

Will of Wynne Houblon 1715 (PRO, ref. PROB 11/544/14)

Summary

Testator: Wynne Houblon, London, esq.
 Executor: brother James Houblon, by codicil after his death, **sister Sarah Houblon**
 Date: 4 July 1707, codicil 24 February 1709/10, proved 4 January 1714/15
 Witnesses: Wm Scorey, Jno Buck, Jno Brisco; to codicil **Sarah Broockes Reb: Sedgwick** Mary Challaner

Will:

- Diamond, furniture and £10 for mourning to **sister Sarah Houblon**
- Furniture, £10 for mourning, £200, plus £100 after brother James' marriage to **sister Catherine Houblon**
- Picture & £10 each for mourning to sister Elizabeth Harvey & her husband John Harvey
- Locket, £10 for mourning, £200, plus £100 after brother James' marriage to sister Dorothy Harrison, widow
- £10 in trust to **sister Sarah Houblon** for the benefit of aunt Jane Maskelyne
- 2 guineas to cousin Jane Leach widow daughter of his said aunt
- furniture and personal items to dear and real friend my cousin Mary Maryon daughter of his uncle John Maryon
- £5, chest and wearing apparel to **servant Sarah Brooks**
- 40s to servant Kathern Wilson
- 20s to **servant Rebecca Sedgewick**
- 20s to servant Robert Dawes coachman
- 20s to servant Caleb Jones footman
- 40s to Anne Price at the Trinity House Almshouse near Mile End
- £5 to Judy Wayman
- 10s each to six necessitous poor women
- £5 to poor of the parish of St. Benet Paul's Wharf
- £5 to poor of the French Church in Threadneedle street
- gold watch and rest of estate to executor, dear brother James Houblon
- buried privately at night for less than £50 in family vault at St. Benet Paul's Wharf, and "desire that my cousin Mary Maryon may be so too if she shall please to ask it" [both were in fact buried there, he on 15 October 1714, she a few weeks later on 23 November; both were living in the parish of St. Peter le Poor, London]
- if he survives his cousin Mary Maryon, asks his executor to help execute a clause of her Will [which he clearly knows in detail, followed by extensive conditions which exceed the length of his own part of this will]

Text

In the name of God amen

1. I **Wynne Houblon of London Esq. eldest son to the late Sir James Houblon of London knight and Alderman** being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following
2. Imprimus I give and leave to my **dearest sister Sarah Houblon** my brilliant diamond ring (which I interest her to wear for my sake) my china lacquered table dressing box etc. and tea table in my chamber the silver plate she gave me and **ten pounds for mourning**

3. Item I give and leave to my dear **sister Catherine Houblon** my chamber silver candlestick snuffers etc **ten pounds for mourning** and as a further mark of my kindness the sum of **two hundred pounds** sterling payable within twelve months after my decease and the sum of **one hundred pounds** more payable in six months after the marriage of my bro. James Houblon whensoever that shall happen
4. Item I give and leave to my dear **sister Elizabeth Harvey now wife of John Harvey** of the County of Norfolk Esq. my own small oval picture in watercolours **ten pounds for mourning** and **ten pounds** also to her said husband for mourning
5. Item I give and leave to my dear **sister Dorothy Harrison widow** my hair locket set with diamonds and rubies with forty shillings for the new setting it with my hair **ten pounds for mourning** and as a further demonstration of my attention the sum of **two hundred pounds** sterling payable within twelve months after my decease and the sum of **one hundred pounds** more payable in six months after the marriage of my brother Ja: Houblon whensoever that shall happen
6. Item I give and leave to my said sister Sarah Houblon In trust and for the use of my **aunt Jane Maskelyne** the sum of **ten pounds** to be employed as my said sister shall think most to my aunt's advantage and for which legacy my sister's receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor hereafter named
7. Item I give and leave to my **cousin Jane Leach widow daughter of my said aunt** the sum of **two guineas** to lay out as she shall think fit in something to remember me by
8. Item I give and bequeath to my **dear and real friend my cousin Mary Maryon** daughter of my uncle John Maryon deceased my **pair of diamond brilliant buttons my china lacquered scritore all the china and lacquered ware in my chamber** (except the lacquered ware above mentioned) as the written particulars in my bureau my **sanguined firehearth dogs shovel and tongs with the four silver knobs thereto belonging her own picture by Mr. Dahl and the gold seal with a white cornelian womans head (which three last particulars she presented me)** and lastly the disposal of all my linen and lace (as she shall think fit) and of one or more suits of **clothes for her cousin Thomas Maryon**
9. Item I give and leave to my **servants** following provided they continue in my service till the time of my decease vizt to **Sarah Brooks the sum of five pounds** my walnut tree chest of drawers and all the remaining wearing apparel undisposed of by my said cousin Maryon
10. Item I give and leave to **Kathern Wilson** the sum of **forty shillings**
11. To **Rebecca Sedgewick twenty shillings**
12. **Robert Dawes coachman twenty shillings** and
13. To **Caleb Jones footman twenty shillings**
14. Item I give and leave to **Anne Price at the Trinity House Almshouse near Mile End** the sum of **forty shillings**
15. To **Judy Wayman** the sum of **five pounds**

