

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 31 January 1625 and proved 15 March 1625, of Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage Hart, whose second husband, Anthony Cage, purchased Oxford's manor of Hormead, and who resided in Oxford's former mansion at London Stone, in which her third husband, Sir John Harte, had bequeathed her a life estate:

*First, I will and devise to the said Dame Anne, my well-beloved wife, all that my mansion or dwelling-house wherein I now dwell in the parish of St Swithins in Candlewick Street near London Stone aforesaid. . . .*

It appears to the author of this summary that the testatrix was the daughter of Richard Haynes of St Leonard's, Shoreditch, and his wife, Alice Chambers, the daughter of William Chambers. For the will of Richard Haynes, proved 7 July 1548, in which he mentions his wife, Alice, and his son, Thomas, and daughter, Anne, see TNA PROB 11/32/167.

See also the pedigree of Haynes in Howard, Joseph Jackson and Joseph Lemuel Chester, eds., *The Visitation of London Anno Domini 1633, 1634 and 1635*, (London: Harleian Society, 1880), Vol. XV, p. 371 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationoflond01stge#page/370/mode/2up>.

In the will below the testatrix mentions her deceased brother, Thomas Haynes, and his children:

*Item, I give and bequeath to Lionell Haynes and Elizabeth Haynes, children of my late brother, Thomas Haynes, deceased, each of them forty pounds apiece, and I remit, release and forgive unto the said Lionell Haynes all that debt of fifty pounds which he oweth me, and I give unto the wife of the said Lionell Haynes forty shillings to make her a ring.*

*Item, I give and bequeath unto my god-daughter, Agnes Haynes, one other of the daughters of my said late brother, Thomas, fifty pounds in money.*

According to the pedigree of Haynes in Howard, Vol. XV, *supra*, p. 371, the testatrix' brother, Thomas Haynes, was of Finchley, Middlesex, and married Elizabeth Lennard, the daughter of the London mercer, William Lennard. The brief will of a Thomas Haynes dated 31 July 1591 and proved 7 December 1591, TNA PROB 11/78/414, was witnessed by Lyonell Leonard, and proved by the testator's widow, Elizabeth, and may be the will of the testatrix' brother.

The will of Alice Branche, widow, dated 31 May 1590 and proved 5 June 1590, TNA PROB 11/75/452, mentions her three sons, Robert Branche, John Branche and Thomas Haynes. To the latter she leaves lands in Finchley, Middlesex. It thus appears that after the death of Richard Haynes, Alice Chambers married a husband surnamed Branche, by

whom she was the mother of Robert Branche and John Branche whom the testatrix mentions as her brothers in the will below. These relationships confirm that Alice Branche was the testatrix' mother, despite the fact that Alice Branche does not mention the testatrix in her 1590 will.

The testatrix married firstly a husband surnamed Hudson, as indicated in the will of her second husband, Anthony Cage:

*And forasmuch as Anne, now my wife, hath had assurance before our intermarriage for her part aforesaid, to weet, by an obligation bearing date the three and twentieth day of January in the eighteenth year [=1576] of her Highness' reign wherein I stand bound in the sum of two thousand pounds that my executors or administrators, if it happen my said wife to survive me, shall deliver unto her and her assigns as well all such money, plate, jewels, goods and chattels as she brought unto me and as in her right I at any time during my life shall happen to receive or the full value of all the same, paying also unto her and her assigns moreover the sum of one thousand marks of lawful money of England for and in full contentation of all such part and portion as she, the said Anne, by reason of any custom, law, usage or title whatsoever might have or claim of or in all the goods, chattels, ready money, wares, plate and jewels whereof I, the said Anthony, shall happen to die possessed and of all such debts as then shall happen to be owing unto me, as by the same obligation with the condition thereof made unto her by the name of Anne Hudson of London, widow, more plainly appeareth.*

See also Chester, Joseph Lemuel and George J. Armytage, eds., *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issue by the Bishop of London 1520 to 1610, Vol. I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1887), Vol. XXV, p. 68 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=gvwUAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA68&lpg=PA68&dq=%22Anne+Hudson%22+%22Anthony+Cage%22&source=bl&ots=29\\_KrkMeTi&sig=6TvbHMCsLQC\\_5NV-GybTLMBZrKA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=jhcqVIL9IsOsogSfvICQBw&ved=0CCgQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=%22Anne%20Hudson%22%20%22Anthony%20Cage%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=gvwUAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA68&lpg=PA68&dq=%22Anne+Hudson%22+%22Anthony+Cage%22&source=bl&ots=29_KrkMeTi&sig=6TvbHMCsLQC_5NV-GybTLMBZrKA&hl=en&sa=X&ei=jhcqVIL9IsOsogSfvICQBw&ved=0CCgQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=%22Anne%20Hudson%22%20%22Anthony%20Cage%22&f=false)

