

**The Taverner  
Wills**

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St Sep.

Will of William Taverner, 1601

In the name of God, Amen, the 27th daie of September 1601, and in the 43rd yeare of the raigne of our Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God, queene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faith etc.

I, William Taverner, althoughe sick in bodye, yet in perfect remembrance, thankes be geven to the lord, doe make and ordaine this my presente testament, contayninge therein my last will, in manner and forme followinge. That is to saie.

First and principallie I Comend my soule unto the handes of Allmightie God my onelie maker, and faithfullie hopinge to have free pardon of all my synnes, throughe and by the precious blood of my redeemer Jesus Christ, his onelie begotten sonne.

And my bodye to be buried where it shall please God to appointe for the same.

Item, I will that all such debtes and dueties that I owe, in right or conscience, to anie person or persons, be well and trulie paid by my Executor hereafter named.

The rest of all and singuler my readie money, plate, juells, howsehold stuff, goodes and Chattalls, debts, dueties and demaundes whatsoever, of what nature or Con디션 soever they, and wheresoever they, may be founde.

I freelie, absolutelie and Clerelie geve, will and bequeathe, unto my deare and lovinge brother Robert Taverner, Which said Robert Taverner I nominate and appointe my full and sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

Revokinge all other wills, guiftes and legacies by me made or geven, and that this shall stand for my true and last will, and no other.

Item, I geve, graunte, enfeoffe and devise, all my landes, tenementes and hereditamentes whatsoever, within the realme of England, to my said brother Robert, his heires and assignes forever, to the onelie use and behoof of the said Robert, his heires and assignes forever.

And that all and everie person and personnes that now stand seized of the same landes to my use shall, after my decease, stand and be seized thereof to the use of the said Robert and his heires forever.

Item, I geve, will and bequeathe unto my partener Ellen Johnson my Russet Cloake.

In witnes whereof I, the said William Taverner, have hereunto sett my hand and seale, dated the daie and yeares first above written.

Confessed by the said William Taverner after the writing and readinge of thes presentes that this is and should be his last will and no other in the presence of us Nicholas Johnson his mark, the marke of Issabell Hill, the marke of Anne Darsey, the marke of Katherine Johnson, the marke of Elizabeth Edwardes, and of me, James Latenam scriptor presencium [writer of these presents].

Probate This will was proved before Master John Pope, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Master Thomas Ridley, also Doctor of Laws, Commissary etc, on the fifteenth day of the month of October in the year of Our Lord 1601, by the oath of Robert Taverner, the Executor, to whom etc [administration was granted], he having been first sworn well etc [to administer the same], and [to render] a full account etc, Saving all rights [whatsoever] etc.



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Will of Robert Taverner, Cordwainer of Aldeburgh  
who died in 1608

leaving a son, Toh

a married daughter Alice who's son  
was called Toh.

Robert mentions many other relations with  
the name of Smith.



John Gent upminster 1608.

wife Susan. all freehold. lands during her life  
then on her death to son Roger & his heirs if  
Roger dies then between my daughters Eliza & Susan  
equally when they ~~reach~~ ~~21~~ marry.







defunct. de bene et fidelis administrando eadem. No sancta dei emgelica or meat / 173

# In the name of God Amen: A John Tavernez of 20 pmisses

in the County of Essex gent beinge of god and per feet tincembrace of praise and  
 doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge  
 thise 24 bequater my soule unto allmighty god bypinge by the meritts of his some  
 my Libacione whiche to be saved my bodye to be buried in the churche of St. Peter  
 church of 20 pmisses of tombenther. it maie see be as shalle comente and  
 charged as maie be and not blame to be, norne threat. Item I give unto the  
 pore people of the parishes the some of ffifte shillinge to be sent unto  
 their howse and distributed amongst them at the discretion of myne executor. In  
 I am daied after my buriall. All my Arthor. Gaudes Tincembrace and Mordax I  
 give unto my wife Annan Tavernez myne wife and after her decease unto  
 my Sonne Roger Tavernez and unto his heires fored. And if he happen to die w<sup>th</sup>  
 out then my will is that my saide Arthor and Mordax be equally divided  
 betwene my saide daughters Elizabeth and Annan Tavernez and to their heires fored  
 And I doe give unto my saide three daughters Elizabeth Tavernez and Annan Tavernez  
 xxvntz ffifte poundes a peece to be payde them at their severall marciages by my  
 executor. And I doe make and ordaine my will to be Guardian, unto my Sonne after  
 his decease full aged and to have the custodye  
 of my

chil they shall have age as to



I have written this book for the purpose of giving  
an account of the lives of the most eminent  
persons who have flourished in this country  
from the first settlement to the present  
time. I have endeavored to be as exact  
as possible in the collection of the  
facts, and to give a full and true  
account of their lives and actions.  
I have also endeavored to be as  
concise as possible, and to avoid  
all unnecessary particulars. I have  
also endeavored to be as impartial  
as possible, and to give a true  
and unbiassed account of their  
lives and actions. I have also  
endeavored to be as entertaining  
as possible, and to give a full  
and true account of their lives  
and actions. I have also endeavored  
to be as useful as possible, and to  
give a full and true account of  
their lives and actions.

