

Will of Silvester Poulton (1613-1656)

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In the name of God Amen the Thirteenth day of February In the yeare of our Lord God according to the English Accompt One thousand Six hundred fiftie and five I Silvester Poulton Citizen and Haberdasher of London of the Parish of Saint Gyles without Cripplegate in the Countie of Middlesex being sick of Bodie but of perfect minde and memorie thanks be given to Almightye God doe by theise presents make and ordaine this to be my last Will and testament in manner and forme following And first and principally I give my Soule to God that gave it and to my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ who by his precious blood shedd death and resurection I sayth fully beleeve hath redeemed it And I will that my Bodie be buried decentlie in Christian buriall according to the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named And for my Worldly Estate that God of his mercie hath lent me after my debts and funerall charges be paid and discharged I give and bequeath in manner and forme following (That is to say) I give and bequeath unto my owne daughter Dorotheie Poulton the Summe of Seaven score pounds of Lawfull monie of England to be paid unto her by my Executrix hereafter named when she shall attaine the age of one and twentie yeares or on the day of her marriage which shall first happen according to the discretion of my Wife Mary whom I intend to make my Executrix of this my said last Will But if in case my Wife Mary shall be married Then I will that the said Seaven score pounds be put into the Chamber of London immediatelie after her marriage and out of the said Chamber of London to be paid unto my said daughter Dorotheie at the said age of one and twentie yeares or the day of her marriage which shall first happen but if in Case my said daughter Dorothy doe not marrie with and honest Civill man before her said age of one and twentie yeares Then in such Case I will that all her portion be not paid her untill she Come to the age of one and twentie yeares but such part of it as my said Executrix and Overseers shall thinke fitt for her livelie hood And if it happen my said daughter Dorotheie shall depart this Life before she shall attaine to the age of one and twentie yeares or be married Then I will that my said Loving Wife shall have Three score pounds of the said Seaven score pounds part of my said daughters' portion And I give and bequeath unto William Surgood my Sister Anns Sonne the Summe of fortie pounds of like lawfull monie out of the said portion of my said daughter Dorotheie And alsoe I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my said Sisters' daughter the Summe of Twenty pounds of like lawfull monie part of the said Seaven score pounds given to my said daughter Also I give and bequeath unto Christopher Poulton the Sonne of my Brother Christopher Poulton Twentie pounds residue of the said Seaven score pounds of like monie in Case my said daughter be deceased as aforesaid and Tenn pounds I will shall be expended upon my buriall And the rest and residue of my said Estate of readie monie Juells plate Creditts Chattells Cattle household stuffs and moveables unbequeathed I freely give and bequeath unto my deare and Loving Wife Mary and her I make and ordaine to be the sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament absolutely revoakein all former Wills and Testaments by me made or consed to be made and I nominate and appoynte Mathew Prosser and Henry Griggs of the aforesaid Parish of Saint Gyles Brewers to be the overseers of this my last Will desiring them to be ayding & assisting unto my said Wife during her Widdowhood but if she happen to marrie Then I make and ordaine them Feoffed in trust and as Guardians for my said daughter Dorotheie to see the said portion of Seaven score pounds be putt into the Chamber of London or putt forth for the best advantage for my said daughters' Lively hood in Case her father in Lawe should be Crosse unto her and abuse her in her Childhood and to be dispossed of as before is given and bequeathed and to them the

said Mathew Prosser and Henry Grigg I give tenn shillings a peece to buy them each of them a payre of gloves In Witness whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and Seale the day and yeare above written The marke of Silvester Poulton Sealed signed and declared to be my last Will and Testament in presence of us The marke of Richard Stickman Arthur Bowett Snr

This Will was proved att **London** the Tenth day of June In the Yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred fiftie and six before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations' Lawfully authorized by the oath of Mary Poulton the Relict and sole and sole and only Executrix named in the above written Will To whome Administration of all and singular the goods Chattells and debts of the said deceased was Committed She being first Legally sworne trulie and faythfully to administer the same