

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 10 May 1568 and 24 September 1569, and proved 5 February 1570, of Edward Jackman (d.1569?), alderman of London, brother-in-law of Lettice (nee Pakington) Martyn, the mother of Humphrey Martyn, the addressee of the *Langham Letter* which describes Leicester's entertainment of Queen Elizabeth at Kenilworth in the summer of 1575. See the Langham page on this website.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Nothing is known of the testator's parents. His brother, William Jackman (d.1562), states that he was born in the parish of Dunton (near Stewkley and Aylesbury) in Buckinghamshire, and it seems the testator was likely born there as well. In the Jackman pedigree, the testator is said to have been of Hacton (in Upminster), Essex. See Metcalfe, Walter C., ed., *The Visitations of Essex*, (London: Harleian Society, 1878), Vol. XIII, p. 426 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=0m1KAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA426>

See also the Jackman pedigree in Howard, Joseph Jackson and George John Armytage, eds., *The Visitation of London in the Year 1568*, (London: Harleian Society, 1869), Vol. I, p. 72 at:

<https://archive.org/details/VisitationOfLondonInTheYear1568/page/n81>

In the will below, the testator mentions two brothers and three sisters:

-Thomas Jackman of Stewkley, Buckinghamshire. It seems likely he was the father of Thomas Jackman, gentleman, of Wing, Buckinghamshire, who owned property in Stewkley. For the latter's will, dated 13 February 1529 and proved 25 November 1630, see TNA PROB 11/158/492.

-William Jackman, 'late of London, ironmonger', who according to the will below had four children, Anne, Richard, Edward and William Jackman. For his will, dated 30 June 1562 and proved 12 October 1562, in which he mentions his wife, Jane (d. before 12 October 1562), and unnamed children; his brothers, Thomas Jackman and Edward Jackman (whom he names executor); his sisters Alice and Isabel; 'my cousin William Durham, my sister's son'; and 'my cousin, John Jackman, grocer', see TNA PROB 11/45/253.

-Alice Jackman, who married Davy Williams of Aylesbury. She is mentioned in the will of her brother, William Jackman, *supra*.

-Isabel Jackman. She and her children are mentioned in the will of her brother, William Jackman, *supra*. She married a husband surnamed Briskowe of Lechlade, and a husband

surnamed Leigh, by whom she had a son, Hugh Ley. For the licence dated 10 September 1591 for the marriage of Isabel Briskow, widow of Thomas Briskoe, late of Aldenham, Hertfordshire, yeoman, to William Eeles, yeoman, see Armytage, George J., ed., *Allegations for Marriage Licences Issued by the Bishop of London 1520 to 1610*, Vol. I, (London: Harleian Society, 1887), Vol. XXV, p. 193 at:

<https://archive.org/details/allegationsform01londgoog/page/n219>

-Anne (or Agnes) Jackman (d. before 30 June 1562) who married Richard Meade of Brickhill, Buckinghamshire. In his will, *supra*, William Jackman leaves a bequest to 'the 7 daughters of my late sister, Agnes Meade, deceased'. For wills of members of the Meade family, including Richard Meade the elder of Great Brickhill, dated 7 November 1585, see:

<https://sites.google.com/site/meadfamilyhistory/home/wills/bucks/wills>

The testator also mentions a cousin, John Jackman (d.1594), grocer of London. For the will of John Jackman the elder, grocer of London, dated 16 October 1594 and proved 8 November 1594, in which he mentions his cousins, John Jackman and Thomas Jackman of Hornchurch, see TNA PROB 11/84/331.

MARRIAGES AND ISSUE

Testator's first marriage

According to the Jackman pedigree in Metcalfe, *supra*, p. 426, the testator married firstly Magdalen Mellish, the daughter of Robert Mellish (d.1562) of London. For the will of Robert Mellish, merchant Taylor, dated 9 March 1562 and proved 18 April 1562, see TNA PROB 11/45/99. According to the will below and the will of Robert Mellish, the testator's first wife, Magdalen Mellish, had two brothers and five sisters:

-Henry Mellish, who married a wife named Anne (d.1617?), who after his death married secondly Sir John Allott, fishmonger, Lord Mayor of London in 1590. For her will, proved 10 January 1618, see TNA PROB 11/131/15. According to his father's will, by 1562 Henry Mellish had three sons and two daughters, Robert, John, Edmund, Elizabeth and Mary Mellish.

-John Mellish of Limpsfield, Surrey, who by 1562 had three daughters, Alice, Katherine and Elizabeth Mellish.

-Agnes (or Anne) Mellish, who married Thomas Pymme (d. before 12 November 1566), Baron of the Exchequer, by whom she had three daughters, Jane, Anne and Elizabeth Pymme. See Foss, Edward, *Biographica Juridica*, (London: John Murray, 1870), p. 543 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=O0oBAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA543>

-Katherine Mellish (d. 30 November 1597), who married firstly Anthony Williams (d. by 1562), Auditor of the Mint to Edward VI, by whom she had three sons and a daughter, Timothy, Thomas, Alexander and Katherine Williams, and secondly John Conyers (1529-1604), esquire, of London, for whose will, dated 6 July 1600 and proved 25 January 1605, see TNA PROB 11/105/67, and Cass, Frederick, *East Barnet*, (London: Nichols and Sons, 1885-1892), p. 46 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=deQHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA46>

For John Conyers see the History of Parliament entry at:

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/conyers-john-1604>

-Luce Mellish, who married Lawrence Palmer (according to the will of her father, Robert Mellish) or Simon Palmer (according to the testator's will below), by whom she had a daughter, Margaret Palmer.