Witness my hand  
at New York  
this 15th day of July 1687

Richard Tappin  
his make

Printed by J. Smith at the printing house  
in New York 1687

Richard Tappin  
his make

John  
Richard T  
d 1614 Hockley  
Waters

Margaret Sarah Robert  
Waters

Richard T  
Hockley  
1614



In the name of God Amen - - - 20 April in the year of our lord god our - - - ad

Edmund Taverner of Sondes in the Countie of Oxon Esquire being  
mind and of perfect remembrance make this my last will  
and Testament - - - I bequeath my Soule  
unto Almighty god my - - - and my bodie to be  
buried in nettled Church by Lucy, my loving wyfe.

Item I bequeath unto my daughter Tomifer the yearly  
- - - of £20 during her life and fortie pound

- - - her - - - for five years. Item I bequeath unto my  
da. Margaret One Hundred pounds to be - - - unto her at  
the day of her Marriage. Item I give unto my daughter

Anne ~~or Anne~~ One Hundred pounds. Item to Willm Giles  
of - - - I in regard of h. faithful service?  
performed unto me ten shillings. Item I bequeath

- - - the yearly - - - of a at the communion on  
Monday in Easter - - - at the parish church of Nettled

ten shillings by the year. The rest of all my goods  
and chattes cows and cattle with all the household - - -  
and implements of h. the at Sondes aforesaid

I give and bequeath unto Lucy my loving wife my  
bookes - - - Item - - - Cromwell Lee late of Woodeton

in the Countie of Oxon did grant a coppithold called  
- iddenland in woodeton aforesaid to a - - - of mine in

Trust to my - - - I have - - - according by  
I give + bequeath the same unto my son Edmund Taverner

- - - He - - - that is upon it to have and to - - -  
according to the custome or the - - - copy and - - - make



Will of Robert Taverner. 1618

In the name of God Amen, The Sixteenth daye of Februarye in the yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce and Irelande, Kinge, Defendor of the faithe etc, the sixteenth, and of Scotlande the Twoe and fyftethe,

I, Roberte Taverner, of Horndon on the Hill, in the County of Essex, yeoman, beinge sicke and weake in boddye, but of perfect mynde and memorye, thankes be unto almighty God, doe constitute, ordeyne and make, this, my testament and last will, in manner and forme followinge.

Firste I bequeathe my sowle into the handes of the almighty God my maker, and to Jhesus Christe my onely sayvour and redeemer, hopinge, by the merryttes of his moste precious deathe and passion, to have free pardon and forgivenessse of all my synnes, and to lyve with hym in lyfe everlastinge,

And my boddye to be buryed in Crystian buryall, wheir yt shall please my executrix heerafter named.

And touchinge those temporall blessinges which God in his greate mercye hath bestowed on me, I give and bequeathe them as heerafter followeth.

Inprimis (first) I give and bequeathe unto Robert Taverner, my seconde sonne, all those my twoe freeholde messuages or tennementes, with all the freeholde landes theirunto belonginge or apperteyninge, conteyninge by estimacion sixteene acres more or lesse, as they are now in sixe croftes or parcells severally inclosed, sett, lyeinge and beinge in the parishe of Harverstocke, upon bothe sydes of the Kinges Highwaye leadinge from Billerica to the said stocke, now or late in the severall tenures and occupacions of Willyam Frynde and Willyam Parr of the parrishe of Stocke aforesaide,

To him, the saide Roberte Taverner, and to his heires, for ever.

And to enter upon the saide severall houses and landes before given when he cometh to his full age of twentye and one yeares, and not before,

And the rentes, profittes and comodities their of, duringe the nonage of the said Roberte, I will that my Executrix heerafter named shall have, receive and take them, to her owne benefytt and use, towards the educacion and bringinge upp of my children, withoute givinge of any accompte,

But and yf my saide sonne Roberte shall happen to dye before he shall accomplishe the age of twenty and one yeares, then my mynde and wyll is that all the saide houses and landes before given shall come, decende and remayne, to my daughters heerafter named, or to as manye of them as shalbe then lyvinge, and to their heyres for ever, parte and parte lyke, equallye, and not otherwyse, accordinge to my true meaninge.

