

## Will of Francis Poulton, 1642

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**In the name of God Amen** I Francis Poulton of Twickenham in the County of Middlesex Esq<sup>r</sup> considering the Frailtie of mans life the certaintie of mans Death and the uncertainty of the tyme thereof doe therefore in good health and memory God bee therefore praised Make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in writing hereby revoking and annulling all other and former Wills by mee made In the First place I bequeath my soule to God that gave itt with assured hope by the onely all sufficient merritts of Jesus Christ to obtaine remission of all my sinns and that I shall see my Redeemer in the Land of the living As for my body I committ itt to the earth to bee decently buried in the Church or Chancell of Twickenham afforesaid with a monument to bee made of mee not exceeding the somme of five pounds according to the discrecon of my Executors hereafter noted & as for the disposition of my worldly estate which itt hath pleased God to give mee I pray God to blesse my deere and loving Wife and all our Children the pledge of oure naturall love and to blesse my estate unto them Imprimis I doe give and bequeath unto Suzan my loveing wife over and beside my house & Freehould Lands in Twickenham one Annuitie or yearlie rent of one hundred pounds by the yeare to bee Issueing and going out of my Mannor and Rectory of Purton in the County of Hartford and to bee yearly payd acrued and taken out of the rents yssues and proffitts of the same And that my Feoffed and trusted shalbee carefull to see the same performed And I doe give and devise unto her All my Capitall messuage in Twickenham wherein I nowe dwell And all and singular my Freehould Lands in Twickenham to have and to hould to her for life And I doe alsoe give unto her fower hundred pounds in readie money and all my howshouldstuff Jewells and plate othere then such as shalbee hereby otherwayes disposed but my meaneing is that shee shall onely have the use and ocupacon of my diamond chaine dureing her life and that after her death my Eldest daughter Francis shall have the same Item I give and leave to descend unto my Eldest sonne William Poulton all my Freehould lands Tenements and hereditaments in the Countyes of Midds and Hartford my wives estate for life as is aforesaid referred and an estate thereof to bee lymmitted unto Henry my sonne and such wife as hee shall marry Item I doe alsoe give and bequeath unto my sonne William the somme of one thousand pounds to be payd att his age of thirty yeares or sooner if my Executors hereafter nominated shall thereunto aggree And alsoe the bason and Ewer of silver left unto mee by my Unkell Item I will that after the decease of my said wife my second sonne Henry shall hould and enjoy all my said Capitall messuage and my Freehould lands in Twickenham afforesaid dureing his life the remainder to such wife as he shall marry for her Joynture for tearme of her life and I doe give unto him alsoe the somme of twoe thousand pounds to bee payd unto him att the age of one and twenty yeares Item I doe give and bequeath unto my sonne Edmund the somme of one thousand pounds to bee payd unto him att his age of one and twenty yeares Item I doe give unto my youngest sonne Thomas the somme of five hundred pounds to bee payd unto him att his age of one and twenty yeares I would have given him more money but that hee is by the custome of mannor of Isleworth Sion Inherritable to my Coppyhould lands in Twickenham Item I doe give and devise unto my eldest Daughter Frances the somme of twoe hundred pounds to bee payd within one yeare after my decease and alsoe twoe livery silver potts late my Unkells Item I doe give and devise unto my daughter Penelope the some of twoe hundred pounds to bee payd within the like terme of one yeare next after my death Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Suzan the somme of twoe thousand marks to bee payd her att the age of One and twenty yeares or sooner if

shee doe marry with the consent of her mother or my Executors or the greater part of them And I likewise doe give unto her the residue of my plate late my Unkells Item I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary the somme of one Thousand pounds to bee payd unto her att the age of one and twenty yeares or day of marriage soe as the same bee by like consent as is afforesaid And I doe declare my will and meaneing to bee That if any of my Children dye before they shall have received the portion by mee here devised that then such portion shallbee equally divided betweene all my children Item I doe give unto my Sister Parnell Fortie pounds and to my Sister Welson twenty pounds To Elizabeth Clark sometimes my servant tenn pounds To Henry Saunders sometimes my servant twenty pounds And to the poore of the parrish of Twickenham twenty pounds To James Jeale forty Shillings To Thomas Slade Forty Shillings and unto every one of my servants fortie Shillings a peece if they have continued twoe yeares with mee And I doe alsoe declare my meaneing to bee that if any losse shall happen to bee and fall out in my estate amongst my debtors the same shallbe equally borne proportionably by all that shall receive any benefitt by this my last Will Item I doe charge my Freehold Tenement and Land in Twickenham nowe in the tenure and occupation of Mr. Love with the payment of five pounds foure shillings yearly for and towards the maintenance of sixe poor persons to bee served in the Church of Twickenham every Fryday in such sort as nowe they are The sixe persons to bee nominated by mee and my wife dureing our lives and afterwards by the Churchwardens and Vicarr of Twickenham when any of them should happen to dye Item I ordaine my Daughter Frances and my sonne Henry Poulton to bee Executors of this my last Will and likewise I ordaine Richard Taylor Servant at Loves and Humfrey Chambers of Lincolnes Inn Esq<sup>r</sup> to bee the Overseers of the same and doe give unto either of them twenty Shillings a peece In the last place I doe declare my will and meaneing to bee that my Funerall expences and the Legacies in this my last Will being performed The remainder and residue of my personall estate shallbee equally devided betweene all my Children In witnes whereof I have this present ninth day of February in the yeare of our Lord God 1640 And in the Sixteenth yeare of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles over England &c sett my hand and Seale and subscribed my name and published the same to bee my last Will and Testament Fran(cis) Poulton.

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of us whose names are here underwritten Humfrey Chambers Roger Cardista Henry Poulton Henry Saunders

**Memorandum** that my Daughter Suzan is married and her portion is payd all but three hundred pounds and shee is not farther to clayme any Legacy devised by this my last Will and by this presence I doe revoke that branch of my Will concerning her portion Fran(cis) Poulton: Witnes to this revocacon of that branch of my Sister Suzans Legacy: Henry Poulton.

**Probatum** fuit Testamentum supra scriptum apud London corad veneli viro Willimo Saines legum Drore Surrogato venerabilis viri ud ??? Juramente Francisca Poulton et Henrici Poulton ???