*24 January 1576, Anthony Cage of All Hallows, Honey Lane, & Anne Hudson, widow, of St Martin Outwich.*

It appears to the author of this summary that the testatrix' first husband was John Hudson, grocer of London, who was born at Goudhurst, Kent, and whose first wife was Elizabeth Whitfeld, the daughter of John Whitfeld. Her burial at St Stephen's Walbrook, is recorded on 6 June 1567. See Bannerman, W. Bruce and Major W. Bruce Bannerman, eds., *The Registers of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, and of St. Benet Sherehog, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1919), Vol. XLIX, p. 79 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/registersofstste49stst#page/78/mode/2up>.

John Hudson's burial is recorded on 5 October 1575. See Bannerman, *supra*, p. 81 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/registerstofstste49stst#page/80/mode/2up>.

See also the will of John Hudson, dated 13 March 1572 and proved 1 February 1576, TNA PROB 11/57/664.

As noted above, the testatrix married secondly Anthony Cage (d.1583), by whom she had an only son, Nicholas Cage, who married firstly Anne Wood, the daughter of Toby Wood, esquire, and secondly, Robert Barker (c.1568-1646), King's Printer and printer of the King James Bible, son of the Queen's Printer, Christopher Barker (1528/9-1599) (see the *ODNB* entries for Christopher Barker and Robert Barker). By Nicholas Cage, Anne (nee Wood) had two sons, Sir Toby Cage and John Cage, and two daughters, Anne Cage and Elizabeth Cage, the testatrix' principal legatees in the will below. See the will of Anthony Cage, proved 31 October 1583, TNA PROB 11/66/91, and the pedigree of Cage of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Buckingham*, (London: Harleian Society, 1909), Vol. LVIII, p. 2 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun58phil#page/22/mode/2up>.

See also the pedigree of Cage in Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex, Part I*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, pp. 367 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationsofess13byumetc#page/366/mode/2up>.

See also the pedigree of Barker in Rylands, W. Harry, ed., *The Visitation of the County of Buckingham*, (London: Harleian Society, 1909), Vol. LVIII, p. 8 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationofcoun58phil#page/8/mode/2up>

The testatrix' second husband, Anthony Cage (d.1583), purchased Oxford's manor of Hormead. For the fine in the Court of Common Pleas dated 29 June 1579 by which Oxford transferred clear title to the manor of Hormead in Hertfordshire to Anthony Cage the elder for £640, see TNA CP 2/157/2160/21ELIZITRIN, Item 11.

As a result of this sale, Oxford and Daniel Cage, the son of Anthony Cage (d.1583), competed for the right to serve as chamberlain at the coronation of Queen Anne in 1603. See Chauncy, Henry, *The Historical Antiquities of Hertfordshire*, (London: Mullinger, 1826), Vol. I, p. 270 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/historicalantiq03chaugoog#page/n329/mode/2up>

*[Edward de Vere, 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford] on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 21 Elizabeth, conveyed this manor [=Hormead] to Anthony Cage, citizen and salter of London, and to his heirs forever, who had issue four sons: 1 Anthony, who lived at Stone in Cambridgeshire; 2 John, who lived at Totteridge in this county; 3 Edward, who lived in Southwark, and 4 Daniel, to whom he gave this manor.*

*This Daniel, I James I, claimed his right to serve the Queen in the office of Chamberlain at her coronation by his tenure of this manor before the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Lord Henry Howard, the Lord Zouche, the Lord Lumley, Popham and Anderson, Chief Justices, commissioners appointed to hear and determine the claims and services at the coronation of King James and Queen Anne, but by reason of the pestilence the King deferred all the ceremonies of his coronation concerning his riding from the Tower of London to Westminster, and commanded by his proclamation that no preparation should be made but only what concerned the real part of the coronation to be exercised within the church, and the commissioners also commanded that no claims made should be examined but those for the service done within the church at the coronation, and respited the judgment upon the claim of this Daniel for that the Earl, who held the manors of Fingrith, Hormead and Ginges by his service, had sold Hormead to this Cage, but they doubted whether the Earl had retained Ginges or not.*

The testatrix married thirdly, on 14 May 1586, Sir John Harte, Lord Mayor of London, by whom she had no issue. For Sir John Harte's children and stepchildren by his first marriage, see his will, TNA PROB 11/103/59, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/hart-sir-john-1604>.