Item I give and bequeathe unto Willyam Taverner, my eldest sonne, fyve poundes of good and lawfull money of England, to be payde hym by my Executrix at twoe paymentes, (That is to saye),



Fyfty shillings at his age of 21 yeares, and the other fyfty shillings at his age of twentye and twoe yeares, and not otherwyse.

Item, I gyve and bequeath unto Hellen Taverner, my eldest daughter, threescore poundes of good and lawful money of Englande, to be payde unto her, the said Hellen, at her age of twentye and one yeares, or at the daye of her marriage, which of them shall fyrst happen, by my executrix.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Taverner, my seconde daughter, threescore poundes of good and lawful money of Englande, to be paide unto her at her age of twentye and one yeares, or at the daye of her marryage, which of them shall first happen, by my executrix.

Item, my mynde and will is, that within one whole yeare next commynge after my deceace, my executrix shall and doe deliver, or cause to be delivered, into the handes of some sufficiente person or persons to the lykinge of my overseers heerafter named, the full some of fower score poundes of good and lawful money of Englande.

And my executrix and overseers to take of hym or them sufficiente securitye for the same fower score poundes, to be payde back agayne in manner and forme followinge, (That is to saye).

That those persons shall paye or cause to be payde unto him, her or them that shall have the educacion and bringinge upp of my third daughter Agnes Taverner, suche and soe muche money by the yeare as shall growe and aryse, or be yearly due for the use and proffytt of the saide somme, from yeare to yeare and from tyme to tyme, duringe the natarall lyfe of my ... (part obscured by folding) (? daughter Agnes, if she) happen to dye unmarried.

And further my mynde and will is, that yf my daughter Agnes doe marrye, that then ... (?the interest and) proffytt of the saide fower score poundes shalbe paide unto the saide Agnes duringe her lyfe, for her mayntenance.

And further my mynde and will is, that my executrix, with the lykinge of my overseers, shall have power and authoritye to call in the saide money, and to put yt oute to others, uppon dislyke of the former securitye.

And yf my saide daughter Agnes happen to have any children, then my mynde and will is, that the saide fower score poundes before specified shall remayne and be equally distrybuted, parte and parte lyke, amongst her children, sonnes or daughters or bothe.

But yf shee happen to die ... (?without issue), then I give and bequeathe yt to fower other of my children, namely Robert, Hellen, Elizabeth and Francis Taverner, to be devyded equallye ... (?between them), or amongst soe many of them fower last named as shalbe then lyvinge, and not otherwyse.

Item, I give and bequeathe unto Francis Taverner, my youngest daughter, three score poundes of good and lawfull money of Englande, to be payde unto her, the saide Francis Taverner, at her age of twenty and one yeares, or at the daye of her marryage, which of them shall firste happen, by myne executrix.



Item. I give and bequeathe unto the poore of Horndon on the Hill, thirtye shillinges of good and lawfull money of Englande, and to the poore of Lyttle Burstedd, tenne shillinges of lyke money.

To be payde unto the church wardens and overseers of either of the saide parrishes within one monethe after my desseace, by my executrix, and to be distributed wheir moste need is, presently uppon the receipte theirow.

Item, I give and bequeathe unto my servantes which shalbe with me at my desseace, tenne shillinges, to be devyded amongst them all at the discretion of my executrix, within one monethe after my desseace.

All the ressidue of my goodes and chattels whatsoever, not alreddye or formerlye given and bequeathed, I give and bequeathe them all unto Francis Taverner, my welbeloved wyfe, whome I doe ordeyne and make my sole and onelye executrix of this my last will and testament, and I doe renounce and revoke all other former wylles and testamentes whatsoever.

And I ordeyne and desyer my lovinge and kynde freindes Nicholas Pedley of Springfeilde, Clarke, Henrye Archer of Laingdon Hillis, gentleman, and my sonne in lawe Thomas Myller, yeoman, to be my overseers of this my wyll, to whome I give, for their paynes and care heerin, tenne shillinges apeece.

And further my mynde and will is, that yf my wyfe shall happen to marrye, that before her marriage, hee with whom shee is to be marryed unto shall put in sufficiente bondes to my overseers for the fulfyllinge and sattisfyenge of this my wyll.

