

**Will of Mary Dimock 1586** (TNA, PROB 11/69/73)

## Summary

Testator: Mary Dimock, London, widow  
Executors: good friends Edmond Marrant & John Lee  
Overseer: good and worshipful friend Mr Thomas Powle esquire  
Date: 20 March 1586, proved 6 April 1586  
Witnesses: Alexander Sheppard rector, Oswell Gretted, Edward Monke? & John Gryffin  
Will:

- clothes to sisters Sara More, Suzan Dodson & Martha Washington
- gown to good friend Mrs Cobb
- silk gown to Thomazine Cobb her daughter
- old lined nightgown to Mrs Sheppard
- money he owes me to brother Clement Newce
- £180 he owes me to brother Bartholomew Newce
- gilt cup with cover to brother William Newce
- 6 pairs of sheets to brother Thomas Newce
- 6 pairs of sheets to brother Samuel Newce
- 6 pairs of sheets to friend John Lee
- 40s he owes me and plate worth £5 to Clement Goldsmith my nephew
- £20 to servant Martha Duckett
- £6 13s 4d to servant Katherine Purfrey
- £6 13s 4d to servant Edmond Hustwikes
- £6 13s 4d to servant Thomas Cony
- £6 13s 4d to poor of St Margaret in Lothbury
- £6 13s 4d to poor of Much Hadham
- £10 to Amy Pinner
- £10 to Nicholas Pinner her son
- £20 to friend Mr Keymes
- £5 to Margaret Mallet
- £5 to goodwife Harrison servant unto Mr John Lee
- £50 her husband owes me to sister Washington
- £25 to brother Thomas Newce
- £25 to brother Samuel Newce
- £50 to sister More
- £20 on marriage to Mary Newce daughter to my brother William Newce
- £10 and pendant of gold with a pigeon upon it to Jane Newce daughter to my said brother William Newce
- horse and coach to Mrs Jane Marrant wife to Ed Marrant
- £100 equally to friends Ed Marrant and John Lee
- gold ring of 40s to Mrs Powle wife unto Thomas Powle esquire
- gold ring of 40s each to Mrs Warner Mrs Grotted Mr William Bourcher and Mr William Raven
- rest of goods etc. to Edmond Marrant and John Lee
- property in Mynchen Lane and Fenchurch Street for 6 years to executors, thereafter:
- five houses in Mynchen Lane for life to sisters Sara More Suzan Dodson and Martha Washington, thereafter to William More son of Sara, eldest son of Suzan, Lawrence Washington son of Martha
- one tenement in Fenchurch Street to godson Clement Newce, son of brother Clement Newce

- one tenement in Fenchurch Street to Thomas Newce, son of brother Bartholomew Newce
- great house in Fenchurch Street to good friends Edmond Marrant & John Lee for life, thereafter to brothers Thomas Newce and Samuel Newce
- £5 to friend William Martin
- 40s to former maid Anne Todd
- ring of fine gold to overseer good and worshipful friend Mr Thomas Powle esquire

Text

In the name of God Amen

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our lord God 1585 and the eight and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lady Elizabeth I Marye Dimocke of London widow being of whole mind and perfect memory (thanks be to almighty God) do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament as well for and concerning the order and distribution of all my lands and tenements, as also for and concerning the order and distribution of all my goods and chattels in manner and form following that is to say
2. First and before all things remembering the state of this transitory world being but a shadow in respect of the world to come which is everlasting knowing that death being the door thereof is most certain to all people and the hour thereof most uncertain, calling to mind the sweet and comfortable sayings which our saviour Christ has left in his holy testament for the comfort and salvation of me and all other that do truly and earnestly repent their former lives and faithfully believe knowing also that no man can live without sin I do most humbly submit my soul and body to the most abundant mercies of almighty God in Trinity into whose most holy and blessed hands I bequeath my soul trusting assuredly that by the merits of the most blessed passion of our saviour Jesus Christ to have remission of all my sins
3. I will my body to be brought to the earth after Christian custom in what place it shall please almighty God to call me out of this miserable world
4. Item I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right and conscience to be truly paid by my executors
5. Item I do give to my sisters Sara More, Suzan Dodson and Martha Washington all my wearing apparel and my wearing linen except as I shall otherwise in this my Will bestow
6. Item I give and bequeath unto my said sisters Sara Suzan and Martha one trunk of linen which I will to be divided among my said sisters by the discretion of my executors
7. Item I give and bequeath unto my good friend Mrs Cobb my new tuffed taffeta gown furred with black coney
8. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomazine Cobb her daughter one of my silk gowns to be chosen by the said Thomazine
9. Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs Sheppard my old nightgown faced with coney and furred with lamb
10. Item I remit unto my brother Clement Newce all such sums of money which he owes me