-Millicent Mellish, who was unmarried when her father made his will in 1562. According to the will below she married a husband surnamed Buttell.

Testator's second marriage

The testator married secondly, by licence dated 12 April 1564 at St Michael Bassishaw, Anne Pakington (d.1578), widow of Edmund Style (d.1564), and daughter of Humphrey Pakington and Elizabeth Harding. See *Allegations for Marriage Licences, supra*, p. 27 at:

<https://archive.org/details/allegationsform01londgoog/page/n33>

For the will of Edmund Style, see TNA PROB 11/47/122.

For the testator's brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law mentioned in the will below who were the testator's relations by his marriage to his second wife, Anne Pakington, see the will of the testator's father-in-law, Humphrey Pakington, TNA PROB 11/38/212. See also the will of the testator's mother-in-law, Elizabeth (nee Harding) Pakington, TNA PROB 11/46/444.

Testator's children

In the will below the testator mentions three sons and two daughters, all under 21 years of age, whom he says he will leave 'without father and mother', a statement which suggests

(although the Jackman pedigrees state the contrary) that they were his children by his first wife, Magdalen Mellish. That the testator's children were by his first wife is confirmed by the will of the testator's father-in-law, Robert Mellish:

Item, I give and bequeath to the four children of my son-in-law, Edward Jackman, that is to say, John, Henry, Elizabeth and Thomas, to every of them £3 6s 8.

* **John Jackman** (d.1594), esquire, of Hornchurch, Essex eldest son, who married Jane Lambert, the daughter of the testator's brother-in-law, Richard Lambert (d.1567), and sister-in-law, Alice Pakington (d.1609?). For the will, dated 20 December 1608 and proved 24 February 1609, of Alice (nee Pakington) Lambert Paston, see TNA PROB 11/113/201. For the will of John Jackman of Hornchurch dated 7 November 1594 and proved 4 December 1594, in which he mentions his wife, Jane, and his brothers, Henry Jackman and Thomas Jackman, see TNA PROB 11/84/445.

According to the Jackman pedigree, John Jackman (d.1594) and Jane Lambert had a son, Edward Jackman of Hacton in the liberty of Havering, Essex, who married Margaret Sulyard, the daughter of Sir Edward Sulyard (d. 5 June 1610) and Anne Eden.

William Webbe dedicated *A Discourse of English Poetry* (1586), in which Oxford is praised, to Sir Edward Sulyard (d.1610).

For the will of Eustace Sulyard, father of Sir Edward Sulyard (d. 5 June 1610), see TNA PROB 11/31/508. For the will of Sir Edward Sulyard, dated 1 June 1610 and proved 9 July 1610, see TNA PROB 11/116/183. For the marriage of Edward Jackman and Margaret Sulyard, see also the Sulyard pedigree in Marshall, George W., ed., *The Genealogist*, Vol. IV, (London: George Bell and Sons, 1880), pp. 228-9 at:

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=kzULXfzM16IC&pg=PA228>

- * **Henry Jackman**, second son.
- * **Thomas Jackman**, third son.
- * **Elizabeth Jackman**, elder daughter.
- * **Anne Jackman**, younger daughter.

After the testator's death his widow, Anne Pakington Style Jackman (d.1578), married thirdly James Bacon (d. 5 June 1573?), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/55/374, and fourthly, Sir Edward Baynton (c.1520-1593), for whom see his will, TNA PROB 11/82/478, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/baynton-edward-1520-93>

The verses on Sir Edward Baynton's tomb in the Church of St Nicholas, Bromham, read:

*Here lieth Edward Bayntun, Knight, within this marble clad,
By Agnes Ryce, his first trew wyfe, that thyrtyn children had.
Where of she left alyve withe him at her departure thre,
Henry, Anne and Elizabeth, whose pictures now here see.
The XIXth days of Auguste she deceased, of Christ ye year, 1574.
These little figurs standing bie present the nomber here.
Then married to Anne Packington, his second wyfe she was,
For whose remembrance here in tombe these lynes he left in brasse. Anno Dni 1578*

OTHER PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE WILL

The testator leaves a bequest to William Blackwell (d.1570?):

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Blackwell, now Town Clerk of London, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will.