In wytnesse wheirow I, the saide Roberte Taverner, the testator, hath heerunto put his hande and seale, the dayes and yeares above wrytten, Annoque Domini (and in the year of our Lord) 1618.

Robart Taverner

Signed, sealed and delivered to his executrix, as his last wyll and testament, in the presence of us witnesses.

James Ledgingham  
Thomas Myller  
John Humfrye his marke  
& John Dodd, the wryter.

Probate of the Will of Robert Taverner, 1619

This will as proved at Great Baddowe on Thursday, that is to say, the third day, of the month of June, in the year of our Lord 1619.

Before Master William Pease, clerk, Surrogate of Master Repentus Savage, Doctor of Laws, Official etc of our Lord the ARchdeacon of Essex.

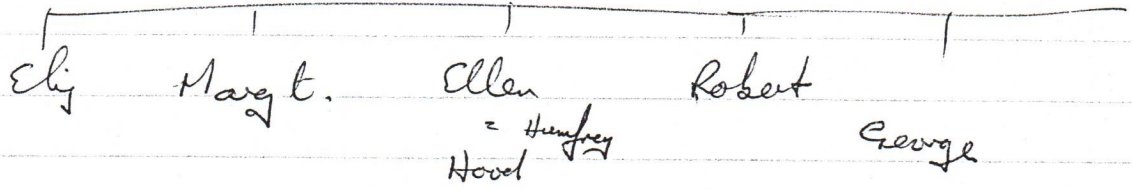
By the oath of Mr James Thwaites, Notary Public, as proctor of the Executrix named in the will.

To whom was granted administration etc, she being sworn well etc.

Saving all rights whatsoever etc.

Lichfield Wills.  
Mickleover / Derby

Robert = Elizabeth  
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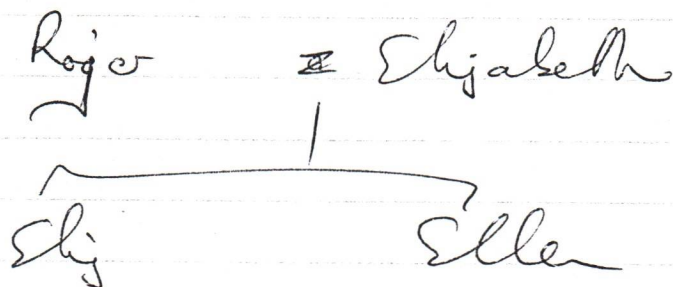
John Lowey  
son-in-law Humphrey Hovel



Litchfield.

1618.

of Derby.





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1621

heirs of Cy Peshnde shall pay or arrange to to be paid  
 unto Lucy my daughter the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds  
 of Lawfull money of England after  
 my death \_\_\_\_\_ of the Countie  
 of hartford. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth  
 my daughter aforesaid & to Thomas Sayer her husband  
 aforesaid & to their heirs for ever my Coyhill coife  
 and the appurtenances appoynted to them following that is  
 to sayd that the said Thomas Sayer -  
 - - - - - paid to my Daughter Ann. 2<sup>s</sup> 199 pounds of  
 good and lawfull money of England & to -  
 money of England

in the Countie of Hartford aforesaid  
 Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my daughter aforesaid  
 and to Thomas Sayer her husband aforesaid & to their heirs  
 for ever my Dow grounde & in the  
 brooks field of master Aforesaid - - - - - the said  
 Thomas Sayer shall paie or cause to be  
 paid to Thomas Taverner my grand - - - - - Son of John T  
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Henry of Montaine aforesaid her husband aforesaid  
 Thomas Taverner shall of \_\_\_\_\_ year of  
 Elizabeth my aforesaid  
 the Furniture parlor Furniture  
 in my chamber to my Daughter Lucy bed  
 a leather bed a pillow a pillow case of



