

Will of Thomas Dixon

In the name of God Amen the seconde daie of June 1574 I Thomas Dixon Citizen and Clotheworker of London beinge sicke in bodie, but in perfecte remembraunce (lande and praise vnto allmightie god) Do make and ordeine this my presente testamente and last will in manner and fourme folowinge (that is to saie) ffirste I bequeathe my soule vnto almightie god, and to his sonne Jesu Christe, by whose deathe and passion my onelie truste is to receive saluacion, And to be a Partaker of his heauenlie kingedome, And I will my bodie to be buried in the parrishe Church of Sainte Alphaies, accordinge to the good discretions of my Executours here vndernamed Item I geue and bequeathe to the Gouvernours of Christes Hospitall two hundrithe and fiftie poundes in readie monneye to the intente that the saide Gouvernours shall purchase withe the saide monneye asmuche landes and tenementes as shall amounte to tenne poundes a yere rente, or more, as maie be convenientlie boughte withe the said somme of two hundred fiftie poundes, whiche purchase to be paide with the consente of the Masters Wardens and Assistentes of the companye of Clotheworkers, and with the consent of my Executours. And the said tenne poundes by yere so purchased to be employed in fourme folowinge, that is to saie, I will that sixe pounce a yere thereof shall go to the findinge of a poore scholler beinge one of the Children of the said house, to be preferred oute to one of the vniversities, solonge as the same schole remainethe to be kepte, And I will that one John Hawes now a poore scholler, in the saide schole, shalbe firste preferred if he shalbe founde able and worthe of the place, And fower pounce residewe, I will shalbe by the said Governours paide to the said Master Wardens and Assistentes of the saide companye of Clotheworkers for the time to the vse of the saide companye, till the saide companye be oute of debte, And after the said house is oute of debte, I will that the saide Master and wardeynes for the tyme beinge, shall distribute the saide foure poundes by the yere to the poore of the companye by twentie shillings a quarter. And further I will that if there be more landes and tenementes purchased, withe the somme of two hundred and fiftie poundes, then tenne poundes by yere, that the saide rente more, shalbe deuided rate and rate like, betwene the saide hospitall, and the saide companye of Clotheworkers, And that the saide Gouvernours make vnto the saide companye, a good, sume and sufficiente estate of suche rente, as to the said company shalbe allotted, or amount vnto Prouided alwaies, that if it shall happen at anye tyme hereafter the saide company or corporacion to be by any waies or meanes disolued, That then the saide rente so goinge yerelie to the saide companye shall whollie remaine to the poore of Christes Hospitall duringe, and vntill the time the saide companye shalbe restored to their former estate, Item I geue and bequeathe to the saide hospitall ffourtie poundes to be employed in a stocke for provision of corne for the poore children, so that the children maie be served withe sweete breade, And if the stocke be not employed, in corne, by the space of xv dayes, then it to remaine to the Clotheworkers hall, Item I bequeathe to the ffrenche church weekelie two shillings till the somme of twentie pounce, be fullie distributed. And if it happen the saide church, and people to be dispersed, or departe the realme before the saide somme of twentie pounce, be distributed, then I will the remainder to be and remaine to the saide Hospitall, Item I bequeathe to my frende Seres twentie pounce in mouney and to her husbnde a ringe of goulde weighinge a ounce. Item to my frende Mr Lambe five poundes to buye a ringe. And to my ffrende Thomas Awdeleie fyue pounce to buye a ringe. Item I bequeath to Mr. Deringe fyue pounce Item I bequeathe to my right worshipfull maister and speciall frende Sir Rowlande Haywarde knight a Nest of Bolles of siluer price Twentie markes. Item I bequeathe to Sara Seres fyve pounce, Item to Thomas Susan my godsonne fyue pounce Item I bequeathe Moses frencheman five pounce. Item I bequeathe to John Browne Clotheworker fortie shillings And I make and ordeine the right worshipfull Sir

Rowlande Haywarde knight William Lambe Gentlemanne Thomas Awdeley skynner and Edwarde Dearinge my Executoures to see this my laste will and testamente in all thinges perfourmed as my speciall trust is in them. I geue to William Springe, my godsonne fyue pounce, Item more I geue to Sara Seres a rugge blankett a pillowe of downe, and a pillowbere, And I geue to Thomas Gategar fourtie shillinges. Item to my deare Ladye and Mrs Ladye Haywarde fiue pounce. Item to Mrs Jone Haywarde fyue pounce. Item to Mrs Warren and Mrs Tounesende to either of them a Ringe of ffyve pounce. Item to Mrs Shakelton a Ringe of a ounce of golde. Sealed as his deede, in the presence of vs Thomas Gabord Minister John Browne Clothworker