For William Blackwell's ownership of the Blackfriars gatehouse purchased on 10 March 1613 by William Shakespeare (1564-1616) of Stratford upon Avon and others, see his will, TNA PROB 11/52/400, and London Metropolitan Archives CLC/522/MS03738 at the Shakespeare Documented website at:

<http://www.shakespearedocumented.org/exhibition/document/shakespeare-purchases-blackfriars-gatehouse-copy-bargain-and-sale-signed-buyers>

. . . part of which said tenement is erected over a great gate leading to a capital messuage which sometime was in the tenure of William Blackwell, esquire, deceased, and since that in the tenure or occupation of the right honourable Henry, now Earl of Northumberland;

And also all that plot of ground on the west side of the same tenement which was lately enclosed with boards on two sides thereof by Anne Bacon, widow, so far and in such sort as the same was enclosed by the said Anne Bacon

Which said dwelling-house or tenement and other the premises above by these presents mentioned to be bargained and sold the said Henry Walker late purchased and had to him, his heirs and assigns forever of Mathie Bacon of Gray's Inn in the county of Middlesex, gentleman, bearing date the fifteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord God one thousand six hundred and four.

The testator also leaves a bequest to Sir Roger Martyn, father of Humphrey Martyn, addressee of the Langham Letter (see above):

Item, I give and bequeath to Sir Roger Martyn, now Lord Mayor, and to my Lady, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 50s the piece or the value in money, as please them.

For Sir Ambrose Nicholas, who purchased Oxford's manor at London Stone, and whose son, Daniel Nicholas, is recorded in the Belott v Mountjoy lawsuit as having had a conversation with William Shakespeare of Stratford upon Avon, see his will, TNA PROB 11/60/296.

For Oliver Style (1543 – 4 March 1622), and Nicholas Style, grandsons of the London mercer, John Style (d.1505), by Elizabeth Wolston (d.1548), and sons of Sir Humphrey Style (d.1557) of Langley, one of the esquires of the body to Henry VIII, see the will of Richard Branthwayte (d.1594), TNA PROB 11/84/476.

TESTATOR'S PROPERTY

The testator's house of Hacton at Hornchurch, mentioned in the will below, was in the hands of his eldest son and heir, John Jackman, in 1594. See:

'Hornchurch: Introduction', in *A History of the County of Essex: Volume 7*, ed. W R Powell (London, 1978), pp. 25-31. *British History Online* <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/essex/vol7/pp25-31> [accessed 30 July 2018]

Hacton Farm . . . is thought to have been rebuilt in the late 16th century. In 1594 it was one of the principal houses of Hornchurch, the seat of John Jackman. John's father Edward Jackman (d. 1569), alderman of London, had bought it in 1561, and it remained in the Jackman family at least until 1634.

RM: T{estamentum} Edwardi Jackman Ald{erma}n{i}

In the name of God, Amen. The 10th day of May in the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred threescore and eight and in the tenth year of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I, Edward Jackman, citizen and alderman of London, being at this present in good health of body and in perfect remembrance of mind, thanks be given to Almighty God therefore, do make, ordain and dispose this my last will and testament, as well of and upon all my goods and chattels, plate, wares and merchandises, debts and household stuff and ready money, as also of and upon all my lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services & hereditaments with th' appurtenances in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I give and commend my soul into th' hands of Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, in whom, and by the merits of the second person, Jesus Christ, I trust to be saved and to have full and clear remission and forgiveness of my sins, and I

commit my body to the earth to be buried in Christian burial whereas it shall seem most convenient to my executors hereunder named;

And after my body buried, then I will that all such debts and duties as I owe to any person or persons of right or conscience shall be truly paid or set in good assurance how to be paid;

And that done, then I will that all and singular my goods, chattels, plate, debts, jewels, household stuff and ready money shall be divided into three equal and indifferent parts or portions according to the laudable custom of the City of London, whereof one equal part I give and bequeath to Anne Jackman, my well-beloved wife, to her own proper use;

One other equal part thereof I give and bequeath to and amongst all my children, portion and portion like, to be paid and delivered to them as they and every of them shall accomplish and come to their lawful ages of 21 years, or my daughters to marriage, according to the said custom, and every of my said children to be heir to other if death should happen to any of them in the meantime;

And the third equal part thereof I reserve to myself and to my executors hereunder named to perform my legacies and bequests hereafter following, that is to say:

Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Anne, my wife, over and above her just third part and portion to her due of my goods by the said custom, the sum of two hundred pounds in money and all her apparel and jewels appertaining to her body;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Jackman, my eldest son, over and above his said part and portion the sum of one hundred pounds in money, to be delivered unto him when he shall come to be of th' age of 21 years, and for the sure payment thereof accordingly my will and mind is that bond and sureties be taken in the Orphan's Court of the city of London like as is there used for his orphanage part;

Item, I give to Harry Jackman, my second son, over and above his said part and portion one hundred pounds in money, to be delivered unto him at his age of 21 years upon like bond and assurance as is abovesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Jackman, my third son, over and above his said part and portion one hundred pounds in money, to be delivered to him at his age of 21 years upon like bond and assurance as is aforesaid;

Item, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Jackman, my eldest daughter, over and above her several part and portion to her due of my goods by the said custom the sum of two hundred pounds in money, to be paid to her when she shall come to her full age of 21 years or to be married, which shall first happen, and that the like order be taken by bond of recognizance for the sure payment thereof as is used;

Item, I give and bequeath to Anne Jackman, my youngest daughter, over and above her said part and portion to her due of my said goods by the said custom the sum of two hundred pounds in money, to be paid to her when she shall come to her full age of 21 years or to be married, which shall first happen, and that the like order be taken by bond as is aforesaid as is used for orphans;