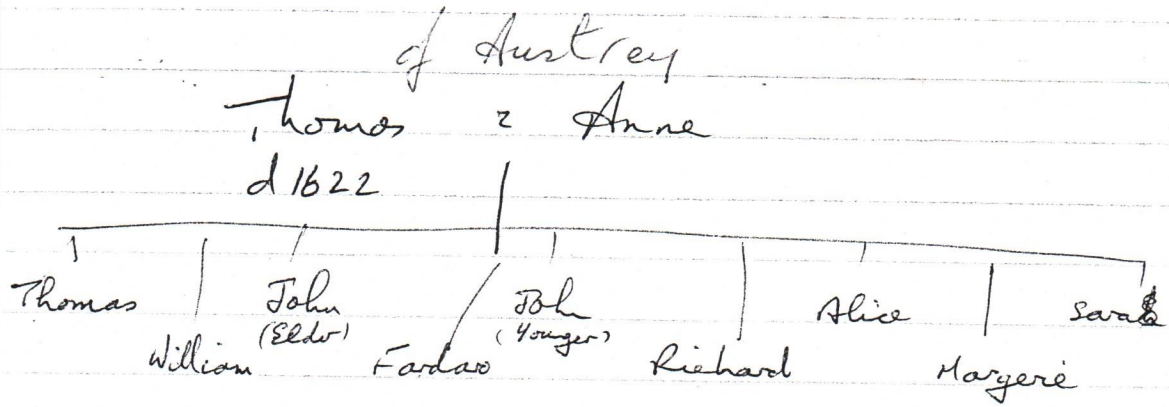
I give to my Daughter Ann Begg a bedd a  
feather bedd a bolster a pillow & a pillowcase a blanket  
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# Litchfield Wille



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John Hayward

Thomas Fielding

(see Winifred 1562)  
(John 1558 1430)  
(1551 Agnes of Stenage)  
(1528 Thos of Essendine)



Will of JOHN TAVERNER of Willingale Spayne, Essex, husbandman  
Dated 20 March 1622. To be buried in the churchyard.  
To sister AGNES MELFORD : 20 sh.  
To ARTHUR LAMSTEER.  
To WILLIAM HARRIS the elder : 10 sh. & my blue jerkin.  
To JOHN ARCHER : 10 sh. & my green breeches.  
To JONE CHAMPRIS (?), my servant : 10 sh.  
To the poor of Willingale Spayne.  
Residue to EMEY my wife, she to be Executrix.  
Cousin JOHN FOSTER to be Overseer.  
Witnesses : JOHN POWTER & HENRY PAVETT.  
Proved 8 Feb 1624/5.

ref. Suffolk ~~recte~~ record's office Ipswich Branch

ref 10/AA1/59/124

Will of John Taverner, shoemaker  
who died at Aldburgh = 1623.



Will of Henry Taverner, 1623

PRO ref PROB11/142

In the name of God, Amen, the Tenth daye of September Anno Domini [in the year of our Lord] 1623,

And in the One and Twentieth yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne Lord James, by the grace of God of England, France and Ireland, King, defendor of the faith etc, And of Scotland the seaven and fifteth,

I: Henrie Taverner, of Battersey in the County of Surrey, yeoman, being weake and sicke in bodie, but of good and perfect mynde and memorie, wherefore, and for all his temporall and spirituall blessinges of his mercie bestowed on mee, I render all possible praise and thankes unto him, doe make and ordaine this my last Testament in writing, declaring my last Will and intente in manner and forme following (that is to saie).

First and principallie I commend my soule unto Almighty God my maker and Creator, and to Jhesus Christ his onlye sonne my saviour and redeemer, by the merittes of whose most precious death, bloud and passion I trust to be saved,

And I will my boddie to be buried in the Church yard of Battersey, as neere unto my most deare and welbeloved wief, where shee was buried, as conveniently may be,

And I will that all such debtes as I doe owe, in righte or in conscience, to anie person, shalbe truly paid presently after my death.

Item, I doe hereby revoke all former Wills whatsoever heretofore made by mee.

Item, I give and bequeath unto the Church Wardens of Battersey, to and for the use of the poore of Battersey, Ten powndes, And my mind is, that my nephew John Tixoner shall paie the Ten poundes unto the said Church Wardens and the Overseers of the Poore of Battersey, and they to putt out the same uppon good securitie from yeare to yeare, or for a lesser life, and the profittes or encrease cominge therof to distribute and give amongst the poore of Battersey from tyme to tyme for ever.

Item yf the Steeple or towre of Battersey Church shall within twelve yeares next after my death be pulled or taken downe, to be builded upp againe,

Then I give and bequeath towardses the building up of the same Steeple, Twenty poundes, to be paid by my said Nephew John Texoner, his executors or administrators, to the Church Wardens of Battersey,

But if the same steeple shall not be new built within the said twelve yeares,

Then I will the said John Texoner shall have and keepe the said Twente ye poundes to his use for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my said Nephew John Texoner, my lease, which I have, of certaine buildinges, and the groundes or closes wherein they are standing, Called my Beane Close in Battersey, and all my interest into the same lease,



And I will hee shall paie yearely, during the Continuance of the same lease, to my Overseers, for the use of Henrie Norton, sonne of my Neece Sara Norton, twentie shillinges, at two feastes in the yeere (videlt) [videlicet, that is to say], att the feastes of St Michael Th'archangell, and Th'annunciacion of the blessed virgin Marie, by even porcions.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said Nephew John Texoner, my lease which I hold my dwelling house and other thinges by, Called the White Lyon Taverne in Battersey, made to me by the reverend father in God the Lord Bushopp of Yorke and the Deane and Chapter.

