

Will of Richard Sedgwick 1643 (Ancestry.co.uk London Wills & Probate, 1507-1858)

Summary

Testator: Richard Sedgwick, Wapping, Middlesex, Preacher
Executrix: wife Mary
Date: 20 January 1636, proved 12 August 1643
Witnesses: Henry Colbron, Walter Mitchell, the mark of Robert? Harwood
Will: - £5 to poor of Wapping
- 20s each to brother James & sisters Katheren & Martha
- £5 to brother James Sedgwick for schooling of his son Richard
- gown & cloak to cousin Peter Seinthill?
- rest to wife Mary

Text

In the name of God Amen

1. The twentieth day of January Anno Domini 1636 and in the twelfth year of the reign of our sovereign lord King Charles of England I Richard Sedgwick Preacher of the word of God at Wapping in the County of Middlesex having by the good hand of the lord the free use of understanding and memory duly considering the uncertainty of my life have thought it fit to settle such outward means as I enjoy for the necessary uses of this life in such an order as that my self may with more comfort embrace death the forerunner of my everlasting rest from my labours and gate of happiness and also occasion of contention about those things that I must leave behind me may be taken from those that yet outlive me And therefore I do ordain and make this my last will in manner and form following
2. First and before for myself I bequeath my soul when the lord shall be pleased to call for it into his hands whose it is by the right or creation and more especially in the title of redemption being purchased by the precious blood of Jesus Christ who has vouchsafed to call me to the saving knowledge of his truth and preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ which I do in the full assurance of the unmovable certainty and truth of that doctrine which I have professed and preached of which I define that this may be an undoubted testimony is otherwise I should want opportunity to make it known to all to whose hands or knowledge it may come
3. And my body to the earth from whence it was in the first creation taken (and to which it must by the immutable ordinance of God returned) under the assurance of that happy resurrection wherein it shall be made conformable to the glorious body of Christ
4. And concerning that portion of temporary goods of what nature or condition soever it has pleased God to bless me with all I give bequeath and dispose of the same as follows That is to say
5. I give and bequeath to the poor of the hamlet of Wapping the sum of five pounds of lawful money of England out of the monies which shall be made and arise by the sake of my books by my executrix hereunder named and by her to be paid and distributed (within one month next after the said books shall be sold) amongst such of the said poor as shall then have most need and are of the best ? for piety and have not impoverished themselves by idleness or any other riotous or dishonest course of life
6. Item I give to my brother James Sedgwick and to my sisters Katheren and Martha twenty shillings apiece to buy them rings

7. Item I give to my said brother James Sedgwick for the use of his son Richard five pounds to bring him up at school
8. Item I give to my cousin Peter Seinthill? One of my stuff gowns and a stuff cloak
9. The rest and residue of all and singular my goods chattels rights and credits not before bequeathed my debts being paid and funerals discharged I give and bequeath unto Mary my loving wife whom I ordain and make sole executrix of this my last will and testament
10. And I do hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time by me heretofore made
Witness my hand and seal the day and year above said

Richard Sedgwick

Signed sealed published and declared by the said testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us

Henry Colbron, Walter Mitchell, the mark of Robert? Harwood

Probatum 12 August 1643 Maria Sedgwick