

## **The Clothworkers' Company Archive, CL/7/1/3/1/18**

### **The Will of Roger Gardiner (Copy)**

In the name of God Amen . The last day of the Month of October the Year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred and twenty and the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign King Henry the Eighth I Roger Gardiner Citizen and Fuller of the City of London and Freeman of the same City being in my good and whole mind thanked be God make ordain and devise this my present Testament and last will concerning the disposition of my capital messuage and of all my Lands Tenements Houses Curtilages and Garden to the said messuage annexed lying and belonging with all and singuler their Appurtenances scituate being and lying together in the Parish of Allhallowen Staining and Saint Catherine Grechurch either of them in the ward of Aldgate of London that is to say between the Lane called Billiter lane on the East part and the great garden belonging to the Mistery and Commonalty of the Fishmongers of London and little garden in the tenure of one John Jenkinson and the Hall and Garden belonging to the Mistery and Commonalty of the Iremongers of London on the West part whereof the North head abutteth upon the tenement belonging to the said Commonalty of Fishmongers called the Dolphen and the brick Wall belonging also to the same Commonalty and the South head thereof abutteth upon a street there called Fanchurch Street and upon the said garden of the said Iremongers and partly upon the said little Garden in the tenure of the said John Jenkinson in manner and form following that is to say Where I the said Roger Gardiner the day of the date of this my present Testament laud and am sole seised in my demesne as of Fee of and in the foresaid capital messuage and other the Premises with their Appurtenances willing and coveting as much as in me is the good increase and prosperous continuance of the Guild or Fraternity of the Salutation four blessed Lady of the Fullers of the said City of London to the Laud and honor of God and of the blessed and glorious Virgin his Mother our Lady Saint Mary and for the wholesome continuance of the said Guild or Fraternity giue and bequeath by this my present Testament to the Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Mistery or Craft of Fullers of the City of London of the foresaid capital Messuage and all other the said Lands Tenements Houses Curtliages and Gardens with their Appurtenances To haue and to hold all the same capital Messuage Lands tenements Houses

Curtilages and Gardens with their Appurtenances to the said Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Mistery or Craft of Fullers of the City of London and to their Successors for evermore In Witness whereof to this my present Testament and last will concerning only the Premises I haue set my Seale Given the day and year above said

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In the name of God Amen the last day of the month of October in the year of our Lord God a thousand five hundred and twenty And the twelfth year of the reign of King Henry the eighth I Roger Gardiner Citizen and Fuller of the City of London and Freeman of the same City being in my good and whole mind thanked by Almighty Jesus make ordain and desire this my present Testament and last will indented concerning the disposition of all my six Tenements Houses Cellars Sollars and Gardens with their Appurtenances scituate lying and being together in the parish of Allhallowen Staining of London in the ward of Langborne of London (that is to say) between the messuage of the Abbott and Convent of the new Abbey by the Tower of London wherein John Colefox Baker now dwelleth on the west part and the messuage late of John Knaplock Fishmonger wherein Edmund Coke Plumber now dwelleth on the East part The one head thereof abutting upon the Hall and Brickwall belonging to the Mistery and Commonalty of the Sheremen of London towards the South and the other head thereof abutting upon a street there called Fanchurch Street toward the North in manner and form ensuing (that is to say) Where I the said Roger Gardiner the day of making of this my present Testament stand and am sole seized in my demense as of fee of and in all the foresaid six Tenements and other the premises with their Appurtenances I the same Roger by this my present Testament and last will indented give and bequeath the foresaid six Tenement Houses Sellars Sollars and Gardens with their Appurtenances to the Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Mistery or Craft of Fullers of the City of London To have and to hold the foresaid six Tenements Houses Cellars Sollars and Gardens with their Appurtenances to the said Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Mistery or Craft of Fullers of the City of London and to their Successors for evermore to and for the intent that the master and wardens of the said Craft or Mistery and their Successors for the time being yearly from henceforth for evermore shall truly observe keep hold and perform this my present Testament and will and all the devises and articles therein contained and specified in the manner and form ensuing (that is to say) First I will that the said Master and Wardens of the said Mistery and Craft and their Successors for the time being shall yearly for evermore the second day of August keep sustain and maintain in the Parish