And further my will and mind is that if it shall fortune any of my said children to decease before they shall come to their said lawful ages of 21 years or my said daughters to marriage, that then I will that the part and portion of him, her or them so deceasing shall remain to and amongst the other of my children then living, portion and portion like;

Item, I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife, Anne Jackman, in token of remembrance of love that hath been between us, a ring of gold with a perfect diamond in it of the price of £20, the which I will she wear during her life;

Item, I will and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Mr Clement Paston, and to my sister [=sister-in-law], Alice Paston, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of the value of 50s the piece, or 50s in money at the choice of them;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, John Lambert, and to Katherine, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 50s the piece or the value in money at their choice;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, William Colles, and Margaret, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 50s the piece or the value in [f. 23v] money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Richard Hollyman, and his wife, Martha, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, John Pakington, gentleman, and to his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money at their choice;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, William Pakington, and his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money at their choice;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Edward Pakington, a ring of gold, price 40s, or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Robert Burbridge [=Burbage], and to Margery, his wife, to either of them a ring of gold of 40s apiece, or the value in money at their choice;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Lionel Duckett, alderman, and to Jane, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 50s the piece or the value in money at their choice;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother, Thomas Jackman of Stewtley [=Stewkley] in Buckinghamshire, and to his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Davy Williams of Aylesbury, and to my sister, Alice, his wife, to each of them a ring of 40s the piece or the value in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, (blank) Briskowe and to Ezybell [=Isabel], his wife, to each of them a ring of 40s the piece or the value in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Richard Mede [=Meade] of Brickyll [=Brickhill], and to his wife, to each of them a ring of 20s the piece or the value in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister-in-law, Anne Pymme, widow, a ring of gold, price 40s, or the value in money, as she will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, John Conyers, and to Katherine, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, John Mellish of Limpsfield, and to his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Symond Pawmar [=Palmer?], and to Lewse [=Luce], his wife, to each of them a ring of gold, price 40s the piece, or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Butle [=Buttell?], and to Millicent, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Allott, fishmonger, and to Anne, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Sir Roger Martyn, now Lord Mayor, and to my Lady, his wife, to each of them a ring of gold of 50s the piece or the value in money, as please them;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Ambrose Nicholas, alderman, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to Sir John White, alderman, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Alderman Allyn a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Alderman Ryvars [=Rivers] a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Alderman Rowe a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Alderman Hayward a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Alderman Becher a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Sir William Garret, alderman, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Onslowe, the Queen's Solicitor, and to his wife, to each of them a ring of 40s apiece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Bromley, now Recorder of London, and to his wife, to each of them a ring of 40s the piece or the value in money, as they will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Randall, now Common Sergeant of London, a ring of gold of 40s of the value in money;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Blackwell, now Town Clerk of London, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, William Sebright of the Temple, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to cousin, John Jackman, grocer, and to John Bristowe, grocer, and to Roger Warfelde, grocer, and to John Hudson, grocer, and to Edward Gwyn, grocer, and to the wife of Edward Gwyn, and to Francis Bowyer, grocer, and to Nicholas Luddington, grocer, and to Humphrey Fairfax, grocer, and to John Pelsant, grocer, and to John Colmar, grocer, and to John Newman, grocer, to every of them a ring of gold of 40s the piece or the value in money, at their pleasures;

Item, I give and bequeath to Sir Thomas Lodge, knight, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

And also I give and bequeath to Mr Giles Estcourt of Lincoln's Inn, gentleman, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as he will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mistress Bowyer, wife to Francis Bowyer, grocer, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as she will;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mistress Chamberlain, widow, late wife of Mr Alderman Chamberlain, a ring of gold of 40s or the value in money, as she will;

All which rings before given, my desire is that my foresaid friends will accept and take of my gift as a token of my goodwill borne unto them, trusting that some of them, if need shall so require, that forasmuch as I shall leave my children without father and mother, that if occasion moving that they will take some pain and care in bringing of them well up, both in godly, virtuous and honest and civil manners, as also from time to time with good and wholesome counsel, and in so doing, if I now knew who it shall be that will do this charitable and godly friendship for me after my decease, I would give him or them that shall take the foresaid care of my said children over and above that that they shall have for the finding of them by the custom of the City, one hundred pounds, the which hundred pounds I shall desire mine executors hereunder named to see some means [f. 24r] and way to pay it to him or them that shall do me the pleasure aforesaid out of my goods, as I have trust they shall have sufficient to do it withal, notwithstanding all my debts and legacies paid;

Item, I give and bequeath to the 3 hospitals and Bridewell in London and Southwark toward the godly maintaining and comforting of the poor, sick and sore people in the same hospitals, and also for the punishment of lewd and evil-disposed people and sturdy vagabonds, the sum of two hundred pounds, that is to say, to Christ's Hospital, forty pounds, to Saint Thomas' Hospital in Southwark, fourscore pounds, to Saint Bartholomew's Hospital, forty pounds, and to Bridewell, forty pounds, to be paid to the Governors of the same houses for the time being within one year at the furthest after my decease, or sooner if it may be;

