

Will of Catharine Houblon 1729 (PRO, ref. PROB 11/631/6)

Summary

Testator: Catharine Houblon, Kensington, Middlesex
 Executrix: **sister Sarah Houblon**
 Date: 30 January 1728/9, proved 1 July 1729
 Witnesses: **Sarah Brooks**, Elisabeth Paterson, Tho Wright
 Will:

- **annual interest on £250 to Rebecca Sedgwick & Sarah Brookes for life**
- thereafter such interest to 2 poor virgins forever
- £100 to put children of honest parents out to apprenticeships
- large peine of gold to Bishop of Salisbury
- £10 to Reverend Mr. Richard Roach
- £100 to niece Sarah [Harvey] wife of Mieux Rant
- £100 to niece Dorothy Harvey
- £100 to niece Mary Harvey
- £60 to nephew Robert Harvey
- £100 to niece Rebecca [Harvey] wife of Charles Packe or her children
- £100 to niece Anna Catharina [Harvey] wife of John Kendall or her children
- £10 to nephew Mieux Rant for mourning
- £10 to nephew Charles Pack for mourning
- £10 to nephew John Kendall for mourning
- £20 to godson Charles James Pack
- £20 to William son of Edmund Markhelyne
- £5 to **Ann Sedgwick**
- £20 to **goddaughter Catharine Sedgwick at age of 16** or 18 at discretion of executrix
- £20 and all wearing apparel to **maidservant Rebecca Sedgwick**
- £5 to **Sarah Brooks**
- £10 to poor of parish where she dies
- £10 to poor of parish of St. Benet Paul's Wharf
- 2 guineas to Nurse Patterson and all the servants at the time of her death
- £10 10s in gold to James Markelyne
- brilliant hoop ring to Lord Palmerston
- rest to **most excellent and dear sister and best of all friends Sarah Houblon**

Text

In the name of God amen

1. **I Catharine Houblon of the parish of Kensington in the County of Middlesex** do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say
2. Imprimus I give to my executrix hereinafter named her executors administrators and assigns the sum of **two hundred and fifty pounds** but upon the special trust that she or they do and shall within one year after my death place out the same at **interest** on good securities and receive and take the increase interest or produce thereof as the same from time to time shall become due and pay the same to **Rebecca Sedgwick and Sarah Brookes** and to the survivor of them during the term of their **natural lives** and the life of the survivor of them

3. And **after the death of such survivor** my will is and I do hereby direct that my said executrix her executors administrators or assigns do and shall with all convenient speed and as soon as a good purchase can be procured call in the said sum of two hundred and fifty pounds and lay out the same in the purchase of houses or lands of a inheritance and receive and take the rents and **profits** thereof and pay the same **forever** after to and between **two poor virgins** whose age poverty or infirmities shall recommend them as real objects of charity and are well known to be of good and honest lives All repairs taxes and necessary outgoings being first deducted and until such purchase can be had the interest of the said two hundred and fifty pounds shall be paid to and to the use of such poor virgins as aforesaid
4. Item I give to my said executrix her executors administrators and assigns the further sum of **one hundred pounds** on this special trust that she and they do and shall within one year after my death dispose of the same in **putting the children of honest parents out to apprenticeships** or otherwise to the benefit of such children as she or they shall think best
5. Item I give to the **Bishop of Salisbury** my **large peine of gold**
6. Item I give to the **Reverend Mr. Richard Roach** the sum of **ten pounds**
7. Item I give unto my **niece Sarah wife of Mieux Rant esq.** and to my **nieces Dorothy and Mary Harvey** the sum of **one hundred pounds each** and to my **nephew Robert Harvey** the sum of **sixty pounds**
8. Item I give unto my executrix the sum of **one hundred pounds** for the sole and separate use of my **niece Rebecca wife of Charles Packe esq.** or her daughter at the discretion of my executrix and the like sum of **one hundred pounds** for the sole and separate use of my **niece Anna Catharina wife of John Kendall esq.** or to her children, younger children (if any) to be preferred at the discretion of my executrix
9. All which said legacies to or to the use of my said nephew or nieces to be paid by my executrix at the end of one year after my death but if my said nephew or any of my said nieces shall happen to die leaving no issue before the expiration of the said year the sum of money or advantage given or intended by this my will to such of them so dying shall remain and be to my executrix to and for her own proper use and benefit as it is my will all other legacies herein before or herein after mentioned in like case shall likewise be and remain
10. Item I give to my **nephews Mieux Rant Charles Pack and John Kendall esq.** the sum of **ten pounds each to buy mourning**
11. Item I give to my **godson Charles James Pack** and **William son of Edmund Markhelyne** the sum of **twenty pounds each**
12. Item I give to **Ann Sedgwick** the sum of **five pounds**
13. Item I give to my **goddaughter Catharine Sedgwick** the sum of **twenty pounds at the age of sixteen or eighteen years** as my executrix shall think fit
14. Item I give unto my **maidservant Rebecca Sedgwick** **twenty pounds** and all my wearing apparel

15. Item I give to **Sarah Brooks** the sum of **five pounds**
16. Item I give unto the **poor of the parish where I shall die** and to the **poor of the parish of St. Benet Paul's Wharf** the sum of **ten pounds each**
17. Item I give unto **Nurse Patterson and all the servants at the time of my death in the house** **two guineas each**
18. Item I give to **James Markelyne** the sum of **ten pounds ten shillings** sterling in **gold**
19. Item I give to **Lord Palmerston** my **brilliant hoop ring**
20. Lastly as to all my **other estate whether real or personal** estate I give grant and bequeath to my **most excellent and dear sister and best of all friends Sarah Houblon** whom I appoint **sole executrix** of this my last Will and Testament and my residuary legatee And do hereby revoke all former and other wills
21. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January in the second year of the reign of our Lord King George the second Anno Domini 1728

Catherine Houblon

Witness **Sarah Brooks** Elisabeth Paterson Tho Wright

Memorandum [various corrections made]

Probate 1 July 1729 Sara Houblon sister & executrix