For the arms of the family of Anne (nee Haynes) Hudson Cage Harte (d.1625), see Haines, Charles Reginald, *A Complete Memoir of Richard Haines (1633-1685), A Forgotten Sussex Worthy*, 1899, p. 141 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/completememoirof00hainuoft#page/140/mode/2up>.

The testatrix' relationship to the Chambers family noted above is confirmed by bequests in the will below to the Chambers family of St Leonard's, Shoreditch. For the testatrix' cousin, Richard Chambers, and his son, Abraham Chambers, both mentioned in the will below, see the pedigree of Chambers in Howard, Vol. XV, *supra*, p. 149 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=yb7UAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA149&lpg=PA149&dq=%22Richard+Chambers%22+%22Abraham+Chambers%22&source=bl&ots=2zRYtraco9&sig=u16aZVdg-Nj6IPDknJ3E84w-7Hw&hl=en&sa=X&ei=-dApVKPNC0OjigKg84HwDw&ved=0CCAQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22Richard%20Chambers%22%20%22Abraham%20Chambers%22&f=false>.

As noted above, the testatrix leaves bequests to John Branch and Robert Branch, whom she calls her brothers, and to her niece, Alice (nee Branch), and her husband, Israel Ridley, and to her niece, Anne Branch:

*Item, I give and bequeath unto Alice, the wife of Israel Ridley and daughter of my brother, John Branch, twenty pounds in money, and I remit, release and forgive unto the said Israel Ridley all that debt of twenty pounds which he oweth me.*

*Item, I give and bequeath unto Anne Cullecte, my god-daughter, ten pounds to be paid unto her mother [f. 282v] to her use.*

*Item, I give and bequeath to Anne, the daughter of my brother, Robert Branch, thirty pounds.*

See Howard, Joseph Jackson and George John Armytage, eds., *The Visitation of London in the Year 1568*, (London: Harleian Society, 1869), Vol. I, p. 13 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/visitationoflond00cook#page/12/mode/2up/>.

Israel Ridley was chaplain to the Earl of Hertford (William Seymour (1588-1660), grandson of Edward Seymour and Catherine Grey, who succeeded to the title in 1621). See Bruce, John, ed., *Calendar of State Papers Domestic Series of the Reign of Charles I, 1633-1634*, (London: Longman, Green, 1863), p. 353 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=C3pnAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA353&lpg=PA353&dq=%22Zinzan%22+%22Israel+Ridley%22&source=bl&ots=AzHorn95uO&sig=I9456mxyd3afCI-RnKFH4ZR8KNG&hl=en&sa=X&ei=Td4qVMCsNOFTiwLi3ICQCg&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Zinzan%22%20%22Israel%20Ridley%22&f=false>.

For the involvement of Ridley and his wife, Alice, in the secret marriage of Sir Sigismund Zinzan's daughter, Margaret, to William Shelley, son and heir of Sir John Shelley of Michelgrove, Sussex, see also Berry, Herbert, *Shakespeare's Playhouses*, (New York: AMS Press, 1987), pp. 98-105.

Ridley was also involved in an assault on Sir Matthew Brend, owner of the land on which the Globe Theatre was built in 1599. See:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C5568642>

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Short title: Attorney General v Zinzan.

Plaintiffs: Sir Thomas Coventry, Attorney General, at the relation of Sir Matthew Brend.

**Description:** Defendants: Sir Sigismund Zinzan alias Sir Sigismund Alexander of Hammersmith kt, Dame Margaret Zinzan alias Dame Margaret Alexander wife, Henry Zinzan alias Henry Alexander and Sigismund Zinzan alias Sigismund Alexander, his sons, Henry Willobie of Chiswick, yeoman, and Israel Ridley clerk.

Subject: Assault on Sir Matthew Brend kt, son of the said Dame Margaret Zinzan, at the manor-house of West Molesey (the manor being settled on him at his marriage with Frances Smith, daughter of Sir William Smith of Theydon Mount kt), ouster, etc.

Surrey.