Item, I give and bequeath to the relieving of the poor prisoners of Newgate, of Ludgate, of the two Counters, of the King's Bench, of the Marshalsea, of the White Lion, of the Fleet, and of Aylesbury jail in Buckinghamshire, amongst them all the sun of thirty pounds, to be portioned and divided to the said houses as it shall seem to mine executors and overseers at the time of the giving of it, which shall be within one year after my decease, at such time and times as it shall be thought most needful to the poor prisoners to have it by my said executors and overseers;

And also I give and bequeath to forty poor maidens' marriages, to be paid within two years after my decease, the sum of twenty pounds, that is to say, 10s apiece, and that mine executors do see that they be poor and honest, as near as they can judge of them, and none other;

Item, I give and bequeath to the exhibition and relieving of the poor scholars of Oxford and Cambridge toward the maintaining of godly and virtuous learning the sum of forty pounds, [+that is] to say, £20 to Oxford and £20 to Cambridge, to be paid as soon as mine executors hath money sufficient to pay it, and that they do ask counsel of some good men of experience for the distribution thereof, and that it be not given neither by friendship nor affection;

Item, I give and devise to be delivered into the hands of the Wardens of the Grocers of London the sum of two hundred pounds within the space of one year after my decease, or sooner if it may be, the which said two hundred pounds my will is shall be delivered from time to time by the said Wardens and ten of the Assistance at least of the same Company to four young men, being of the same Company and out of the livery and also being poor and of honest name and fame, that is to say, to either of them fifty pounds, which also my will is that the same young men shall have in occupying during the space of two years together from the day of the receiving thereof, the same 4 young men and every of them binding themselves with sufficient sureties with them to the Wardens for the time and the Company by bond obligatory sufficient in the law, sealed and delivered as their deeds in some reasonable penalty as to the discretion of the said Wardens and ten of the Assistance shall seem meet, as well for the repayment and redelivery of the same £200 at th' end of the said two years unto the Wardens of the said Company for the time being, as also the same young men and either of them shall, in consideration of the same £200 that they shall have in occupying as aforesaid, shall pay at th' ensealing and delivery of their bonds at a Court of Assistance to every of the 3 Wardens of the foresaid Company 12d apiece, that is to say, 4s to every Warden, and to every one of the Assistance being present at th' ensealing and delivery of the foresaid bonds so often as they shall be so done, 2d apiece, and thus much the foresaid 4 young men shall from time to time pay and no more for the occupying of the foresaid £50 apiece for the two years abovesaid unless there groweth any other payments by the prince [sic?], which they, the said young men, shall discharge if any be from time to time, I mean those that hath the money in occupying for the time being;

And the consideration that moveth me to devise that the Wardens and the Sistance shall be paid of the four young men abovesaid from time to time as is aforesaid is to pray and also to charge in the name of God the foresaid Wardens and Sistance for the time being that they nor any of them shall prefer for affection or friendship any man or men to have the foresaid £50 apiece in occupying for the foresaid 2 years but such as they think in conscience be both poor and honest, and such as is charity to be done unto etc.;

And this order for the foresaid £200 to be continued from two year to two years and from four young men to other 4 poor young men forever if the Company so long continue a company;

If it fortune hereafter that the foresaid Company of Grocers of London should come to be no company, as God forbid, whereby this my devise should not be performed according to my will and mind before written for lack of Wardens and Assistance of the said Company to see it truly performed according to mine intent and true meaning, then I will that the said £200 and every part and parcel thereof shall be given and distributed to and amongst the poor and neediest people dwelling within the 24 wards within the City of London at the discretion of the Wardens and the Assistance of the Company of the Grocers of London that shall happen to be last in office before the overthrow or breach of the foresaid Company;

Furthermore, I give and bequeath to the Company of Grocers of London the sum of forty pounds to be employed in plate such as shall seem good to the Wardens and Assistance for the time being at my decease, and the said plate to have mine arms upon it whereby it may be known to be my gift;

Also I give and bequeath to a dinner to be had and made amongst the Company of the Livery of the Company of the Grocers of London in their common hall called the Grocers' Hall in London, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to 4 godly and well learned preachers which hath taken the orders of Doctor of Divinity or Bachelor of Divinity at the least, the sum of twenty pounds, that is to say, £5 apiece, and that every of them shall make ten sermons, which sermons shall be all made within four years after my decease at such time and times as it shall be thought good by mine executors and overseers, and also part of the said sermons to be preached in the parish of Saint Stephen's in Walbrook and part of them in this parish of Saint Peter's the Poor, and every preacher in [f. 24 v] his sermon declaring who was the occasion of that sermon making, or else to him nothing for his pains;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor people of this parish of Saint Peter's the Poor at the discretion of my wife, and other parishioners which she shall think good by their best advices, ten pounds to say my days, before Christmas day next after my decease, 40s; and 4 days before Easter next following, 20s; and 4 days before Christmas next following, other 40s; and 4 days before Easter next following, other 20s; and 4 days before Christmas next after that, other 40s; and 4 days before Easter next following that, other 20s; and 4 days before Christmas next after, 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the poor and neediest people that do dwell within my ward of Walbrook in London, at the discretion of my executors with the advice of my deputy and some other honest men of the same ward, the sum of ten pounds, to be paid to them within one year after my decease at the furthest;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the poor and neediest people dwelling within the 24 wards in London, amongst them all the sun of threescore six pounds 13s 4d, to be paid within one year after my decease at the furthest, and every ward to be lotted how much they shall have of the said sum by mine executors & overseers with the advice of some other skilful men, and the said money so lotted and known, I will shall be paid to the alderman of the same ward, and he with the advice of some other honest men of his ward to distribute the same whereas is most need without affection;

