

John (Evidently unmarried. His will proved 1576 gives to brother Robert, and his bro-in-law, Wm. Pettfylld & Nycollas Fynce; he was buried Oct. 16, 1576.

Robert bapt. Feb. 6, 1560/1; m. 1st Dec. 9, 1583, Barbara Brown; m. 2nd 1597 Bridget Janney

He was a Clothier in Colchester, Co. Essex, Eng. F.D.S. 20

WILL of HENRY SHERMAN of COLCHESTER, Co. ESSEX, ENGLAND

In the name of God, Amen, the twentithe day of Januarye a thousand fyve hundred eightie nine and in the two and thirtithe yeare of the raigne of oure soveraigne Ladie Quene Elizabeth, I Henry Shearman, the elder, of Colchester in the county of Essex being whole of memorye and in perfect mynde thankes be to God do make constitute and ordeyne this my laste will and testamente revokinge all other willes and testamentes made by me. Firste I bequeathe my soule into the handes of Almighty God my maker acknowledging Jesus the sonne of the Lyvinge God my only Savvoure and Redeemer by whose pretious bloodshedding all my synnes ar washed away which hath satisfied the wrathe of God the father and I by his meritts and noe other meenes shall enherite the Kingdome prepared for the faithfull. I acknowledge the holy ghoste the god of comforte which hath sealed me up to the everlastinge covenante of eternall loyes, my bodie I committ to the earthe from whence yt came to be buried in the parishe church of Dedham. Item. I will and bequeathe to Doctor Chapman the preacher of Dedham sixe poundes to be paid within sixe monethes after my decease. Item. I will to Mr. Parker fortie shillinges to be paide at the same time. Item. I will to the poore of Dedham twenty poundes to be a contynewall stocke for the poore to the worldes ende and the use and benefit of it to goe to the poore. Further my will and mynde is that it shalbe ordered at the discretion of the governours of the free schoole of Dedham or the greatest parte of them and they to take securitie for the princypall.

Item. I will and bequeathe unto Henrye Shearman, my sonne my Shearman's crafte to hym and his heires for ever.

Item. I give to Henrye Shearman, my sonne, all the householde (sic) which is in his house which he hath already.

Item. I give to my sonne, Henrye Shearmans children that is to saye to Henry Shearman, Samuel Shearman, Daniell, John, Ezechiell, Phebe, Nathaniell and Anne Shearman to each of them five pounds a peece to be paied to the sonnes at the age of two and twentie. And yf any of them dye before they shall accomplishe the foresaid age then I will yt to be equallie divided betwixt the reste alive and to the daughters at one and twentie. And yf they die before this age then I will there porcon to be equallie divided betwixt my sonne Henryes children then alive.

Item. I will and bequeathe to Edmonde Shearman, my sonne ten poundes.

Item. I give to Edmonde Shearman, the sonne of my sonne Edmonde Shearman, thirteene pounde thirteene shillinges and fouer pence to be paied unto hym at the full age of twoe and twentie yeres. And yf he die before he come to the age of twoe and twentie, then I will it be divided betweene Richarde

Shearman, Bezaliell Shearman, Anne Shearman, the children of my sonne Edmonde Shearman.

Item. I will and bequeathe to Richarde Shearman, Bezaliell Shearman, Anne and Sarah Shearman, the children of my sonne Edmonde Shearman, to eache of them fourtie shillings a peece to be paied to the sonnes at the full age of twoe and twentie and to the daughters at one and twentie. And yf any of them dye before they shall accomplish theire full ages then I will theire parte to be divided amongeste the reste that lyve of Edmonde Shearman's children.

Item I give to Edmonde Sherman, my sonne my beste cloake

Item I will and bequeathe to William Petfeilde, my sonne in lawe, twentie poundes to be paied within one whole yere after my decease.

Item I give to the three children of my sonne in lawe Petfeilde, that is to say to Richard Petfeilde, to Susan Petfeilde and Elizabeth Petfeilde, to each of them six pounde thirteene shillings fouer pence to be paied to the sonne at twoe and twentie yeres of age and to the daughters at one and twentie. And yf any of them dye before the age before-said then I will their portion to be equallie devyded betwene the children of William Petfeilde then alive. And my will and mynde is that my saide sonne, Petfeilde, shall have the occupyng of that money untill the children shall come to their full age puttinge in sufficient suertie to my executors to paye the money as ys abovesaid.

Item I give to Margerye, my wife, two and twentie poundes to be paied within three monethes after my decease.

Item I will that she shall have all her householde stuffe which she brought me and that householde (sic) which we renewed and boughte since we marryed.

Item I will that Margerye, my wife, shall have all my broome, wood, and logges, which I have at my departure.

Item I will and give to Margerye, my wife, twentie shillings of money.

Item I give to Margerye, my wife, that twelve poundes which is due unto me from Fendring Yf my executors can recover yt of hym.

Item I will that Margerye, my wife, shall have her dwellings for twoe yeres in that parte of the house wherein we do nowe dwell that is in the lower parloure and the twoe chambers next Mr. Ruddes and parte of the backehouse yf my sonne Robert do enjoy the house. But yf it be redeemed and he do not enjoy it then I will that my sonne Robert shall paye unto Margerye, my wife, fouer pounde for twoe yeres dwellinge.