Barnes category: assault; destruction of property; unlawful assembly.

**Date:** 1625 February

For Hugh Holland (1563-1633) mentioned in the will below, author of a dedicatory poem included in the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays, see the *ODNB* article.

For Walter Travers (1548?–1635) mentioned in the will below, see the *ODNB* article.

The testatrix leaves a bequest in the will below to the widow of her cousin, John Newman:

*Item, I give to the late wife of my cousin, John Newman, forty shillings to make her a ring.*

In his own will, dated 7 February 1613 and proved 16 May 1614, TNA PROB 11/123/471, John Newman, grocer, left bequests to the testatrix, and to her niece, Alice Branche (see above):

*Item, I do give unto my kind, right worshipful good friend, Dame Anne Hart, the sum of fifty shillings to make her a ring, desiring her to accept the same as a poor pledge of my goodwill.*

*Item, I do give to Alice Branche, the wife of (blank) Rydley, the sum of twenty shillings.*

John Newman was also involved with the testatrix' jointure when she married her second husband, Anthony Cage, who states in his will that:

*And it was also agreed and concluded in consideration of the said marriage that I should assure a jointure of my lands and tenements to the clear yearly value of thirty pounds to the behoof of the said Anne for and during the term of her natural life, which I have also done accordingly, as by a pair of indentures bearing date the four and twentieth day of January in the said eighteenth year of the Queen's reign made between me, the said Anthony Cage, on thone party and John Newman, citizen and grocer of London on thother party, doth also more plainly appear.*

The testatrix' third husband, Sir John Harte, refers in his will to John Newman as his brother-in-law:

*Item, I give unto my brother-in-law, John Newman, grocer . . . .*

The precise relationship between the testatrix and John Newman is thus unknown, but it is clear that there was a family relationship by either blood or marriage.

In the will below the testatrix bequeaths a lease of 45 acres of meadow in Datchet to her grandson, Toby Cage. The property appears to have been near Datchet mead in which events in Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* are situated.

In the PCC copy of the will below the testatrix' surname is spelled 'Hart' throughout (rather than 'Harte', as in the PCC copy of the will of her third husband, Sir John Harte).

RM: T{estamentum} Domine Anne Hart

[f. 282r] In the name of God, Amen. The last day of January Anno Domini (stilo Anglie) 1624 and in the years of the reign of our Sovereign Lord James by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., that is to say, of England, France and Ireland the two and twentieth and of Scotland the eight and fiftieth, I, Dame Anne Hart of the City of London, widow, late the wife of Sir John Hart, late of the said City of London, knight, and alderman of the same City, deceased, being in good health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God therefore, do make and declare this my present testament containing therein my last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God in full assurance of the free remission, pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and offences and that after this life ended I shall inherit eternal life in the kingdom of heaven only by and through the merits, righteousness and most precious death, passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, my only and alone Saviour and Redeemer;

And my body I will shall be buried in Christian manner within the tomb where the body of the said Sir John Hart, my late husband, lieth buried within the parish church of St Swithin at or nigh London Stone within the said City of London;

And as concerning the disposing of such temporal goods and substance as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I will and devise the same as followeth:

First I will that all such debts and sums of money as I shall truly owe to any person or persons at the time of my decease, if any be, shall be truly paid by mine executor;

And I give, devise and appoint the sum of six hundred pounds to be bestowed and disposed in mourning apparel and for a dinner in the day of my burial and other charges and expenses convenient and necessary for the better ordering of my funeral according to my estate and degree;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Toby Cage and John Cage, my grandchildren, the sons of my late son, Nicholas Cage, deceased, and their heirs and assigns forever all that capital messuage or mansion house with the appurtenances situate, lying and being in the parish of Burnham in the county of Buckingham late in the tenure or occupation of Hugh

Holland, esquire, and all other the messuages, lands, tenements, woods, underwoods and hereditaments in Burnham aforesaid, Hitcham, Taplow and Dorney or any of them in the said county of Buckingham now or late in the tenure or occupation of Thomas Reeding, Hugh Holland and Ursula, his wife, and John Woodford, their assignee or assigns, which I lately purchased of Robert Barker, Rowland Hind, William Windsor, John Woodford, Toby Wood and William Taylor, to have and to hold unto the said Toby Cage and John Cage and their heirs and assigns forever;