Also I [give] and bequeath unto my overseers, for the use and behoofe of the said Henrie Norton, which Henrie I ordaine and appointe to be my heire (if he live), all my bedding, brasse, pewter, linnen, and all my houshold stuffe, goodes and ymplementes whatsoever, standing, lying or beinge used in my Tenement Taverne, to be delivered to the said Henry Norton when hee shall accomplish his full age of two and twenty yeares.

And untill he accomplishe the said age, my mynd and full intent is, That no parte or parcell of my said beddinge, brasse, pewter, linnen, houshold stuffe, goodes or implementes whatsoever shalbe removed or taken out of the Taverne or any of the Roomes thereof,

But that the same shalbe used and occupied with the Taverne By the said Sara Norton my neece,

Excepting onely one Joyned Chest with linnen in it, which I will not have used in any wise, but to stand and be safe kept for the said Henrie.

But if the said Henrie Norton doe departe this [erased; "life"] mortall world before hee shall accomplishe the age of twenty and two yeares, then I give and bequeath unto my said Nephew John Texoner all my said goodes and houshold stuffe whatsoever being in my Taverne.

Also my mind and desire is, that if my said Neece Sara Norton cannot peaceablie and quietly dwell in my Taverne and use my goodes and houshold stuffe therein, by reason of her husband cominge to her or molesting her,

Then in such Case, my said Nephew John Texoner shall not only lett the said Taverne, with the Consent of my Overseers, But also shall lett the goodes and houshold whatsoever therein within the Taverne, from yeare to yeare or otherwise, for the bringing up of the Children of the said Sara, untill the said Henry Norton shall accomplishe the said age of Two and twenty yeares.

And if anie Landes fall to me by reason of anie Surrender made to mee, whereuppon I have lent moneyes, Then I will the said Henry Norton shall have the same land, as my heire, and hee to take it up of the Lord of the Mannor, according to the Custome.

I desire my overseers to buy a sufficient Chest with two Lockes and keyes, and that to stand in my Taverne or elsewhere at their pleasure, therein to keepe safe all such money and Evidences as shall appertaine or belong to the said Henrie Norton, the keyes of which Chest I will to be kept by my said Overseers, and the Overseer to keepe an Inventorie of his estate.



And my farther desire is, that if my said Overseers doe putt out or lend anie of the moneyes belonging to the said Henrie Norton,

That they they doe take good securitie therefore, and not above six poundes in the hundred profitt per annum, for the use and profit of the said Henry Norton,

And if it shall happen at anye [time] hereafter, anie ambiguity, doubt or question, to growe or arrise by reason of the imperfeccion or defect, of or in, anie the wordes, Clauses, or sentences, in this my last will, or my true intent and meaning therein,

That then the farther and better explanacion, interpretacion and consideracion of the said doubt and ambiguity, I will that my overseers shall expound, explaine and interpret, accordinge to their wisdomes and good discrecions.

The rest of all my goodes, Chattells, Cattell and debtes whatsoever remaining after my debtes be paid, my funerall expences discharged, and these my legacies conteyned in this my presente Testament fullfilled, I wholly give and bequeath unto my especiall food freindes, Thomas Wood, John Shermandine, and Richard Vause, yeomen, all of Battersey, for the use and behoofe of the said Henry Norton.

And I doe hereby not only Constitute and ordaine them, the said Thomas Wood, John Shermandine and Richard Vause, to be Overseers of this my will, praying and beseeching them, as my especiall trust is in them, to see this my will bee performed,

But also I nominate and ordaine them to bee executors in trust of this my will, for the use and behoof of the said Henry Norton untill hee doe accomplish the age of twenty two yeares, and I give every of them, for their paines to be taken therein, Fortie shillinges.

But if the said Henry Norton shall departe this mortall world before hee shall accomplishe the said age of twenty and two yeares,

Then I nominate and ordaine the said John Texoner my nephew to be my full and sole executor of this my Will.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Ellen Davis, daughter unto Bridgett Walker, Five poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid unto her, the said Ellen, by the said Henrie Norton, when hee shall accomplishe the said age of two and twenty yeares ( if the said Ellen be then allso living).

