

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 21 November 1557 and proved 22 February 1558, of Robert Hickes, the first husband of Julian Penn, from whom in 1590 Oxford rented rooms at her house on St Peter's Hill (see Lansdowne MS 68/113, ff. 252-4, 68/114, ff. 255-6, 68/115, f. 257). Michael, Clement and Baptist Hickes, mentioned in the will below, were Julian Penn's three sons by her marriage to the testator, Robert Hickes. Julian Penn's eldest son, Sir Michael Hickes (1543-1612) was in the service of Oxford's father-in-law, Lord Burghley, from about 1582 on, and was one of Lord Burghley's two principal secretaries for much of his career. The online *Dictionary of National Biography* describes Julian Penn as 'a prominent moneylender', and states that she died on 14 November 1592, with administration of her goods being granted to her son, Michael, on 22 December. For the will of Julian Penn's second husband, Anthony Penne, see TNA PROB 11/54, f. 183v.

LM: Testamentum Roberti Hickes

In dei nomine amen. I, Robert Hickes, citizen and ironmonger of the City of London, whole of mind and of perfect remembrance, thanks be given to God, do ordain, make and declare this my last will and testament as hereafter followeth, renouncing and denying all other former wills and testaments heretofore by me made and declared:

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, the Father, and to Jesus Christ, his Son, my Redeemer, my body to be buried honestly after th' order of the Catholic Church by the discretion of mine executrice within some convenient place of my parish church if it shall please God to suffer me to die within the same parish here in London;

All my lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services and hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances set, lying and being within the City of Bristol and the county thereof, and within Barkeley, Hornes and Tedburye [=Tetbury?] in the county of Gloucester, I will, bequeath and devise hereby to Julian, my well-beloved wife, and her assign[s] for term of her life upon condition that she pay to Margaret Hickes, mine own mother, during the said Margaret's life, ten pounds yearly at 4 terms of the year by even portions, the remainder thereof after the said Julian's death to Michael Hickes, my eldest son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for fault of such issue the remainder thereof to Clement Hickes, my second son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Baptist Hickes, my third son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof to Richard Hickes, my brother, for term of his life, and after his decease the remainder thereof to Adrian Hickes, my said brother's son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder of all the premises to the Masters and Governors of Christ's Hospital within the said City of London and to their successors forever, to th' use of the poor there and within other of the hospitals of the said City;

The residue of my lands, tenements, rents and hereditaments with all and singular their appurtenances now lying within the parish of Saint Katherine's Coleman's within the foresaid City of London, I devise, will and bequeath to my foresaid brother, Richard Hicke, and his assign[s] for term of his life, the remainder thereof after his decease to Julian, my well-beloved wife, and her assigns for term of her life, and after her decease the remainder thereof to Michael Hicke, my said eldest son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder of the same to Clement Hicke, my said second son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Baptist Hicke, my said third son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for lack of such issue the remainder thereof to Adrian Hicke, my said brother's son, and to th' heirs males of his body lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue the remainder thereof likewise to the Masters and Governors of Christ's Hospital aforesaid and to their successors to th' use of the poor there and within other of the spitals of the said City forever;

All my goods, chattels, leases, plate, jewels, money, household stuff, debts due to me, and all other my things movable and unmovable whatsoever and wheresoever they be, my debts due to my creditors and funeral charges first paid, discharged and allowed out of my whole substance, I will, devise, appoint and devise to be divided and apportioned into three egall parts according to the custom of the said City of London for freemen's goods in that case provided;

Whereof one full third part I devise and bequeath to Julian, my said well-beloved wife, her executors and assigns;

One other third part thereof, egally in 3 parts to be divided, I devise and bequeath to Michael, Clement and Baptist, my said three sons, and to the survivor and survivors of my said children I will and devise his or their part or parts aforesaid that of them shall fortune to die before he or they come to a full age or before the delivery of their said part or parts out of the chamber of the said City of London according to the full order in that case appointed, and if all my said 3 children do happen to doo [sic] before their said full age or delivery of their parts aforesaid, then I will and devise all my said children's third part of all my goods and substance to Julian, my well-beloved wife, her executors or assigns;