And I give and bequeath unto my two grandchildren, Anne Cage and Elizabeth Cage, daughters of my said late son, Nicholas Cage, either of them two thousand marks apiece to be paid to them, the said Anne and Elizabeth, severally at the accomplishment of their several lawful ages of twenty and one years or marriages, which shall first happen, come or be, and my will and mind is that if either of my said grandchildren, Anne and Elizabeth, shall happen to die before the several times afore specified respectively wherein I have appointed their said legacies to be paid, that then the legacy, part and portion of them or either of them so happening to die shall remain and be equally paid and divided to and amongst the survivors of them, the said Toby, John, Anne and Elizabeth Cage;

Item, I give and bequeath to Lionell Haynes and Elizabeth Haynes, children of my late brother, Thomas Haynes, deceased, each of them forty pounds apiece, and I remit, release and forgive unto the said Lionell Haynes all that debt of fifty pounds which he oweth me, and I give unto the wife of the said Lionell Haynes forty shillings to make her a ring;

Item, I give and bequeath unto my god-daughter, Agnes Haynes, one other of the daughters of my said late brother, Thomas, fifty pounds in money;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Alice, the wife of Israel Ridley and daughter of my brother, John Branch, twenty pounds in money, and I remit, release and forgive unto the said Israel Ridley all that debt of twenty pounds which he oweth me;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Anne Cullecte, my god-daughter, ten pounds to be paid unto her mother [f. 282v] to her use;

Item, I give and bequeath to Anne, the daughter of my brother, Robert Branch, thirty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my kinsmen, Anthony Foster and John Foster, five pounds apiece, and to their sister ten pounds;

Also I give to the two sons of my late cousin, Elizabeth Simpson, five pounds apiece;

Item, I give to Daniel Cage and his wife, each of them three pounds apiece to make them rings;

And I give to Mr Smith of Westminster three pounds to make him a ring;

And I give and bequeath to all the children of the said Mr Smith that shall be living at my decease which he had by his first wife, my kinswoman, forty shillings apiece;

Item, I give to Mrs Wynn, daughter of my late husband, Anthony Cage, deceased, three pounds to make her a ring;

Item, I give and bequeath to Dame Joan Bolles, widow, late wife of Sir George Bolles, knight and alderman of London, and daughter of my said late husband, Sir John Hart, my dozen of silver trenchers;

And I give and bequeath to Mrs Judith Cage, the other daughter of my said late husband, Sir John Hart, thirty pounds in money;

Item, I give to John Bolles, esquire, son of the said Sir George Bolles, and to the wife of the said John Bolles, either of them three pounds apiece to make either of them a ring;

And I give to Mr Richard Cage, son of Mr John Cage, deceased, and to the wife of the said Richard three pounds apiece to make either of them a ring;

And I remit, release and forgive unto the said Richard Cage all that debt of twenty marks or thereabouts which he oweth to me;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Parker, late my servant, ten pounds, and to my kinswoman, Mary, his wife, late my maidservant, twenty pounds;

And to Mary Becke, late my servant, forty shillings;

And in case John Parker, now my manservant, be dwelling with me at the time of my decease, then upon condition that he shall and do to the uttermost of his power and ability diligently and faithfully aid and assist my executor in and about the recovering and gathering in of the debts owing to me, and testify and declare the truth according to his knowledge in all things concerning my estate, I give unto him, the said John Parker, twenty pounds in money to be paid within six months next after my decease, and also I will that my executor shall allow him out of my estate his necessary charges of diet and such other allowance as my executor shall think fit while he, the said John Parker, shall be employed in that business;

And I also give to the wife of the said John Parker three pounds in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my maidservant, Elizabeth Scott, six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence;

And to every other such menservants and maidservants as shall be dwelling with me at the time of my decease four pounds apiece in money;

Item, I give to George Hart ten pounds, and I remit, release and forgive to him, the said George, all that debt of ten pounds which he oweth to me;

Item, I give to my kinsman, John Chambers, one of my gilt tankards, and to him and his wife, each of them three pounds apiece to make each of them a ring;

Item, I give and bequeath to the relief of the poor people within the parish of St Leonard in Shoreditch five pounds to be distributed by and at the good discretion of my executor and of my kinsman, Mr John Chambers;

Item, I bequeath to the churchwardens of the parish of St Swithin aforesaid four pounds for the relief of the poor of the same parish, to be disposed and distributed at and by the discretion of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there;

