

Will of Gertrude Dixon 1649 (LeicsRO)

Summary

Testator: Gertrude Dixon, widow of Loughborough
Executor: son Samuel Dixon
Overseer: son-in-law John Fowler
Date: 25 December 1649, proved 7 January 1650
Witnesses: Tho: Martyn, Sarah Browne, John Fowler
Will: - 10s to Dorothy wife of son Samuel Dixon
- 10s apiece to their two children [Ruth and Ann]
- Third-best ring to son-in-law John Fowler
- 10s to his wife [daughter Abigail]
- 10s worth of best pewter to their daughter Rebecca
- great chest in the parlour to grandson John son of John Fowler
- household items to granddaughter Rebecca Fowler
- 10s to son-in-law Henry Browne
- Pewter & household items to his wife [daughter Sarah]
- 10s apiece to their three sons
- best gown & petticoat to their daughter Sarah
- 5s to maid Dorothy
- 2s to goddaughter Dorothy Robinson
- 12d to tenant Robert Bo?er
- £6 apiece to Thomas & Mary children of deceased son Thomas when 21
- rest to son-in-law Samuel Dixon

Modernized spelling

In the name of God Amen

1. The five and twentieth day December in the year of our Lord God after the computation of the church of England one thousand six hundred forty and nine I Gertrude Dixon of Loughborough in the County of Leicester widow being sick in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, That is to say
2. First I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator in full assurance that through his mercy and the merits of Christ Jesus I shall have free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins
3. And my body I commend unto the earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named
4. As for such goods and chattels as it has pleased God to lend me for the necessary use of this mortal life I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following That is to say
5. First I give and bequeath unto Dorothy Dixon wife of my son Samuel Dixon the sum of ten shillings
6. And to their two children ten shillings apiece

7. Item I give unto my son-in-law John Fowler my third best ring and to his wife ten shillings in money And as much of my best pewter as shall be it equal value with that I give to her daughter Rebecca
8. Item I give to my grandchild John Fowler son of the aforesaid John my great chest in the parlour
9. And to my grandchild Rebecca Fowler my basin and ewer and my great roasting platters and my ring with knobs of pearl on it
10. Item I give to my son-in-law Henry Browne ten shillings and to his wife as much of my best pewter as shall be of equal value with that which I have given to Rebecca Fowler Also my biggest brass pot in the buttery Also my best box in the buttery And my great brass skimmer
11. Item I give unto the three children the sons of the said Henry Browne ten shillings apiece
12. And to Sarah Browne his daughter my best gown & my best petticoat
13. Item I give to my maid Dorothy five shillings
14. And to my goddaughter Dorothy Robinson two shillings
15. Item I give unto my tenant Robert Bo?er twelve pence And to his maid twelve pence
16. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Dixon and Mary Dixon children of my son Thomas Dixon deceased six pounds apiece to be paid to each of them as they shall accomplish the age of one and twenty years
17. And lastly all the rest of my worldly goods and chattels not afore bequeathed I give and bequeath (my funeral expenses and debts being first paid and discharged) unto my loving & dutiful son Samuel Dixon whom I do make and ordain the sole executor of this my last will and testament desiring him to see my last will performed according to my trust reposed in him
18. And I do hereby revoke & make null all former wills by me made
19. And desire my son-in-law John Fowler to be overseer of this my last will and testament
20. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and have published the same to be my last will & testament the day & year first above written.

Gertrude Dixon

Signed and subscribed and also published by the said Gertrude for her last will in the presence of Tho: Martyn, Sarah Browne, John Fowler