16. Ten shillings apiece to six necessitous poor women among those which usually come at Christmas to be paid them on that day or sooner in my executor think fit
17. Also five pounds to the poor of the parish of St. Benet Paul's Wharf and
18. Five pounds to the poor of the French Church in Threadneedle street
19. Item I give and bequeath to my **dear brother James Houblon** of London Esq. my **gold watch chain and seal hanging to it (which I desire him to wear for my sake)** and also after all my debts are satisfied and paid the remaining part of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever
20. And do constitute him my said **brother James Houblon sole executor** of this my last Will and Testament (revoking all former Wills) and
21. as such I make it my **request to him** that as I have lived retiredly and privately (especially the latter part of my life) in this world so I may leave it with the same privacy And do therefore wish and hope that he will so manage matters that my **funeral charge may not exceed fifty pounds** that it may be **late at night and without troubling any of my relations to accompany me to the vault at St. Benet Paul's Wharf where I would be buried and desire that my cousin Mary Maryon may be so too if she shall please to ask it** and
22. lastly **if it should so happen that I survive my said cousin Mary Maryon I do entreat my said brother James Houblon that he would take upon him the trouble to see executed the following clause of her Will** not only as to the division of her Littlington Estate to her two nephews but that they her said nephews do give sufficient security for the payment of £300 to her niece Mary Maryon or her heirs at or within the term of three years It being her intention that now (her niece Margaret Maysen being dead) the whole £300 should devolve to her sister the said Mary and her heirs and that her two nephews do jointly pay the said sum according to the several proportions of her estate hereafter allotted them by this my last Will and Testament and pursuant to the said following clause vizt Item I give and bequeath to my cousin Wynne Houblon Esq. as a mark of my particular esteem and friendship all those messuages and tenements with all the singular grounds thereto belonging situate lying and being in the several parishes of Litlington alias Lidlington Steeple Morden and Bassingbourn in the County of Cambridge and now or late were in the term of occupation of Humphry East John Batt and Ralph East or their assigns for and during his natural life his wife's life with reversion to the heirs of his body and in default of such issue to my two nephews John Maryon the son of my brother Joseph and John Maryon the son of my brother John Maryon and their heirs in such parts or portions as my said cousin Wynne Houblon shall by his last Will and Testament direct and appoint they paying or causing to be paid to my said two nieces or their heirs the sum of three hundred pounds to be equally divided between them at or within the term of three years towards which payment each of my said nephews shall contribute according to their proportion of the estate allotted them Now pursuant to the foregoing clause by virtue of the powers thereby given me I hereby declare that (after the death of my wife (should it please God I ever have any) and that I leave no issue behind me and after sufficient security given by my cousin John Maryon for the payment of the sum of two hundred and seventy pounds and sive shillings to his sister Mary Maryon and her heirs being his quota or proportion of the entire sum of three hundred pounds so left her by her said aunt or so intended