Item, I bequeath to the relief of the poor of the parish of Satin Magnus at London Bridge forty shillings, and to the poor of the parish of East Ham in the county of Essex four pounds, to be distributed by the churchwardens and overseers for the poor of either of the same parishes respectively at and by their good discretions;

Item, I bequeath to the relief of the poor prisoners in the Counter of Wood Street, London, five pounds;

And likewise to the relief of the poor prisoners in the Poultry Counter in London five pounds;

Item, I give to the relief of the poor prisoners in Newgate, London, three pounds six shillings and eight pence;

And likewise to the relief of the poor prisoners in Ludgate, London, three pounds six shillings and eight pence;

Item, I bequeath to the relief of the poor prisoners in the King's Bench prison in Southwark three pounds;

And to the relief of the poor prisoners in the White Lion prison in Southwark forty shillings;

And to the poor prisoners in the Marshalsea prison twenty shillings;

[f. 283r] Item, I bequeath to the relief of the poor children harboured in Christ's Hospital in London twenty pounds;

Item, I bequeath to Mr Johnson, preacher, forty shillings to make him a ring, and to his son, Abraham Johnson, forty shillings to make him a ring;

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Item, I bequeath to Mr Cooke, parson of St Swithin's aforesaid, five pounds and a mourning gown, and in regard thereof he is to preach at my funeral;

Also I bequeath to Mr Walter Travis [=Travers?] three pounds in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Humphrey Smith three pounds to make him a ring, and to his wife my gold ring set with a ruby which is in my box, and to their son, my godson, George Smith, forty shillings;

Item, I give to Mrs Turner, the late wife of Doctor Turner, deceased, three pounds to make her a ring, and to her daughter, Mrs Emerson, my god-daughter, three pounds to make her a ring;

Item, I bequeath to the Company of Grocers to make them a dinner in the day of my funeral thirty pounds in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mrs Barker, the late wife of my said son, Nicholas Cage, one hundred pounds, and to her husband, Master Barker, for a diamond ring for him ten pounds, and I give to my god-daughter, Anne Barker, three pounds;

Also I give to Mrs Wood, now wife of Toby Wood, esquire, three pounds to make her a ring;

Item, I give and bequeath to my said grandchild, Anne Cage, my best standing cup and a nest of gilt bowls, and a gilt hanse-pot;

Item, I give to my foresaid grandchild, Toby Cage, my best diamond and my basin and ewer of silver, and a silver candlestick;

And I give to my foresaid grandchild, John Cage, my best salt and two hanse-pots of silver, and a silver candlestick;

And I give to my foresaid grandchild, Elizabeth Cage, all other my white plate whatsoever not otherwise bequeathed in this my testament, and my nest of parcel gilt bowls with the covers to them;

Item, I give and bequeath to Lawrence Chambers, Abraham Chambers and Mary Chambers, three of the children of my cousin, Richard Chambers, three pounds apiece to make each of them a ring;

And to my cousin, Thomas Chambers, his son, three pounds;

And to every one of the three children of my cousin, William Chambers, fifty shillings apiece;

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And to Anne Lasher, daughter of my cousin, John Chambers, three pounds to make her a ring;

And to my cousin, David Bourne, and Susan, his wife, three pounds apiece to make each of them a ring;

And to my cousin, Richard Cuttler, and Sara, his wife, three pounds apiece to make each of them a ring;

And to Mr Toby Wood three pounds to make him a ring;

Item, I give to Mrs Tomlinson dwelling in Bishopsgate Street, if she be living at the time of my decease, three pounds;

Also I give and bequeath to Thomas and Nicholas Hawes three pounds apiece, and to their sister three pounds to make them rings, and I release and forgive them all such debt as their mother owed me at her decease;

Item, I give to the late wife of my cousin, John Newman, forty shillings to make her a ring;

Item, I give to my godson, Richard Chambers, and his wife, each of them three pounds apiece to make them rings;

Item, I give to the three sons of Edward Cage, citizen and grocer of London, forty shillings apiece to buy each of them a ring;

And to Elizabeth Cage, daughter of the said Edward Cage, forty shillings to buy her a ring;

And I give and bequeath unto the son and daughter of my late cousin, Joan Soare, if they be living, three pounds apiece;

And I will and my mind is that the foresaid legacies which I have given to the poor shall be paid so soon after my decease as conveniently may be, and all other the foresaid legacies for payment or delivery whereof I have not appointed or limited any certain time, I will that the same shall be paid within six months next after my decease, saving and excepting such legacies as I have given to any of my said kindred which are in minority or not of full age, and for and concerning their legacies my will and mind is that the same shall be paid and delivered to their parents or next friends respectively to be disposed for their best good as occasion shall require;