In witness whereof I have hereunto pot my hand [and] seale, the saie and yeare above written.

The marke of Henry Taverner.

This will, being foure sheetes of paper, was read, signed, sealed and delivered, in the presence of me,

Rich: Hall  
Laurence Byng

Probate of Will of Henry Taverner, 1623

The above written will was proved at London, before the worshipful Master Arthur Ducke, Doctor of Laws, Surrogate of the worshipful Lord William Bird, Knight, also Doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, lawfully constituted,

On the twenty fifth day of the month of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three,

By the oaths of Thomas Wood, John Shermantine and Richard Vause, the Executors named in the Will of the said deceased, under the limitations specified in the said will,

To whom administration of the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased was granted,

They being first sworn on God's Holy Gospel truly and faithfully to administer the same.

Examined [ie compared with the original].



Will of John Tavener of Hatfield Broadoak. 1624

Essex Record Office Ref D/ABW 47/53

In the name of God, Amen.

The nyntenth date of January in the two and twentieth yere of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lorde James, by the grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, Kinge, defender of the faythe etc, and of Scotland the eighte and Fiftethe, in the yere of our lord God 1624.

I, John Tavener, of Hatfeild Broadoke in the Countie of Essex, yeoman, beinge at this tyme payned with the paulsie, but yett in good and perfeicte Remembrance and memory, all laude, thanks and prayes bee geven to Allmyghtie God therefore, and for all other his benefits and mercies on mee bestowed, of myne owne voluntary will and dispossission, hereby ordeyne, declare and pronounce my last will and Testament in writinge as hereafter followeth, and doe hereby Renounce and Revoke all other former or other wills whatsoever.

Firste I Comitt my soule unto the mercie of Jesus Christe myne onlye advocate, saviour and Redeemer, and I will that my bodye bee buryed in Christian buryall.

Alsoe I will and bequeath unto my eldeste sonne John Tavener six pence of lawfull money of England, to be payd within three monthes next after my decease.

Alsoe I give, devyse and will unto William Tavener my second sonne the some of sixe pence of like lawfull moneye of Englande, to bee payed within three monthes next after my decease.

Alsoe I give and bequeathe unto Thomas my third sonne tenne shillinges of lawfull money of England, to bee payed within three monthes next after my decease.

Alsoe I give and bequeath to Robart my fourthe sonne five shillinges of like lawfull money of Englande, to bee payed within three monthes next after my decease.

Alsoe I doe give and bequeathe unto my eldeste daughter Marye the some of Twentye shillinges of like lawfull moneye of England, to be payd to her within one monthe next after my decease.

GRACE = JOHN TAVENER.

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† —————  
JOHN      W<sup>m</sup>      Thos      Robert      Mary

Land called Beavingtons. - Hatfield.

Witness      Thos Ware  
                       "      Warner  
                       "      Tenyngs

† John was baptised in Canfield  
1637 (son of Grace & John.

Will of Jonathan Tavener, 1627

PRO Ref PROB 11/152

The 14th daie of September Anno Domini [in the year of our Lord] 1627.

The will Nuncupative of Jonathan Tavener of London, Cowper, in the Shipp "The Reformacon" [Reformation] of London, latelie in the Port of Plymouth from East India.

Memorandum that the said Jonathan Tavener, in his sicke bedd in Plymouth aforesaid, delivered theis wordes as his last will and testament, saying;

I doe give and bequeath all my Clothes, and all my wages of and for this voyage, to Phillipp Litchington of Plymouth, for her paines and Charges upon me in my sicknes.

In the presence of theis Wittnesses underwritten,  
Thomas Gamidge, Stephen Evered, George Bownde, Edward Hichen.

On the nineteenth day of the month of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty seven there issued forth a grant to Phillippa Litchington, the general legatee named in the will of the said deceased,

To administer the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the will,

Because no other executor was named in the same will,

She being first sworn, on God's Holy Gospel, by means of a Commission in that regard issuing elsewhere, before Master Henry Wallis, Vicar of Plymouth, [well etc to administer the same].

Examined. [ie compared with the original.]



1630.

John T.

Labourer.

ref. Lichfield Wills.

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Will of ELIZABETH TAVERNER of Much Baddow, widow

Dated 19 Oct 1637. Weake in body etc.

To dau MARY TAVERNER : my joynehalf headed bedstead in my chamber over the hall where I dwell.

To dau ELIZABETH : my joyned bedstead etc.

To son GEORGE TAVERNER : my bedstead over the schoolhouse.

