

Will of Rebecca Sedgwick 1757 (TNA, PROB 11/828/90)

Summary

Testator: Rebecca Sedgwick, St. Leonard, Shoreditch, Middlesex, spinster
 Executrix: niece Catherine Higgs, wife of Thomas Higgs
 Date: 28 January 1757, proved 7 February 1757
 Witnesses: John Nash John Forcifull
 Will:

- £100 to sister Susanna Ralah wife of William Ralah
- interest on £400 to sister Susanna Ralah, thereafter £400 divided among her nephews and nieces
- £100 to sister Ann Ralah wife of Thomas Ralah
- interest on £400 to sister Ann Ralah, thereafter £200 to her son Thomas and the other £200 divided among her nephews and nieces
- £200 to nephew Robert Sedgwick only son of brother Robert Sedgwick deceased
- 2s 6d per week for life to niece Elizabeth only sister to said nephew Robert Sedgwick
- £100 in trust to niece Catherine Higgs for the use of 2 surviving sons of nephew James Sedgwick
- £50 to Mary Sedgwick only daughter of my nephew James Sedgwick deceased when she is 24
- £100 each at £10 per year to William Anderson and Edward Anderson the two sons of my late sister Mary Anderson
- £10 to servant Mary Cook
- rest to niece Catherine Higgs

Text

In the name of God amen

1. **I Rebecca Sedgwick of the parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch in the County of Middlesex Spinster** considering the brevity and uncertainty of life do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament
2. First and above all things I resign my soul into the hands of God that gave it me humbly hoping that through his free mercy and the infinite merits of Jesus Christ it may be received into the number of the spirits of just men made perfect
3. And for my body I desire that I may be decently interred according to the discretion of my executrix hereafter named
4. And for that portion of worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of it in manner following
5. First I give to my dear **sister Susanna Ralah wife of William Ralah** the sum of **one hundred pounds** sterling to be paid her at ten pounds a year till the said sum is paid off
6. Also I give to my **sister Susanna Ralah** during the term of her natural life only the interest of **four hundred pounds three percent annuities** to be paid to her order half-yearly as it becomes due and her receipt shall be a full discharge to my executrix at all times for the same and **at my said sister Susanna's death** the said four hundred pounds stock to be sold by my executrix and equally divided betwixt my **nephews and nieces herein after named** who shall survive my said sister, my said executrix being one of the sharers herself

7. I also give to my **dear sister Ann Ralah wife of Thomas Ralah** the sum of **one hundred pounds** sterling to be paid her at ten pounds a year till the said sum is paid off upon her separate receipt without the control or intermeddling of her husband
8. Also I give to my **sister Ann Ralah** during the term of her natural life only the interest of **four hundred pounds three percent annuities** to be paid to her order half-yearly as it becomes due and her separate receipt shall be a full discharge to my executrix at all times for the same and **at her death** of my said sister Ann Ralah I give to **her son Thomas Ralah** if he survives his mother six months the sum of **two hundred pounds three percent annuity** stock a part of the four hundred stock the interest of which I give to his mother during her natural life and the **other two hundred stock the interest** of which I give to my **sister Ann Ralah** during her life only I desire my executrix to sell and divide it share and share alike as that which falls at my sister Susannah's death
9. I give and bequeath to my **nephew Robert Sedgwick only son of my brother Robert Sedgwick deceased** the sum of **two hundred pounds** three percent annuity stock to be paid to him or his order six months after my decease
10. And I give to my **niece Elizabeth only sister to my said nephew Robert Sedgwick** the sum of **two shillings and sixpence a week** to be paid to her or her order by my said executrix till the death of one of my sisters then the moiety in that manner shall be all paid off for her the said Elizabeth's use for I only give her two shillings and sixpence a week towards the support of her during her natural life only
11. I give in trust to my dear **niece Mrs. Catherine Higgs wife of Mr. Thomas Higgs** the sum of **one hundred pounds** three percent annuity stock **for the use of her late brother James Sedgwick's sons** share and share alike to be disposed of as she my said niece with the advice of her said husband shall see to be most for the said children's benefit and **neither of them to have their share till they are twenty four years of age**
12. I give to **Mary Sedgwick only daughter of my nephew James Sedgwick deceased** the sum of **fifty pounds three percent annuity** to be kept out at interest for her use **till she attains the age of twenty four** years in case she dies before she comes to that age the principal sum to be equally divided between her brothers that survive
13. I give to **William Anderson and Edward Anderson the two sons of my late sister Mary Anderson one hundred pounds each to be paid at ten pounds a year** till the said sum of two hundred pounds is paid and the first ten pounds to be paid by my executrix one year after my decease
14. I give to **Mary Cook my servant** the sum of **ten pounds**
15. All the legacies I desire may be paid as above if I should owe anything at the time of my death that and my funeral expenses being first discharge
16. All the **residue** of my money in the public funds my goods and chattels of what sort or kind so ever they be I give and bequeath to my **dear niece Mrs. Cathrine Higgs wife of Thomas Higgs**
17. I do make and appoint this my **dear niece Mrs. Cathrine Higgs wife of Mr. Thomas Higgs my whole and sole executrix** of this my last Will and Testament

18. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of January in the thirteenth year of our sovereign Lord George the second one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven

Rebecca Sedgwick

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of us John Nash John Forcifull

This will was proved at London the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven before the worshipful Andrew Coltee Ducarel Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir George Lee knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Catherine Higgs (wife of Thomas Higgs) the niece of the deceased and the sole executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased having been first sworn truly to administer