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving kinsman, Mr Richard Chambers, fifty pounds in money and four pounds to make him a ring, and also one of my gilt tankards;

And I give to his wife a gilt tankard, and three pounds make her a ring, and my best wrought velvet gown and my petticoat of figured satin;

Item, I give and bequeath unto the Lady Martyn, late wife of Sir Richard Martyn, knight, deceased, three pounds to make her a ring;

And to Mrs Layfield [f. 283v] forty shillings to make her a ring;

And to Mrs Hayward, widow, late wife of Mr Hayward, late parson of St Mary Woolchurch in London, forty shillings to make her a ring;

And I give to Mr Philip Cage and his wife, each of them three pounds to make each of them a ring;

And also I give to Mrs Berry forty shillings to make her a ring;

And I give to Goodwife Bickers forty shillings in money;

And whereas I am lawfully possessed for many years to come of and in forty and five acres, whether they be more or less, of land or meadow with their appurtenances lying and being in Datchet in the county of Buckingham in the Well or Welly there, parcel of the King's Majesty's manor of Datchet in the said county of Buckingham, and parcel of the possession to the late Priory of St Helen near Bishopsgate Street sometimes belonging and appertaining and lately to the Honour of Windsor annexed, as well by virtue of two patents granted thereof amongst other things by our late Queen Elizabeth unto one Richard Lilly [=Lyly?] bearing date the seventeenth day of July in the one and thirtieth year [=1589] of her Highness' reign for the term of one and twenty years, which began at the feast of St Michael the Archangel which was in the ninth year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lord King James Anno Domini 1611, as also by virtue of other letters patents made and granted thereof amongst other things by our said Queen Elizabeth to one Thomas Lake bearing date the eighteenth day of December in the five and fortieth year [=1602] of her Highness' reign for the term of thirty and one years to begin from the end, expiration, surrender, forfeiture or determination of the said term of one and twenty years granted to the said Richard Lilly as aforesaid, and by virtue of sundry mean conveyances of the premises made and passed, as by the said several letters patents and conveyances, relation being thereunto had, more plainly may appear;

Now I do by these presents give, devise and bequeath unto my said grandchild, Toby Cage, his executors and assigns, all the said forty and five acres, whether they be more or less, of land or meadow with their appurtenances lying and being in Datchet aforesaid in the Well or Welly there, and all the estate, right, title, interest, several terms of years, claim and demand whatsoever which I have by any means both in possession and reversion of, in or to all the said forty and five acres of land or meadow with th' appurtenances, whether they be more or less, with all such deeds, conveyances, mean assignments and writings concerning the same as I now have, to have and to hold the said forty and five acres, whether they be more or less, of land or meadow with th'

appurtenances and all my estates, interest, terms of years and demand of, in and to the same unto the said Toby Cage, his executors and assigns, for and during all the several terms of years thereof and therein both in possession and reversion yet to come and unexpired;

Nevertheless to the intent and purpose and it is my express will and true meaning that out of the rents and profits coming and arising and to be had, received and taken of, for or in respect of the said leased premises he, the said Toby Cage, his executors and assigns, shall yearly every year during the continuance of the said lease and during the continuance of the longest of them well and truly pay or cause to be paid all and every these three several annuities or annual sums hereafter following, that is to say:

One annuity or annual sum of four pounds of lawful money of England yearly every year to the hands of the parson and churchwardens of the parish church of St Swithin at London Stone aforesaid or to the hands of some of them for and towards the maintenance and continuance of a godly lecture of divinity to be made and preached weekly in the said parish church of St Swithin upon the Tuesday in every week in the afternoon of the same day during the said leases and during the longest of them, the same annuity to be paid at two feasts or terms of the year, that is to say, at the feasts of the Nativity of St John Baptist and the Birth of Our Lord God or within fourteen days next after either of the said feasts by equal portions;

And also one other annuity or annual sum of four pounds of like money for the relief of the poor of the said parish of St Swithin for the time being, the same to be paid to the hands of the parson and churchwardens of the same parish for the time being half yearly at the feasts aforesaid or within fourteen days next after either of the said feasts by equal portions, and [f. 284r] to be distributed to and amongst the poor of the said parish at and by the discretion of the parson and churchwardens there for the time being where they shall think it most needful to bestow it;