Item, I give and bequeath to the parish of Saint Peter's the Poor toward the maintaining of the parish church £10;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor people dwelling in the parish of Hornchurch in Essex the sum of £6 13s 4d, to be paid and distributed to them by mine executors and overseers by the advice of some honest men of the same parish, that the poorest and neediest people may have it according to my will and mind;

Item, I give and bequeath toward the relieving and comforting of the poor lunatic people in Bedlem [=Bethlehem], to be given at certain times at the discretion of my executors and overseers, the sum of £5;

Item, I give and bequeath to the parish of Hornchurch in Essex toward the maintaining of the church and repairing thereof £5, when and as need shall require;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Chamber of London toward the bringing of conduit-water unto the City, or toward the mending of the leaden pipes in the which the water runneth to the conduits, or to any other device that may be devised by my Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen whereby the citizens and others may have the more store of water, whereas heretofore there hath been want, the sum of £100, which £100 I will mine executors do pay to my Lord Mayor and Aldermen at a court-day holden in the Inner Chamber in the Guildhall in London within 6 months after my decease, and there to declare to my Lord Mayor and Court to what use I have given it, requiring my Lord and the Court of Aldermen to put it to the foresaid use forthwith, for that there is need thereof;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother, Thomas Jackman of Stewkley in Buckinghamshire, the sum of £100, and to his wife a ring of 40s, or forty shillings in money, as she will, and to his two children one hundred pounds, [+that is] to say, to his son threescore pounds, and to his daughter forty pounds, to be paid the said £100 by mine executors to my foresaid brother, Thomas Jackman, their father, within 6 months after my decease, and every child to be other's heir if death chance to any of them before they come to their lawful age of 21 year, the boy, and in like case to the wench or at marriage, which shall first chance, and the acquittance given to mine executors by my brother, Thomas Jackman, shall be their discharge for the payment of the said £100;

Item, I give and forgive all such sums of money and all other debts that my said brother, Thomas Jackman, doth owe unto me at my decease, whatsoever it be, more or less;

Item, I give and bequeath to the 4 children of my brother, William Jackman, late of London, ironmonger, [+that is] to say, Anne, Richard, Edward and William, one hundred pounds apiece, summa £400, and every child to be other's heir if death happen to any of them before they come to their lawful ages according to the custom of this City of London, and also bonds to be taken for the said £400 according to the said custom to the Chamber of London therefore provided;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister, Alice Williams of Aylesbury, wife to Davy Williams, the sum of £20, to be paid to her within two months after my decease, and also I give and bequeath to and amongst all her children that be living at my decease the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid to them portion and portion like, and every one to be other's heir if death happen to any of them before they come to their full age, [+that is] to say, the sons at 21 years, and the daughters at 18 years or marriage, which shall first happen;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister, Isabel Briskowe of Letchelate [=Lechlade?], the sum of £20, to be paid to her within two months after my decease, and also I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that she hath living at my decease the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid to them portion and portion like, and every one to be other's heir if death happen to any of them before they come to their full age, to say, the sons at 21 years and the daughters at 18 years or marriage, which shall first happen;

Item, I give & bequeath to Hugh Ley, son unto my foresaid sister, Briskowe, now apprentice with John Pelsant, grocer, over and beside his part of the hundred pounds last before given, the sum of £40, to be paid to him when he shall come to the age of 20 years, and if he chance to depart this world before he come to the foresaid age of 20 years, then I will the said £40 shall go & be paid equally amongst all the rest of his brothers & sisters that then shall be living, portion and portion like;

Item, I give and bequeath to my cousin, John Jackman, grocer of London, one hundred pounds;

Item, I give & bequeath to and amongst all the said John Jackman's brothers and sisters living at my decease, portion and portion like, thirty pounds, to be paid to my said cousins within 6 months after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that be alive at my decease that my sister Annys had by her husband, Richard Mede [=Meade] of Brickhill, portion and portion like, the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid [f. 25r] to them within six months after my decease, and every one to be other's heir if death happen to any of them before they receive their parts;

And also I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Meyde [=Meade], one of the same children now dwelling in London, over and beside her part of the foresaid hundred pounds last before given, the sum of thirty pounds, to be paid to her within six months after my decease, and if it happen that she depart this world before she receive the said £30, then I will it shall be given and paid to and amongst all the rest of her sisters then living, portion and portion like;

