

**Will of Edward Sedgwick 1663** (TNA, PROB 11/311/45)

## Summary

Testator: Edward Sedgwick, Gray's Inn, Middlesex  
 Executrix: wife Susanna  
 Supervisor: good friend William Clayer?  
 Date: 8 April 1663, proved 22 April 1663  
 Witnesses: Richard Barrett Edward Maglidon? Hannah Hignell  
 Will:
 

- property to wife & her heirs
- satisfy Horatio Palavicine's will in favour of brother James Palavicine's children
- personal estate to be divided among children
- 4s to friends and ministers of the Gospel Master John Sheffield Master George Fowler Doctor Lamb
- 20s to good friends Master Haviland Master Pledger Master Cradock ministers of Gray's Inn and Master John Jackson
- 40s to the poor of the parish of Wisbech in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge from where I was removed in my infancy

## Text

In the name of the father and of the son and of the holy ghost God blessed forever Amen

1. I Edward Sedgwick of Gray's Inn in the County of Middlesex being at present under certain feverish distempers and not knowing but that it might please God to take me out of the land of the living do therefore for the better setting of my house in order make this my last Will and Testament in manner following
2. And first and above all I do humbly and thankfully resign up my soul into the hands of God my maker trusting upon the free grace of God in Jesus Christ for the full and free pardon and remission of all my sins for the only merit and mercies of the Lord Jesus Christ
3. And for my body I commit that to the earth whereof it was made to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix looking for a joyful resurrection at the last day when soul and body shall be both united and employed in the blissful vision ? triumphant praises of the blessed God for ever and ever
4. As for that portion of worldly goods wherewith it pleased God to make me his steward I dispose of them in manner following
5. And first I give and bequeath to my dearest and best deserving wife and her heirs all my lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever whereof I am or any other person or persons in trust for or to the use of me are or stood seized except my lands whereof I stand seized only in trust for others and to the intent that the legacy devised to such child or children as my brother James Palavicine may be well and truly paid according to the true intent of the last Will and Testament of Horatio Palavicine Esquire I do hereby charge as well all my personal as my real estate with the payment thereof
6. And after my debts paid and funeral discharged my will and meaning is that all the residue of my said personal estate be divided and distributed by my said dear wife in such parts and proportions according to the merit and desert of my dear and loving children as my said dear wife shall judge most fit and convenient provided that this extend not to take away any of my plate jewels household stuff gold silver ready money whereof I shall be possessed at

the time of my decease which I do hereby give unto my said dear wife as a legacy of my love whom I make the sole executrix of my last Will and Testament desiring and entreating my good friend William Clayer? esquire to be aiding and assisting to my said executrix by all the best ways and means he can in and about the execution of this my will

7. I do give unto my loving friends and ministers of the Gospel who help me with their prayers in the time of my sickness that is Master John Sheffield Master George Fowler Doctor Lamb and to such person as shall preach my funeral sermon and to every of them four shillings apiece and to my good friends Master Haviland Master Pledger Master Cradock ministers of Gray's Inn and Master John Jackson twenty shillings apiece as a token of my love to be paid within one week after my inventory shall be exhibited
8. And unto the poor of the parish of Saint Andrews Holborn where I have not yet lived a year
9. And to the poor of the parish of Wisbech in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge from where I was removed in my infancy forty shillings to each parish to be distributed by the church wardens
10. [part not copied?] for the time being which parts and portions shall be paid unto my said children the one half at the day of their marriage and the other half at the time of the decease of my said dear wife
11. In witness whereof I have hereunto sealed and subscribed this eighth day of April in the fifteenth year of the reign of our gracious sovereign Lord Charles the second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith Anno Domini one thousand six hundred sixty three Edward Sedgwick
12. Signed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of the said Edward Sedgwick in the presence of Richard Barrett Edward Maglidon? Hannah Hignell

Probatum 22 April 1663 Susanna Sedgwick