To son WILLIAM TAVERNER : my trundell bedstead.

Brother in law JAMES TAVERNER of Springfield to be Executor.

Brothers in law JOHN TAVERNER of Cranham & RICHARD GROAFFE of Nevendon to be Overseers of my will; 5 sh. to each. *Cross*

Residue to my four children.

Witnesses : WILLIAM ARCHBOLD, EDWARD PENNANT, THOMAS WALLEM.

Proved 10 Jan 1637/8.

*Wife of William*

*Waller?*



JANUARY the 31 in the year 1643

In the name of god Amen I John Tavenet of  
Cranham in the county of Essex Husband man  
--- in body but of --- memory. I pray to the  
lord at this time and I doo ordaine and make  
this my last will as followeth in the first place  
I give and bequeath my soule into the hands  
of almighty god from whom I ---  
it at the --- and my body to be ---  
buried in the churchyard of Cranham and  
I also apoint Sara my wife to be ---  
to this my last will and doe apoint how  
to pay? unto Sara Crofs my Kinswoman  
two and thirty pound of lawful English money  
and eeght pound more in moveables which

age of One and twenty years old  
and also I apoint her to pay --- unto Elizabeth  
Crofs the Sum of thirty two pounds of lawful  
English money and Eight pounds in moveables

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unto William  
Tavener my 21 Brothers Son Williams Son the sum of  
five pounds at the age of one and twenty years  
and also I apoint my ---

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WILLIAM TAVERNER of Bocking lying upon his death bed in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written being in perfect memory did give and dispose these goods as followeth  
I give to JAINE my wife the bed I lye on and to the wife of BELSTED BIGGIN twenty shillings and I give to JOHN DELAPH my cloak.  
Witnesses : THOS BRAGG THOS AMYS.  
1631.

SARIE

SARIE TAVENERE of Cranham, widdow, sicke in body but of perfit memory I thanke the Tord at this time and I doe ordaine and apoint this to be my last will as followeth  
In the first place I give and bequeath my soule in to the handes of allmighty god from whome I receved it at the first and my body to be semly buried in the churchyard of Cranham and then in the next place I apoint JOHN GANT to be exsectore of this my last will intreating him to se my will performed  
first to se those monyes in my husbandes will (be) paid to the said SARIE GROSE and ELISEBETH GROSE and then the rest of my estate what is lefte the on halfe to be giuen to my kinswooman ELSEEBETH GOWERS to be payd her at the age of on and twenty yeare old and then the on halfe of that which is left still to be payd to GRACE GOWERS her sister twenty shiling a yeare so long as it last if it should hapen that these should on dy or both that the other to sisters should be there heyres and the other halfe behind not yet desposed of to be parted betwene WILLIAM TAVENER and his sister the son and daughter of WILLIAM TAVERNER and ELSEEBETH COCK the wife of GABRELL COCK by even and equall proportions WILIAM and his sister having theres to be payd them at the age of on and twenty yeare old apeece and the said ELSEBETH COCK to have hers payed her twenty shillinges a yeare so long as it last and here to I set my hand and seall this 13 february in the yeare 1642.

Witnesses : JOHN THROFEILLD, THOMAS PEECHY.

Proved 6 March 1642/3.



PCC Admon - Nicholas Taverner

**Nicholas Taverner** On the twenty ninth day [of the month and year shown in the register] issued forth a grant to Agnes Taverner, the relict of Nicholas Taverner, late of Hoggesdon alias Hoxton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, [who died] having etc [goods sufficient to found the jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury],

To administer the goods, rights and credits of the same deceased,

She being sworn well etc [and truly to administer the same].

Notes In Margin:

London

Inventory exhibited on the 7th [day of the Feast of Saint] Andrew 1612

Rendering of the account adjourned, awaiting the officer on the 17th January 1612 [1612/13], by the return of this warrant

PCC Admon - William Taverner

**William Taverner** On the fifteenth day [of the month and year shown in the register] issued forth a grant to Elizabeth Taverner, the relict of William Taverner, late of Stepney alias Stebunheath in the County of Middlesex, [who died] having etc [goods sufficient to found the jurisdiction of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury],

To administer the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased,

She being sworn well etc [and truly to administer the same].

Notes In Margin:

London

[Inventory to be exhibited by the Feast of Saint] Faith  
Inventory exhibited on the 7th day of St Faith 1612

1612 Nicholas = Agnes  
of Hoxton Mdx  
or (Hoggeston)  
Will = PCC

1612 William = Eliz  
of stepney  
or Stebunheath co Middx  
Will = PCC