11. Item I remit unto my brother Bartholomew Newce the sum of one hundred and four score pounds which he owes me
12. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother William Newce one gilt cup with a cover
13. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Newce six pairs of sheets to be chosen and delivered by my executors
14. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Samuel Newce six pairs of sheets to be chosen and delivered by my executors
15. Item I give and bequeath unto my friend John Lee six pairs of sheets to be chosen and delivered by my executors
16. Item I remit unto Clement Goldsmith my nephew the sum of forty shillings which he owes me, and also I give and bequeath unto him the said Clement one piece of plate of the price of five pounds
17. Item I give and bequeath unto Martha Duckett my servant the sum of twenty pounds in money
18. Item I give and bequeath unto Katherine Purfrey my servant the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence
19. Item I give and bequeath unto Edmond Hustwikes my servant the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence
20. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Cony my servant the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence
21. Item I give and bequeath unto the poor people of the parish of St Margaret in Lothbury in London the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence
22. Item I give and bequeath unto the poor people of the town of Much Hadham in the county of Hertford the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings four pence
23. Item I give and bequeath unto Amy Pinner the sum of ten pounds
24. Item I give and bequeath unto Nicholas Pinner her son the sum of ten pounds
25. Item I give and bequeath unto my friend Mr Keymes in token of many friendships received at his hands the sum of twenty pounds
26. Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret Mallet the sum of five pounds
27. Item I give and bequeath unto goodwife Harrison servant unto Mr John Lee the sum of five pounds
28. Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Washington the sum of fifty pounds which her husband owes me as by his hand appears
29. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Thomas Newce the sum of twenty and five pounds

30. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Samuel Newce the sum of twenty and five pounds
31. Item I give and bequeath unto my sister More the sum of fifty pounds
32. Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Newce daughter to my brother William Newce 12 buttons and twenty pounds to be paid at her marriage
33. Item I give and bequeath unto Jane Newce daughter to my said brother William Newce one pendant of gold with a pigeon upon it and ten pounds to be paid as aforesaid
34. Item I give and bequeath unto my friend Mrs Jane Marrant wife to Ed Marrant my horse and my coach with the furniture thereto belonging
35. Item I give and bequeath unto my friends Ed Marrant and John Lee the sum of one hundred pounds in money to be equally divided between them
36. Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs Powle wife unto Thomas Powle esquire one gold ring of the value of forty shillings
37. Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs Warner Mrs Grotted Mr William Bourcher and Mr William Raven every of them one gold ring of the price of forty shillings
38. The residue of all my goods chattels debts plate jewels and household stuff (my debts legacies and funerals performed) I give and bequeath unto the foresaid Edmond Marrant and John Lee
39. And I do constitute and make them the said Edmond Marrant and John Lee my executors of this my last Will and Testament
40. And touching the distribution of my houses and tenements my will and mind is and I do will and bequeath the rents and profits of all my houses lands tenements and hereditaments in Mynchen Lane and Fenchurch Street in the city of London unto my executors for the term of six years next after my decease towards the payment of my debts legacies and funerals
41. And after the end of the said six years I do give will and bequeath unto Sara More Suzan Dodson and Martha Washington my foresaid sisters my five houses or tenements with the appurtenances in Mynchen Lane aforesaid for the term of their natural lives equally divided between them And after their decease the said houses and tenements in Mynchen Lane aforesaid to remain unto William More son unto the said Sara – Dodson eldest son unto the said Suzan Dodson and unto Lawrence Washington son unto the said Martha Washington and to their heirs forever Equally also divided between them
42. Item I give and bequeath unto Clement Newce my godson son to Clement Newce my brother my tenement in Fenchurch Street aforesaid in the tenure of Edmond Lawe to have and to hold the same tenement to him the said Clement and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten And if it fortune the said Clement my godson to die having no heir of his body lawfully begotten, then I will and bequeath the same tenement unto William Newce his brother and to his heirs forever

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43. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Newce son to Bartholomew Newce my brother and to his heirs forever my other tenement in Fenchurch Street aforesaid in the tenure of John Nicholson
44. Item I give and bequeath unto my good friends the said Edmond Marrant and John Lee my great house in Fenchurch Street now in the tenure of Peter Houghton with the appurtenances to have and to hold the said great house with the appurtenances to them during their lives without and partition or division to be made between them And if it fortune any of them to die my will and mind is that the survivor of them shall have and hold the said great house with the appurtenances during his natural life And after the death of the said Edmond Marrant and John Lee I will give and bequeath the said great house unto Thomas Newce and Samuel Newce my brothers and to their heirs forever
45. Item I give and bequeath unto my friend William Martin the sum of five pounds in money
46. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Todd sometimes my maid forty shillings
47. Item I ordain and make my very good and worshipful friend Mr Thomas Powle esquire Overseer of this my last Will and Testament unto whom I give and bequeath in token of remembrance of friendship one ring of fine gold of the weight of one ounce and also one fur of wolverines for a bed praying him to give his aid to the furthering and helping of my executors if occasion shall serve about this my last Will and Testament
48. Provided always and my will and mind is that if any my brothers or sisters or any my servants or other person having my legacy or benefit in or by this my last Will shall cavil or quarrel with my executors for and cause or matter contained in this my Will or shall embezzle and keep away from my executors any of my goods chattels plate jewels or household stuff that then he or they so quarrelling or cavilling with my executors or he or they so embezzling and keeping away from my said executors any such goods plate jewels or household stuff shall lose all such benefit and benefits as he or they should have by my said will And my will and mind is that the benefit of his or their legacies so quarrelling and cavilling with my said executors or embezzling and keeping away any of my goods from my said executors shall remain to the use of my said executors to be disposed at their wills and pleasures
49. In Witness that this is my last Will and Testament I have signed it with my own hand

by me Mary Dimocke

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us  
Alexander Sheppard rector  
Oswell Grettred his mark  
Edward Monke?  
John Gryffin

Probate 6 April 1586