23. It is my mind that my said cousin John Maryon only son of Reverend Joseph Maryon Rector of White Reading in the County of Essex do enjoy to him and his heirs the several farms following being situated and lying in the several parishes and fields of Litlington alias Lidlington and Steeple Morden in the County of Cambridge namely Bedwell's London's Land and Courses now or late in the tenure or occupation of Robert Passell or jis assigns with all the appurtenances to the said farms belonging amount together to the yearly rent of sixty eight pounds And also that farm situate and lying in Litlington aforesaid & now or late in the tenure or occupation of John Batt amounts to the yearly rent of forty one pounds so that his whole rent is £109
24. Item pursuant to the said powers and upon the conditions afore mentioned it is my mind and will that my cousin John Maryon the only son of the late John Maryon do after sufficient security given for payment of his quota or proportion of the aforesaid legacy of three hundred pounds being twenty nine pounds and fifteen shillings payable at or within the term of three years after my decease to his cousin Mary Maryon daughter of the said Joseph Maryon and her heirs likewise enjoy to him and his heirs those several parcels of arable and ley ground lying dispersedly in the several fields within the several parishes and fields of Litlington and Steeple Morden aforesaid containing by estimation fifty acres be they more or less late in the tenure of Thomas Batt and now or late in the tenure or occupation of the above Robert Passell or his assigns amount to the yearly rent of twelve pounds
25. Now saving to myself the right and power of revoking and altering the above settlements should I hereafter see cause to do so my present intention is to obviate all disputes which may (though I hope never will) arise from the pretense of abatement of said £300 legacy upon the death of my cousin Margaret Maysent which the foregoing clause of my cousin Maryon's will may possibly give scope for and withal knowing my said cousin's inclinations in this point my fixed purpose and determination is that if John Maryon the son of the said Joseph Maryon (provided he is of the age of one and twenty years at the time of my decease or as soon as he has attained that age) do not forthwith give such security as may be to the joint satisfaction of his said sister Mary or her heirs and of my brother Ja: Houblon (if he shall be then alive and think fit to concern himself therein) for the payment of the said sum of two hundred and seventy pounds five shillings (his quota of the said £300 legacy) and at the term limited do not make good and sufficient payment thereof nor within six months after That then John Maryon the son of the late John Maryon after the expiry of the said six months may lawfully enter upon the aforesaid John Batt's farm and enjoy it to him and his heirs in as full and ample a manner as I intended his cousin should have done provided always that before he takes possession thereof he pay or caused to be paid to his cousin Mary Maryon or her heirs her said entire legacy of £300
26. Item it is likewise my fixed purpose and determination that if the said John Maryon the son of the late John Maryon do not also (immediately after my decease) give such security as may be to the joint satisfaction of his said cousin Mary or her heirs and of my said brother (if he shall be then living and thinks fit to concern himself therein) for the said sum of £29-15 his quota of the said £300 legacy and so not at the time limited or within the six months after make good and sufficient payment thereof to the said Mary or her heirs That then the above land by me appointed him shall be forthwith measured and by the judgment and determination of two indifferent persons (of which he to choose one and his said cousin John the other) be equally divided into two parts or portions of which one

part shall remain to him the said John Maryon the son of the late John Maryon and his heirs and the other one part John Maryon the son of the late Joseph Maryon shall immediately enter upon and enjoy to him and his heirs provided always that before he take possession thereof he the said John Maryon pay or cause to be paid to his said sister Mary or her heirs (in case of her death) her said entire legacy of £300

27. And lastly should it so happen that both the said John Maryons should combine and agree not to comply with my aforesaid determination my mind and will is then that the whole estate (notwithstanding any settlements already made) be put into trustees' hands (either one or more) for the use of the said Mary Maryon and her heirs till such time as the said legacy of £300 be fully paid as before directed which said trustees shall be nominated and appointed by the said Mary Maryon or by her heirs in case of her death with the liking and approbation of my said brother James Houblon sole executor of this my last Will and Testament
28. And when this legacy is satisfied then and not till then are they the said John Maryons to enjoy the quiet possession of the parts or portions of their aunt's estate as before allotted them by me
29. I do declare that what is above written and what is on the other sides wrote to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I set ma hand and seal this fourth of July in the sixth year of the reign of Queen Anne and in the year of our Lord 1707

Wynne Houblon

Signed sealed published and declared as and for the last Will and Testament of the said Wynne Houblon in our presence who subscribed our names as witness hereunto in the presence of the said Wynne Houblon

Wm Scorey Jno Buck Jno Brisco

Item It is my mind and will (since it has pleased God to take to himself my **late brother James Houblon** of London Esq. whom as above I had **appointed my sole executor** that my **sister Sarah Houblon do execute that office** And I do hereby direct and appoint her my said dear sister Sarah Houblon to be my sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament and as such do **acquaint her that I have given my said cousin Mary Maryon a certain obligation (much short of what I owe her)** under my hand and seal bearing date the 26th June 1707 for the sum of **twelve hundred pounds** sterling which I desire her to discharge and pay according to the tenor of the said bond and likewise to **return to her the gold chain which she gave me** with the seal aforementioned now fixed to my gold watch which last I desire my said executrix to wear for my sake which I present and give her as I do all the remainder of my estate after my debts are satisfied and paid

Item I desire and direct that my sister Kath: Houblon's legacy mentioned in the first page of this Will be full three hundred pounds

Item it is my will that **ten pounds each** be paid to **every child of my late sister Eliz. Harvey's** that shall be living at the time of my decease and that besides the said legacy to John Harvey my godson I request my said executrix to have some further particular regard for him for my sake

And I do declare this and what is above written and what is on three other sides wrote to be my last Will and Testament Witness my hand this 24th Feb 1709/10

Wynne Houblon

Signed in the presence of us and also sealed

Sarah Broockes Reb: Sedgwick Mary Challaner

Probate 4 January 1714/5 Sara Houblon sister & executrix