And also one other annuity or annual sum of four pounds of like money for the relief of the poor people of the parish of Burnham aforesaid in the said county of Buckingham, to be paid to the hands of the minister and churchwardens there for the time being at the two feasts last afore-mentioned or within fourteen days next after either of the said feasts by equal portions, and to be distributed to and amongst the poor people there at and by the discretion of the minister and churchwardens of that parish for the time being;

And it is my true meaning that my said grandchild, Toby Cage, his executors and assigns, shall hold the said leased premises aforementioned charged with the said three several annuities of four pounds a year and not otherwise;

The residue of all and singular my goods, chattels, plate, household stuff, debts and other things whatsoever by me unbequeathed, all the debts by me owing and all legacies and funerals and other charges and expenses to be disbursed and expended in and about the execution of this my last will and testament either in suits of law or otherwise being first paid, deducted or allowed, I wholly give and bequeath the same and my will is that the

same shall remain and be equally divided to and amongst my foresaid four grandchildren, Toby Cage, John Cage, Anne Cage and Elizabeth Cage, part and part like, and the legacy and part of every of them therein to be paid unto them severally and respectively at such times as I have before limited and appointed, the several sums of money and legacies by me to them bequeathed to be paid to them as is before declared;

And my will is that if any of my said grandchildren shall happen to die before his or her legacy or part therein shall become due according to my mind and meaning before declared, that then the legacy and part of every of them so happening to die shall remain and be equally paid and divided to and amongst the survivors of them;

And I do make, nominate, ordain and appoint my said loving kinsman, Mr Richard Chambers, my full and sole executor of this my last will and testament, requiring him to see and cause the same in all things truly to be performed according to my true intent and meaning therein declared;

And overseers of this my last will and testament I do make, nominate and constitute my said loving friends, Mr Toby Wood and Mr Humphrey Smith, and my said grandchildren, Toby Cage and John Cage, desiring them and every of them to see, cause and procure the same to be truly executed and performed, and to be aiding and assistant to my said executor as well in their personal presences with their best advice, counsel and furtherance touching the due execution of this my last will and testament, and for their pains to be taken therein I give to every of them twenty pounds apiece;

Also I do hereby appoint that mine executor shall once in every four months account unto my overseers and the survivor and survivors of them touching the business and affairs of this my will and testament, that thereby all things may be the better performed according to my true meaning herein set forth and declared;

And I utterly revoke all former wills and testaments by me heretofore made, and my meaning is that this shall stand and be as and for my very last will and testament;

Item, I give to the late wife of my cousin, Richard Haynes, three pounds, and to her daughter, Martha Harwood, ten pounds;

In witness whereof I, the said Dame Anne Hart, have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, dated the day and year first above-written. Anne Hart.

These presents being written in sixteen sheets of paper were by the above-named Dame Anne Hart, widow, signed, sealed, published and declared as and for her very last will and testament the day and year first above-written in the presence of us, John Woodward, notary public, Abraham (illegible), John Burrage, John Parker and Hugh Pynninge, servant to the said notary.

Decimo quinto die Mensis Martij Anno D{omi}ni iuxta cursum et Computac{i}onem Ecclesie Anglicane Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo quarto emanavit com{m}issa Tobie Cage et Iohanni Cage Nepotibus et Duobus supervisor{um} in Testamento suprad{i}ct{o} nominat{orum} Ad Administrand{um} bona iura et Credita eiusdem Defunct{e} iuxta tenorem et effec{tu}m test{ament}i suprascripti eo quod Rich{ard}us Chambers executor in eodem test{ament}o no{m}i{n}atus ex certis caus{is} eum et animu{m} suum in ea p{ar}te iuste moven{tibus} oneri execuc{i}o{n}is test{ament}i pr{e}d{icti} expresse renunciavit De bene et fideliter Administrand{o} eadem Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurat{is}

[=On the fifteenth day of the month of March in the year of the Lord according to the course and reckoning of the English Church the thousand six hundred twenty-fourth a grant issued to Toby Cage and John Cage, nephews [=grandsons] and two of the supervisors named in the same testament, to administer the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased according to the tenor and effect of the testament above-written by reason that Richard Chambers, executor named in the same testament, for certain causes him and his mind in that regard justly moving, expressly renounced the burden of the execution of the testament aforesaid, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same.]