

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 12 December 1570 and proved 17 July 1572, of Anthony Penne, second husband of Julian Penn. In 1590 Oxford rented rooms at Julian Penn's house on St Peter's Hill (see Lansdowne MS 68/113, ff. 252-4, 68/114, ff. 255-6, 68/115, f. 257).

FAMILY BACKGROUND

In the will below, the testator mentions his brother, William Penne, his 'sister Disley', and his son, Anthony Penne.

MARRIAGE

The testator married Julian Arthur (d. 14 November 1592), widow of Robert Hickes (d.1557). For the will of Robert Hickes, in which the testator is described as a friend, see TNA PROB 11/40/119.

LM: T{estamentum} Anthonij Penne

In the name of God, Amen. The 12th day of December Anno domini 1570 and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth etc., I, Anthony Penne of London, esquire, being somewhat sick but in good and perfect remembrance, laud and praise be unto Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present testament and last will in manner and form following, that is to say:

First and principally I commend my soul unto Almighty God, my Maker and Redeemer, in whom and by whom and by the merits of whose blessed passion my whole trust is of clear remission and forgiveness of my sins, and my body to be buried in such place as it shall please Almighty God to ordain and appoint;

Item, I will that all such debts and duties as I owe of right or conscience to any person or persons be well and truly contented and paid by my executrix hereunder named;

Item, I give, will and bequeath unto my well-beloved wife, Julian, all such goods and chattels, as well movable as unmovable, as I have or ought to have by any means within the realm of England, together with all such debts and sums of money as is due and owing to me by any person or persons whatsoever;

Item, I give to my brother, William Penne, a black gown, and to my sister Disley another black gown;

Item, I give to Michael Hickes and Clement Hickes, either of them a black gown, and to Baptist Hickes another black gown;

Item, I give to my son, Anthony Penne, a black gown;

Item, I give to fifty poor men fifty gowns at the discretion of my said wife, to bring my body to the church withal;

And I utterly revoke and annul all former wills, legacies, bequests, executors and overseers by me at any time made, named, willed or bequeathed before the making hereof, and I will that this my present testament & last will shall stand, remain and be as my very last will and testament, & none other nor otherwise;

And I make and ordain the said Julian, my wife, my sole & only executrix of this my present testament & last will;

In witness whereof to this my present testament & last will I, the said Anthony Penne, have set my seal and subscribed my name, given the day and years first above-written. By me, Anthony Penn. Witnesses to the sealing, subscribing & delivery of this present testament & last will as is abovesaid, we, George Walker, Doctor of Physic, & Paul Pope, scrivener.

Probatum fuit test{amentu}m suprascript{um} cor{am} mag{ist}ro curie p{re}rog{atiue} cantuar{iensis} comiss{ario} apud London xvijo die Iulij Anno d{omi}ni 1572(?) Iuramento Rad{ulfi} Browne no{ta}rij pu{bli}ci p{ro}cur{atoris} Iuliane rel{i}c{t}e et exec{utricis} in h{uius}mo{di} test{ament}o no{m}i{n}at{i} Cui comiss{a} fuit admi{n}istracio om{n}i{um} et sing{u}lor{um} bonor{um} &c De bene &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia Iurat{i}

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Master of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Commissary, at London on the 17th day of July in the year of the Lord 1572 by the oath of Ralph Browne, notary public, proctor of Julian, relict and executrix 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.]