

**Will of Sarah Houblon 1733** (TNA, PROB 11/656/29)

## Summary

- Testator: Sarah Houblon, Kensington, Middlesex, spinster  
 Executrix: niece Sarah Rant [wife of Meux Rant]  
 Date: 18 August 1732, proved 3 January 1732/3  
 Witnesses: John Hodde, Sol: Penny  
 Will:
- £500 for charitable purposes, £100 for putting poor children into apprenticeships, the rest at executrix's discretion, unless she leaves written instructions
  - £200 to **good friend Rebecca Sedgwick** for charity as she thinks fit
  - £1000 at interest to pay
    - £25 per year to **former servant Sarah Brooks**
    - £8 per year to **Mrs Anderson a poor clergyman's widow [Mary Sedgwick?]**
      - after their decease, the £1000 to executrix
  - £100 to nephew Robert Harvey for mourning
  - £100 to nephew Meux Rant esq.
  - £25 each for mourning to nephews Meux Rant, Charles Pack, John Kendall & Roger Jennings esq.
  - £50 to Edmund Maskelyne esq. for use of his children
  - £25 to James Houblon Maslekyn
  - 1 guinea each to Nevill Maslekyn and his brothers and sisters
  - £250 at interest for goddaughter Elizabeth Rebecca Pack, capital at age 21
  - £100 to cousin Mrs. Sarah Triner
  - 20 guineas for plate to Doctor Headley, Bishop of Sarum
  - £25 for benefit of little nephew Charles Pack junior
  - £1400 at interest to nephew Robert Harvey for life, then to executrix
  - £1800 at interest to niece Dorothy [Harvey] wife of Roger Jennings for life, then to her children
  - £1800 at interest to niece Rebecca [Harvey] wife of Charles Pack for life, then to her children
  - £1800 at interest to niece Ann Catharine [Harvey] wife of John Kendall for life, then to her children
  - £1800 to niece Mary Harvey
  - £800 to **good friend and servant Mrs. Rebecca Sedgwick**
  - household goods linen cloth and apparel to **Rebecca Sedgwick**
  - £10 each for mourning to **Rebecca Sedgwick, Sarah Brooks, Mrs. Eusebia Sedgwick & Mrs. Ann [Sedgwick] Raily**
  - £5 plus £5 for mourning to **other servants [implying that Eusebia and Ann above were also her servants at this time]**
  - permission to **continue to live in my house at Kensington six calendar months after my decease rent free to Mrs. Rebecca Sedgwick and Mrs. Sarah Brooks**
  - rest to executrix Sarah Rant

## Text

In the name of God amen

1. I Sarah Houblon of the parish of Kensington in the County of Middlesex do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

2. I name constitute and appoint my **niece Sarah Rant wife of Meux Rant Esq. sole executrix** of this my last Will and Testament
3. Imprimus I give and devise the sum of **five hundred pounds** to be distributed for **charitable uses** according to the directions which I shall leave in writing for that purpose but in case I should happen to decease without leaving any such directions I will that one hundred pounds part of the said five hundred pounds be applied towards putting out of some poor children to apprenticeship as my late dear sister Catharine did desire And I will that the other four hundred pounds be applied to such charitable uses as my said executrix shall think fit desiring that the application thereof may be made within a year after my decease
4. Item I give **two hundred pounds** to my **good friend Mrs. Rebecca Sedgwick** to be paid her within two months next after my decease and to be by her applied to such charitable uses as she shall think fit within one year next after my decease
5. Item I give and devise to my said executrix the sum of **one thousand pounds** In trust to put out the same upon such parliamentary fund as she shall think fit and to apply the **interest** thereof as follows (that is to say) In trust to pay there out an annuity of thirteen pounds per annum left by my late brother James Houblon to **Sarah Brookes formerly my servant** for and during the term of her natural life and an additional annuity of twelve pounds per annum which I hereby give and devise to her also during her natural life willing that she do enjoy and receive **twenty five pounds per annum for her life** payable by quarterly payments upon the small feast day or days of payment in the years the first payment to be made her upon such of the said quarterly feast days as shall happen next after my decease
6. And I will that **eight pounds per annum** out of the interest of the said one thousand pounds be paid to **Mrs Anderson a poor clergyman's widow** during her natural life also by quarterly payments and in the same like manner above limited concerning the said twenty five pounds per annum
7. And I will that the **remainder of the interest** of the said one thousand pounds (if any there be) be enjoyed by my said **executrix** for her own use
8. And I will that after the decease of either of the said Sarah Brooks or Mrs. Anderson my said executrix enjoy the interest by me appointed to be paid them respectively
9. And after they are **both deceased** I give the **capital** itself to my said **executrix** and to her executors administrators and assigns for her and their sole and absolute use and benefit
10. Item I give and devise the sum of **one hundred and fifty pounds** to my said executrix to be **invested** as soon as may be by her direction in the names of proper trustees in the purchase of **five pounds per annum** in good lands in fee simple clear of all reprisals to be applied yearly for the use of **five poor widows** in such manner as my said executrix shall direct
11. And I do hereby declare that one hundred pounds part of the said one hundred and fifty pounds was left me by Mr. James Harvey for the said use and that I have since paid and applied the interest thereof accordingly And I do hereby think fit to add the said fifty pounds to the said one hundred pounds least the same should not suffice to purchase the

said five pounds per annum And I will that the said whole one hundred and fifty pounds be laid out for the said use and until a proper purchase of lands does occur I will that the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be placed out by my said executrix upon some parliamentary fund and that the interest thereof be applied yearly for the use of five poor widows