Item, I give and bequeath to my sister-in-law, Alice Paston, wife to Mr Clement Paston, esquire, the sum of ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, John Lambert, grocer, twenty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, William Colles, grocer, thirty pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr Giles Estcourt, gentleman, of Lincoln's Inn, the sum of £3 6s 8d, praying my foresaid sister Paston, John Lambert, William Colles & Giles Estcourt aforesaid, who were put in trust with me by my late brother-in-law, Richard Lambert, alderman, deceased, to see his last will and testament truly performed as it doth

therein more at large appear, wherefore I require them and every of them that they will, according to charity and good conscience, see the same will in all points, as much as in them is, truly performed according to the true meaning thereof;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, William Pakington, mercer, the sum of ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Edward Pakington, mercer, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Mr Lionel Duckett, alderman, six pounds 13s 4d, praying him to be good to my children to call upon good sureties for their parts and portions that shall be due unto them after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Richard Hollyman, mercer, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Robert Burbridge [=Burbage], five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, John Pakington, gentleman, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Clement Paston, gentleman, £5, praying all these my friends late before-written to be good to my wife and children, and to give her an them the best counsel that in them lieth from time to time as my trust is in them;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Goodman Vere of Hornchurch, my tenant, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Edward Gwyn, grocer, and his wife, £13 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Newman, grocer, my late servant, £13 6s 8d;

Item, I give & bequeath to Roger Warfelde, grocer, five pounds;

Item, I give & bequeath to John Hudson, grocer, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Simon Ludforde, grocer, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Humphrey Fairfax, grocer, £6 13s 4d;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Pelsant, grocer, £3 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Colmar, grocer, £3 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to Luke Lane, grocer, 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to William Furnar, late apprentice with my brother, Richard Lambert, alderman, 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Nicholas Style, late apprentice with my brother, Richard Lambert, deceased, £3 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to William Wale, grocer, £5;

Item, I give and bequeath to Roger Knot, grocer, 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Oliver Style, George Jackson, John Stevyns and Tingyllden Myllysent, now mine apprentices, £6 13s 4d apiece, s{u}m{ma} £26 13s 4d;

Item, I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Hudson, my servant, twenty-six pounds 13s 4d;

Item, I give & bequeath to Margaret Done, my servant, five pounds;

Item, I give & bequeath to Alice Dawson, my servant, 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to the Goodman Pynnar, my servant, 26s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to Ione [=Joan?] Soone, my servant, 26s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to Symond [=Simon] Lawrence, my servant, ten pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Richard Hancookes, schoolmaster to my children, five pounds;

To the Goodman Coke that dwelleth in my brewhouse at Hornchurch, 40s;

Item, I give & bequeath to the Goodwife Tailor dwelling at Upmaster [=Upminster?] that nursed my children, 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath to John Briskowe, grocer, five pounds;

Item, I give and bequeath to Harry Richards, draper, my deputy, 40s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Cockes, the beadle of Walbrook ward, 20s;

Item, I give and bequeath to Father Noble, that hath been beadle of the same ward, 10s;

Item, I give and bequeath to the poor householders that dwelleth nigh about my house that I now dwell in in London at the discretion of my wife and the rest of mine executors the sum of five pounds, to be paid to them within four days after my burial;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that my sister-in-law, Anne Pymme hath alive by her late husband, Thomas Pymme, Baron of the Exchequer, deceased, the sum of £13 6s 8d, to be paid to them portion and portion like, and every

one to be other's heir if death happen to any of them before they receive their parts of the same, which payments I will shall be made unto them within six months after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that my brother-in-law, Harry Mellish, deceased, had by his wife, Anne, living at my decease the sum of ten pounds, to be paid to them portion and portion like when they come to their full age or marriage, which shall first happen;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that my brother-in-law, John Mellish, hath living at my decease, portion and portion like, and every one to be other's heir if death happen to any of them before they receive their parts, the sum of £13 6s 8d;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that my sister-in-law, Katherine Conyers, now wife to John Conyers, gentleman, hath living at my decease, portion and portion like, and every one to be other's heir if death should happen to any of them before they receive their parts, the sum of £13 6s 8d amongst them all;

Item, I give and bequeath to and amongst all the children that my sister [=sister-in-law] Pawmar [=Palmer?] hath living at my decease £6 13s 4d; if it be but one I give him the same sum, to be paid to him or to his father or mother within one year after my decease;

Item, I give and bequeath to forty poor men and women to attend upon my body to my burial, to every of them a gown of [f. 25v] broadcloth of the price of 5s 6d the yard, which will come unto by estimation £28;

Item, I give and bequeath to Francis Bowyer, grocer, twenty pounds;

Item, the residue and overplus of all my goods, debts and chattels, my legacies being performed, my debts paid, and all my funerals discharged, I give and bequeath to and amongst all my children, portion and portion like, to be paid as they and every of them shall come to their perfect age or days of marriage as first shall happen, and if any of them fortune to decease within age, then the survivors every one to others to be heirs in that behalf;

And if it should so fall out that my said third part should come out too short, and want for the discharge and full payment of all these my legacies bequeathed by this my said last will and funerals discharged, my mind and will is that the said lack and want shall be borne, deducted and abated amongst all my legacies herein bequeathed, portion and portion like;

Item, I do make and ordain my well-beloved in Christ, Anne Jackman, my wife; John Lambert, grocer; William Colles, my brother-in-law, grocer; John Jackman, my cousin, grocer; and Frances Bowyer, grocer, citizens of London, my very true executors of this my last will and testament;

And I do also appoint Simon Laurence and Oliver Style to be overseers to see the same performed;

And I do utterly revoke and disannul all other former wills by me heretofore made, and will that this my last will and testament shall forever stand and abide in force and virtue;

In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I, the said Edward Jackman, have put my hand and seal, having read and finished the same the 24 day of September in the eleventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc. Edward Jackman.

