

Will of Anselme Poulton, 1626

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In the name of God Amen I Anselme Poulton of the parish of St Clement Danes Cittizen and haberdasher of London being sicke in body but of good and perfect memory (praised bee god) doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my Soule unto allmightie god my Creator blessed forever And my body to the earth fitly to bee buried concerning the ordering and disposeinge of my worldly estate and goods my mind and will is as followeth First I give to Mrs Hawfield my wives mother five pounds a yeare during her naturall life to bee payd at the end of Every yeare at one entire payment and the yeare to beginne the next quarter daie that shall happen after my Departure Item I give to my Eldest Daughter Elizabeth Poulton one hundred pounds Item I give unto my Second Daughter Sara Poulton one hundred pounds Item I give to my Third Daughter Rebecca Poulton one hundred pounds Item I give to my youngest Daughter Deborah Poulton the like some of one hundred pounds all such to bee payed unto them when they shall come to the age of one and Twenty yeares or else at the daie of their marriage w[hi]ch of them shall first happen And my will is that the use and benefitt of this money remayne in the meanetye to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Poulton for and towards the maintenance and bringing up of my aforesaid Children And if it should happen that any of them dye before they either marry or come to age of one and twentie yeares Then my will is that her porcon shall be equally devided among the Survivors But if it should happen that all of them dye before the tymes above mentioned Then my will is that those porcons returne to the b[ef]ore[said] benefitt of my loveing wife Item I give to my wives Sister Mary Pearce the some of fower pounds if her husband shall discharge my wife of the bond wherein I stand bound with him to Mr Chase but otherwise I give her but twenty shillings Item I give unto my owne Brother William Poulton and his wife each of them twentie shillings to buy them Rings w[i]th all for a token of Remembrance Item I give unto my Brother in lawe Edward Roberts ten shillings and I alsoe freely forgive him all the money he owes mee I give to my Sister in lawe his wife ten shillings Item I give unto the Widdowe Walker Twentie shillings Item I give to my Cosin Robinson Ten shillings Item I give unto the poore fortie shillings to bee distributed where and to whom my Executrix and Overseers shall thinke meete¹ Item I give to my friend Richard Banckes and his wife each of them twentie shillings Item I give to my Brother Thomas Marriott and his wife each of them twentie shillings Item the rest of my goods Chattles leafed plat Jewells houshold goods and debts (my debts being payd my funerall discharged and my Legacies performed) I give unto my deare and welbeloved wife Elizabeth Poulton whom I make and ordayne my sole Executrix to execute and performe this my last will and Testament And I doe intreate my welbeloved friend Richard Banckes and my Brother Thomas Marriott to see this my will performed w[hi]ch I doe publish and declare to bee my last will & testam[en]t Witness my hand and Seale this eight of May in the second yeare of the Raigne of o[ur] Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the faith Published & declared to bee the last will and testament of mee the afore named Anselme Poulton in the p[re]sence of Anselme Poulton Thom: Marriott Israell Hayward Denham Hurlocke ./.

¹Archaic term meaning 'commensurate' (OED)

Probatum fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud London Coram magistro Edmundo Pope legum Doctore Surrogato Venerabilis Via Domini Henrici Marten Militis legum etiam doctorio Curie Prerogative Cantuariensis Magistri Custodio sue Cominis sarij etmie constituti Vicesimo sexto die mensis July Anno Domini Millesimo sexcentesimo vicesimo sexto Juramento Elizabethæ Poulton relicte In dest et Executricio in huismodi Testamento nominat Cui Comissa fuit Administrando eadem ad Sancta dei Evangelia Jurat ./.

Quarto die mensis Aprilis Anno dni 1629 emanavit comis vis Alexandro Marmington ? uno marito Elizabeth Marmington als Poulton als Greene defun ? rixit Relicta et exics desi suit relcame Columtatis die Anselmus Poulton defunctus ? & ad administrand ????? non plene administrat al bene et Jurat ./

ⁱ Thomas Marriott or Marriatt married Anne Hafield at St Nicholas Acons London in 1621 (Source: Boyd's Marriage Index 1538-1840) – since Anselme Poulton refers to “Mrs Hawfield my wives mother”, the 2 appear to have been brothers in law (their wives were sisters).