12. Item I give **one hundred pounds** to my **nephew Robert Harvey for mourning**
13. Item I give to my **nephew Meux Rant esq. one hundred pounds**
14. Item I give unto the said **Meux Rant and to my nephews Charles Pack John Kendall and Roger Jennings esq. each twenty five pounds for mourning**
15. Item I give and bequeath to **Edmund Maskelyne esq. fifty pounds** to be paid into his hands in order to his applying the same **for the use of his children** as he shall think fit
16. Item I give to **James Houblon Maslekyn twenty five pounds**
17. Item I give to **Nevill Maslekyn and** to such of his **brothers and sisters** who shall be living at the time of my decease each **one guinea** to be paid them within a year after my decease
18. Item I give and devise **two hundred and fifty pounds** to my said executrix in Trust to place out the same upon such parliamentary or real security as she shall think fit for the use and benefit of my **goddaughter Elizabeth Rebecca Pack** willing that the funds wherein the said sum of two hundred and fifty pounds shall have been put out and all the improvements and increase thereof be paid and delivered to the said Elizabeth Rebecca Pack at her age of twenty one years and in case she happens to die before the said age of twenty one years I will that the same be paid to and amongst her brothers and sisters in such manner and proportion as my niece Rebecca their mother shall direct and appoint
19. Item I give and bequeath **one hundred pounds** to my **cousin Mrs. Sarah Triner** to be paid her within twelve months next after my decease
20. Item I give and devise to the most reverend **Doctor Headley now Bishop of Sarum twenty guineas for a piece of plate** to remember me by
21. Item I give to my **little nephew Charles Pack junior twenty five pounds** to be paid and applied for his use as and when his mother shall think fit notwithstanding his minority
22. Item I give and devise unto my said executrix Sarah Rant the sum of **fourteen hundred pounds** capital stock in the Bank of England in Trust to pay the yearly dividends or accruing profits thereof to my said **nephew Robert Harvey** for and during the term of his natural life and in case any calls should at any time be made on the said stock I will that such calls be from time to time paid and made good out of the rest and residue of my estate my will being that such stock shall not suffer any diminution and that my said nephew Robert Harvey shall enjoy the full dividends of fourteen hundred pounds capital bank stock during his natural life and from and after his decease I give and devise the said fourteen hundred pounds capital bank stock to the said Sarah Rant her executors administrators and assigns for her and their absolute use and benefit

23. Item I give and bequeath the sum of **eighteen hundred pounds** to my said executrix Sarah Rant and to my niece Dorothy the wife of Roger Jennings Esq. Rebecca the wife of Charles Pack Esq. and Ann Catharine the wife of John Kendall Esq. In Trust to place and put out the said sum of eighteen hundred pounds at interest upon such parliamentary fund or real security as they or the survivors or survivor of them shall think fit within twelve months after my decease In Trust for the uses following (that is to say) In Trust to permit the said **Dorothy Jennings** to receive and enjoy the yearly interest of the funds wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall be invested for her own separate use without any the control or intermeddling of her said husband hereby declaring that the said Dorothy Jennings' single receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the interest of the said trust estate to the said trustees and to the survivors and survivor of them and to the executors and administrators of the survivors of them And from and after the decease of the said Dorothy Jennings I will that the capital wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall be have been invested be applied to and amongst the children of the said Dorothy in such manner and proportion as she shall direct by her last Will and Testament of by any deed or declaration under her hand attested by two or more credible witnesses and for want of such an appointment I will that the same be equally distributed amongst her children at their respective ages of twenty one and that in the meantime the interest of their respective proportions be applied towards their respective maintenance and education and that in case any of them die before the age of twenty one the share of him her or them so dying do go to the survivors and survivor of them And further my will is that in case my said niece Dorothy Jennings shall not leave any issue living at the time of her decease that then and in such case it shall be lawful for my said niece Dorothy Jennings to dispose of the funds wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall have been invested to such person or persons and in such manner as she shall think fit by her last Will and Testament whether she be under coverture or not And in case she dies without making any Will that then and in such case the said funds shall after her decease go to and be divided equally amongst her brothers and sisters and their respective representatives
24. Item I give and bequeath the sum of **eighteen hundred pounds** to my said executrix Sarah Rant and to my said nieces Dorothy Jennings Rebecca Pack and Ann Catharine Kendall In Trust to place and put out the said sum of eighteen hundred pounds at interest upon such parliamentary fund or real security as they or the survivors or survivor of them shall think fit within twelve months after my decease In Trust for the uses following (that is to say) In Trust to permit the said **Rebecca Pack** to receive and enjoy the yearly interest of the funds wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall be invested for her own separate use without any the control or intermeddling of her said husband hereby declaring that the said Rebecca Pack's single receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the interest of the said trust estate to the said trustees and to the survivors and survivor of them and to the executors and administrators of the survivors of them And from and after the decease of the said Rebecca Pack I will that the capital wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall be have been invested be applied to and amongst the children of the said Rebecca in such manner and proportion as she shall direct by her last Will and Testament of by any deed or declaration under her hand attested by two or more credible witnesses and for want of such an appointment I will that the same be equally distributed amongst her children at their respective ages of twenty one and that in the meantime the interest of their respective proportions be applied towards their respective maintenance and education and that in case any of them die before the age of twenty one the share of him her or them so dying do go to the survivors and survivor of them And further my will is that in case my said niece Rebecca Pack shall not leave any issue living at the time of