Sealed and delivered as his deed in the presence of us here undernamed, Edward Leyfeild, Edward Gwyn, Richard Hancock, Francis Bowyer, John Jackman, Katherine Lambarte [=Lambert?], Elizabeth Gwyn.

T{estamentum} Edwardi Jackman

In the name of God, Amen. The 24th day of September in the year of Our Lord God 1569 and in the eleventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith etc., I, Edward Jackman, citizen and alderman of London, do make and ordain my last will and testament, gift and grant, containing and concerning the disposition and bestowing of my lands only in manner and form following, that is:

I will that Anne, my wife, shall have and enjoy all my manors and lands in the county of Kent called Curtop Strete with th' appurtenances from the day of the date hereof for & during her natural life;

And also that my said wife shall have and enjoy during her said natural life my mansion house at Hacton in the parish of Hornchurch in Essex, with so much of my lands there as are not presently by me letten to others but now in mine own hand and occupying as the demesnes of the said house only, and that she shall and may yearly take in and upon the same during her said life sixteen load of firewood, provided always that she shall during all the said time keep and sufficiently maintain all the reparations belonging to the said mansion house and the same to be for her jointure or dower;

And all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever lying and being in the said parish of Hornchurch, with all my lands and tenements also in the parishes of Stisted, Bocking, Braintree or Dagenham within the said county of Essex or elsewhere in the same county, I do give, grant and forever confirm unto mine eldest son and heir, John Jackman, to have, hold and enjoy the same to him and his heirs males lawfully of his body begotten forever;

And also I will that after the death and decease of the said Anne, my wife, the foresaid manor of Curtop Strete with all lands & appurtenances thereto belonging, together with my said mansion house at Hacton with th' appurtenances, shall forever remain and come to th' use and behoof of the said John Jackman, mine eldest son, to have, hold and enjoy the same to him and his heirs males lawfully begotten forever;

And for default of such heirs, then I do give, grant and confirm all and singular my said manors, lands, tenements and hereditaments to my second son, Henry Jackman, and to his heirs males of his body lawfully begotten forever;

And for default of his said heirs males, then I give, grant and confirm all my said manors, lands and tenements and other the premises to Thomas Jackman, my third and youngest son, his heirs and assigns forever;

Moreover I give and grant to my said two younger sons, Henry and Thomas, to either of them one yearly annuity or pension of twenty pounds apiece, to be paid unto them in money out of my lands at Stisted in Essex for & during the natural lives of them and either of them, the first payment whereof shall begin at Our Lady Day in Lent next coming after the date hereof, and so to continue from year to year during their natural lives;

And I will that for default of payment thereof at any time or times it shall be lawful to the said Henry and Thomas and either of them to enter into the said lands at Stisted & to distrain, and the distresses there taken to lead, drive and carry away and with them to retain until the said annuity and th' arrearages thereof be unto them and either of them fully paid;

Also I give, grant and forever confirm unto my two daughters, Elizabeth Jackman and Anne Jackman, all that mine annuity or yearly pension going out of Saint Anne and Agnes at Aldrichegate in London which of late I purchased to me and mine heirs of (blank) Honynges, esquire, to have and enjoy the same yearly annuity or pension to them, their heirs and assigns, portion and portion like, from the day of the date hereof forever, and if either of them do die under age or without heirs, then the whole to be and remain to the [f. 26r] survivor, her heirs and assigns, forever;

In witness whereof to this present writing I have put my hand and seal the day and year above-written. Edward Jackman. Sealed and as his deed delivered in presence of these hereunder named: Simon Ludforde, John Lambert, Francis Bowyer, Edward Gwyn, William Colles, grocer, John Jackman, grocer, Richard Hancock.

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum coram Magistro Waltero Haddon legum doctore Curie pre rogatiue Cantuarie comissario apud London quinto die februarii anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo Sexagesimo nono Iuramento Iohannis Jackman personaliter presentis Executoris in testamento

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[=The above-written testament was proved before Master Walter Haddon, Doctor of the
 Laws, Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London on the fifth day of
 February in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred sixty-ninth by the oath of John
 Jackman, personally present, executor named in the same testament, to whom
 administration was granted of all and singular the goods etc., sworn on the Holy Gospels
 to well etc., with power reserved etc. to the other executors when they shall have come.
 After, on the fifth day of July 1570, administration was similarly granted to all the goods
 etc. to Jane [sic?] Jackman, relict, Francis Bowyer, John Lambert and William Colles,
 executors named in the same testament, sworn to well etc. in the person of William Wale,
 proctor of the same Jane Jackman.]