accomplish the age of four and twenty I say of 24 years
 8. I give to my youngest son Thomas Dixon threescore pounds to be paid him at the age of 24 years
 9. I give to my grandchild John Fowler the sum of five pounds to be paid him at the age of 21 years if the same John Fowler die before these years accomplishment then the said five pound shall be given unto my daughter Abigaill his mother, if she die also, then to my sons Samuel and Thomas by equal portions
 10. I give to my son Samuel the malt mill as an heirloom or thing belonging to the house
 11. I give both the stills to my daughter Sarah but not till the decease of my wife Gertrude Dixon
 12. I will further that if my son Samuel die before the age of 24 years that his part in money be equally divided between Thomas Dixon my son, Abigaill Fowler and Sarah Browne my daughters, and John Fowler my grandchild
 13. I will further that if Thomas Dixon die before the age of 24 years that his portion in money be equally divided between Samuel Dixon my son, Abigaill Fowler and Sarah Browne my daughters, and Rebecca Fowler my grandchild
 14. I will further that if my son Samuel die without a lawful heir, then I give this house wherein I now dwell to my younger son Thomas Dixon with the said half acre of arable land near to the three willows, and if he die without a lawful heir, then I give it to my eldest daughter Abigaill Fowler with her heirs with this condition that she or her the heir of Abigaill Fowler shall pay to my daughter Sarah Browne the wife of Henry Browne the sum of forty pounds
 15. I give to my daughter Abigaill Fowler the sum of five pounds to be paid at the marriage or death of my wife whichever comes first and the great Copper
 16. I give to my daughter Sarah Browne five pounds which her husband has in his hand and five pounds to her from John Browne when he is 21 years
 17. I give to the poor of Loughborough twenty shillings if they trouble not my house
 18. Of this my last will and testament I constitute my well beloved with executor together with my eldest son Samuel Dixon and my youngest son Thomas Dixon
 19. By this my last will and testament I utterly revoke and renounce all former wills and testaments, executor or executors by these presents

20. Also I request my duly reverend pastor and truly beloved friend Mr. John Browne, and Mr. John Holt and Nathaniel Williams to be overseers and for their honest care and pains I give them two shillings apiece
21. I will also that if my wife Gertrude change her name by marriage that she shall on the day of her marriage or the next week after return half of the goods that she had then possession of to Samuel Dixon, Thomas Dixon, Abigaill Fowler and Sarah Browne
22. I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in the presence of William Fowler Jonathan Gawtherne

[John Dixon]

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