The last third part of all my said goods and chattels I reserve, keep and appoint for mine own legacies and distribution, out of the which I give and bequeath to my said brother, Richard Hicke, his executors and assigns, all manner my apparel whatsoever and wheresoever it be as it shall be praised, without paying any penny or pennyworth for the same, and also I likewise will and devise him my best shirt of mail, my best corslet, my best halberd, my sword and my buckler, to be delivered with my said apparel to my said brother, his executors or assigns, within one month's after my decease;

And further I give and bequeath to my said brother, Richard Hicke, out of my said third part, one hundred pounds of current money of England, thone moiety or half part thereof to be paid to my said brother, Richard Hicke, his executors or assigns, within one half

year after my decease, and thother moiety or halfendeal at the year's end after my decease, without any lenger delay or putting off;

I devise also to the Master and Wardens of our Company of the Ironmongers within the said City of London, as to th' use of our Hall, my best standing cup with a cover of silver and all gilt, as it shall be praised, for a token and remembrance of my poor goodwill towards them, to be delivered within one month after my decease;

Item, I will and devise to the poor inhabitants of Tedburye aforesaid 5 marks, to be divided to the poor households there by 2s or 12d to one household, and not above nor under;

And to every of the poor households of mine own parish here in London I devise 5s apiece, to be paid and distributed with the said (blank) within one half year by my executrice after my death;

Moreover I give and bequeath to the said Master and Governors of Christ's Hospital before mentioned, as to th' use of the poor there, and as aforesaid, twenty pounds of current money of England, to be paid by mine executrice at year and year after my decease by even portions;

Also I give and bequeath to my cousin, Christopher Hickes, Simon Melsam by my cousin Richard Hickes of Crumwell, Thomas Richard, John Sprince and Alice Grigge gold rings of two angels' weight and value apiece, besides the fashion;

Item, I give and devise to my friend, Mr Anthony Penne, one black gown, one coat cloth to it, and a like gold ring;

And to my old servants, William Roo and John Roswell, each of them a black gown, and to either of my men and maidservants one black gown;

To Goodwick Hocky a gown of Bristol frieze, and 40s in money for her pains taken with me in my sickness;

And to my servant, Austen, I devise £8, and to my servant Water [=Walter] Thomas, £10, to be paid unto them at the coming out of their years of prenticeship, so as all the meantime they truly, diligently and willingly and faithfully serve my said wife, and otherwise not;

The residue of all my goods and chattels and of my said third part of all my substance not before devised, given or bequeathed, I will and devise to Julian, my said well-beloved wife, her executors and assigns, which said Julian, my wife, I ordain, make and appoint the sole and only executrice of this my last will and testament, and overseers thereof my friend, Mr Osbourne, and my said brother, Richard Hickes;

In witness whereof I, the said Robert Hickes, have sealed, subscribed and delivered this my present testament and last will the 21st day of November in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred fifty and seven et annis regnorum Philippi et Marie Regis et Regine quarto et quinto. By me, Robert Hickes, ironmonger.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram Domino apud London xxijdo die mensis february Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo Iuramento Edmundi Brudnell procuratoris Relicte et executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominate Ac approbatum et insinuatum Commissaque fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti &c prefate executrici De bene &c Ac de pleno et fideli Inventario &c Necnon de plano et vero compoto reddendo &c iurati

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord [+Archbishop] at London on the 22nd day of the month of February in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred fifty-seventh by the oath of Edmund Brudnell, proctor of the relict and executrix named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased etc. to the forenamed executrix, sworn to well etc., and [+to prepare] a full and faithful inventory etc., and also to render a plain and true account etc.]