Church of Saint Martin outwich of London an Obit or Anniversary solemnly by note with derise overnight and mass of requiem in the morrow following for the good Estate of Stephen Lound citizen was Fuller of London and maud his leife while they be living and for their Souls when they be passed out of this world and In the Souls of their Fathers and Mothers Children Benefactors Soules and all Christian Souls and I will that the said Wardens of the said Craft for the time being expresed and distribute yearly at every such Obit and for other things and Charges by me Surrender devised twenty three shillings and foure pence in the manner and forme ensuing (that is to say) first to the Parson of the said Church for the time being if he be present and helping at the said derise and mass twelue pence Item to him or the Curate in his stead for the time being to have the Souls aforesaid recommended every Sunday perpetually when be biddeth the Bederoll as the manner and Custom is Eight pence Item to four other Preists being also present and helping at the said Derise and Masse sixteen pence (that is to say) every of them four pence. Item to the Clerk of the said Church for his labour and ringing of Bells eight pence Item to the Sexton of the said Church helping at the said Dirise and Masse three pence Item to and among the Children there helping in surpluses three pence Item for two convenient Standards of wax and for the evaste of them burning at the said derise and mass twelve pence Item to the Churchwardens of the said Church for the time being to see the said Obit yearly duely and truly kept according to this my devise and to be assistant and helping unto the said Wardens of Fullers in the that behalf sixteen pence (that is to say) to every of them eight pence And I will that when and as often as any of the parson and Churchwardens of the said Church for the time being be absent and not present at the said Derise and Mass I will that three and so often such money as is to him so being absent by me before bequeathed shall remain and be converted to the use and maintenance of the said parish Church. Item to the master as Chief Warden of the said Mistery of Fullers if he be present at the said dirise and Mass twelve pence. Item to the other two Wardens of the same Mistery in likewise sixteen pence (that is to say) to either of them Eight pence Item to them other persons of the same Mistery which have been eldest Wardens of the same Mistery being likewise present at the said dirise and Masse two shillings (that is to say) to every of

them Eight pence And I will that when and as often it shall happen any of the said three Wardens for the time being or any of the other three persons most ancient Wardens of the said Mistery to be absent from the said Derise and Mass for any manner cause that then and so often it shall be lawful to the Wardens of the said Craft for the time being to distribute to and among the number of six persons which by their discretion shall be of the most ancient that have been Wardens And for lack of them of other then most ancient of the said Mistery so always that the sum of four shillings and four pence at every such Obit be so distributed by the discretion of the said Wardens according to this my last will and intent. Item to the Beadle or Clerk of the said Mistery or Company for the time being for to warn the said six persons to the said obit and to give these his diligent attendance yearly six pence. Item to and among the said six persons of the said Mistery coming to the said obit and to the said Beadle yearly four pence (that is to say) to the Master or Chief Warden a penny and to every each of the other of them a half penny to offer at the said Mass Item to thirteen of the most poor and needy persons men or women of the said parish being of thirteen several Houses and Householders and being present at the said Derise and Mass to pray for the souls aforesaid four shillings and four pence (that is to say) to every each of them four pence Item to and for the finding of the Pascal Light of the said Church yearly for evermore seven shillings willing in no wise that any money toward the finding of the said Pascal from henceforth be gathered asked nor Cured of any of the Parishioners there poor or rich but that all the same Parishioners be suffered quietly to go to God's Body at the feast of Easter without any such gathering or demand in time to come for evermore Item to the Beadle or Clerk of the said Fellowship to read this my Testament and devise yearly four pence which I will shall be by him or some other for him openly and plainly read in the said Church yearly immediately before or after the said Derise to and before the Wardens and three other that have been chief Wardens of other of the said Fellowship coming to the said Obit and before the Parson and Wardens of the said Parish Church for the time being on the more part of them And I will that the Residue of all the Issues and Profits that shall remain yearly of the said six Tenements and Gardens with their Appurtenances

the said Charges borne shall be employed to the use reparation and sustentation of the said six Tenements with thier Appurtenances and toward the Charges relief and consent of the Wardens and Commonalty of the said Mistery of Fullers for evermore And I will that when and as often as the said Master and Wardens or their Successors Master and Wardens of the Mistery of Fullers for the time being be negligent and keep not nor observe and fulfill the Obit aforeasid and other the Charges and payments above rehearsed in manner and form above declared that then and so often the Wardens and Commonalty of the said Fellowship of Fuller for the time being shall forfeit and pay to the Parson and Churchwardens of the said parish Church for the time being forty shillings sterling in the name of a pain And I will that when and as often as it shall happen the said sum of forty shillings to be forfeited in manner and form before rehearsed for non performance of this my will that then and so often it shall be lawful to the said Parson and Churchwardens of the said Parish Church for the time being into the said six Tenements and Gardens with their Appurtenances to enter and therein to distrain and the Distresses there so taken lawfully to keep and retain into the time the sum of forty shillings forfeited as is aforesaid to the Parson and Wardens of the said Church for the time being be fully content and paid And I will that then and so often the Parson and Churchwardens of the said Parish Church for the time being shall keep the said Obit and pay and fulfill the said Charges to the full and just sum of twenty three shillings and four pence parcel of the said forty shillings in manner and form above declared And the sixteen shillings and Eight pence residue of the said forty Shillings the said Parson and Church Wardens for the time being to receive and keep to the use of the said parish Church for ever In Witness whereof to either part of this my present Testament and last will indented containing only the premises I have set my Seal The one part thereof towards the said Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of Fullers And the other part thereof towards the said parson and Churchwardens of the said parish Church of Saint Martin outwich remaining Given the day and year above specified