her decease that then and in such case it shall be lawful for my said niece Rebecca Pack to dispose of the funds wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall have been invested to such person or persons and in such manner as she shall think fit by her last Will and Testament whether she be under coverture or not And in case she dies without making any Will that then and in such case the said funds shall after her decease go to and be divided equally amongst her brothers and sisters and their respective representatives

25. Item I give and bequeath the sum of **eighteen hundred pounds** to my said executrix Sarah Rant and to my said nieces Dorothy Jennings Rebecca Pack and Ann Catharine Kendall In Trust to place and put out the said sum of eighteen hundred pounds at interest upon such parliamentary fund or real security as they or the survivors or survivor of them shall think fit within twelve months after my decease In Trust for the uses following (that is to say) In Trust to permit the said **Ann Catharine Kendall** to receive and enjoy the yearly interest of the funds wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall be invested for her own separate use without any the control or intermeddling of her said husband hereby declaring that the said Ann Catharine Kendall's single receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the interest of the said trust estate to the said trustees and to the survivors and survivor of them and to the executors and administrators of the survivors of them And from and after the decease of the said Ann Catharine Kendall I will that the capital wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall be have been invested be applied to and amongst the children of the said Ann Catharine in such manner and proportion as she shall direct by her last Will and Testament of by any deed or declaration under her hand attested by two or more credible witnesses and for want of such an appointment I will that the same be equally distributed amongst her children at their respective ages of twenty one and that in the meantime the interest of their respective proportions be applied towards their respective maintenance and education and that in case any of them die before the age of twenty one the share of him her or them so dying do go to the survivors and survivor of them And further my will is that in case my said niece Ann Catharine Kendall shall not leave any issue living at the time of her decease that then and in such case it shall be lawful for my said niece Ann Catharine Kendall to dispose of the funds wherein the said eighteen hundred pounds shall have been invested to such person or persons and in such manner as she shall think fit by her last Will and Testament whether she be under coverture or not And in case she dies without making any Will that then and in such case the said funds shall after her decease go to and be divided equally amongst her brothers and sisters and their respective representatives
26. Item I give and devise the sum of **eighteen hundred pounds** to my **niece Mary Harvey**
27. Item I give to my said **good friend and servant Mrs. Rebecca Sedgwick** in case she be living with me at the time of my decease **eight hundred pounds** capital stock in the Bank of England for her own sole and absolute use to be transferred and paid to her within one month next after my decease
28. Item I will that all my plate and jewels be applied as I have already or shall hereafter direct by any writing or writings under my hand
29. Item I give and devise all my **household goods linen cloth and apparel** to the said **Rebecca Sedgwick**
30. Item I give to the said **Rebecca Sedgwick Sarah Brooks and to Mrs. Eusebia Sedgwick and Mrs. Ann Raily ten pounds each for mourning**

31. Item I give to each of my **other servants** who shall be living with me at the time of my decease **five pounds** in money **and five pounds for mourning**
32. Item I will that the said **Mrs. Rebecca Sedgwick and Mrs. Sarah Brooks** if they so desire it may be permitted to **continue to live in my house at Kensington six calendar months after my decease rent free** and that they may be during that time maintained at the charge of my estate
33. Item after the payment of all my debts funeral charges and the above legacies and annuities and proper provisions made for fully answering the same according to the direction and intention of this my Will I give and devise all the **rest** and residue of my personal estate in general to my said **executrix Sarah Rant** her executors administrators and assigns for her and their own absolute use and behoof forever
34. I revoke all former Wills and Testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made and in testimony that this is my last Will and Testament the same being contained in four sheets of paper I have hereunto set my hand and seal the eighteenth day of August Anno Domini 1732

Sarah Houblon

Signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix Sarah Houblon in the presence of us John Hodde Sol: Penny

Probate 3 January 1732 Sara Rant wife of Meux Rant executrix