Item I give to Margerye, my wife, my tipped pott tearme of her life, and after her decease I give it to Judith, my daughter.

Item My will is that yf Margerye, my wife, doe make any clayme or title to the thirdes or any parte of that house wherein I nowe do dwell, that then she shall be frustrate of the twoe and twentie pounde given her and I will the fore said two and twentie pounde to be divided betwene my three sonnes Henrye, Edmonde and Robert Shearman. Also my will and mynde ys that she shall put in bonde to myne Executors before shall receyve any parte of her legacy that she do not trouble or moleste myne Executors or my sonne Robert in any-

thinge that is given them.

Item I will and bequeathe to Robert Shearman, my sonne three skore pounds which three skore pounds I give for the state of the house wherein I nowe dwell which was latelie Richarde Kinges, Berebruer of Colchester. And yf it shall happen that the saied three skore pounde be not paied according to bargayne and sale at the tyme appointed then I give the foresaied house wherein I now dwell latelie Richarde Kinges with yards and appurtenances to Robert Shearman, my sonne, and his heires for ever.

Item I give to Robert Shearman, my sonne, all the copiehoule called the Heckells, or knowne by any other name conteyninge by estimacon fifteene acres more or lesse with the barne and cottage to it and two acres called Byrdes, now in the occupation of William Petfeilde, to hym and his heires, forever.

Item I bive to my saied sonne, Robert Shearman, fouerty pounde of good and lawfull money to be paied unto hym within sixe monethes after my decease. I will it be divided betwene the children of Robert Shearman then alive.

Item My mynde is that Robert, my sonne, shall have the occupyng of the money untill the children come of age, puttinge in sufficient securitye to my executors for the principall.

Item I give unto Robert, my sonne, all my householde stuffs which I had before I marryed Margerye, my wife, that is to saye, Beddes, featherbeddes, cubbardes, bedsteades, pillowes, brasse, pewter, hangings, togeather with the greate cupboarde in the parlour and the sealinge with the three tapestrie cushions.

Also I give unto him three payer of sheetes and all other ymplements of householde, Allso I give unto Robert, my sonne, my silver and gilte goblett. Allso I give unto Robert Shearman, my sonne, my best gowne.

Item I give unto Robert my sonne one sword and a Bylle.

Item I give unto Judith Petfeild, my daughter, the cheste and lynnyn upon the Soller (three payer of sheetes excepted before given to Robert my sonne)

Item I give unto Henrye Shearman, my sonne, twelve silver spoones.

Item I give unto my son in law, Nicholas Fynce, forty shillings.

Item I give unto the poore of Allhallows parishe six shillings, eight pence.

Item I give to Robert, my sonne, the typped pot which he hathe.

Item I give to Henrye Shearman, my sonne, all my Armour except that which I gave to my sonne Robert.

Item I will that yf the fortie poundes which is due unto me by the heires of administrators of Richarde Kinge beerebruer be recovered then I will the saied fortie pounde be equallie divided betwene Henrye Shearman, Edmonde Shearman, Robert Shearman, Judith Petfeild, my children.

Item I give unto Judith Petfeild, my daughter, my sydesaddell and cloath to yt.

Item I give to Robert Shearman, my sonne, my saddle.

Item I give to William Petfeilde my best gowne save one.

Item I give Henry, my sonne, my best cassocke hatte and nightcappe.

Item I give to Christopher Stone a Cloathe doublet.

Item I give to Caser an olde payer of hosen. To Richard Fycher my olde gowne.


Item I give to Edmonde Shearman, Henrye Shearman, Robert Shearman, my sonnes, to eache of them twentie shillings in goulde, and to each of their wyves twentie shillings in goulde.

Item I give to Judithe Petfeild, my daughter, twentye shillings in goulde.

Item I will that the halfe yeares rente due at my decease of all my landes and tenements shall goe to the performance of my will.

Item I give all my goodes unbequeathed to be equallie divided betwixt my three sonnes Henry, Edmonde and Robert Shearman.

Item I make and ordeyne Henry Shearman and Edmonde Shearman, my sonnes, Executors of this my laste will and testament,-- Witnesses unto this my will these whose names be underwritten p me Ricam Symnell, By me Oliver Pyggethelder, By me Nathaniell Bassack, p me Henrye Osborne.

This is Henry  Shearmans mark by his owne hand.

A Codicell annexed to my will for some respite of payinge legaceys by my Executors, the XVI day of February.

I will that the twentie poundes for the poore shalbe paied atoure Ladie day next twelve monethes. I will that Dr. Chapmans sixe pounde be paied at the same tyme. I will that Mr. Parker's fourtie shillings be paied at the same tyme. I will that Nicholas Fynces fourtie shillings be then paied. I will that my sonne Robert have fyve pounde paiede hym this next Ladie day and tenne pounde at the next mydsommer and thirtie fyve pounde at Ladie Daye next come twelve monethe I will that the legaceys for my sonne Edmondes children be payed atoure Ladie day come twelve monethe. I will that Petfeilde have fortie pounde paide hym this nexte mydsommer. Item whereas the twentie pounde which I gave to the poore was appoynted to be ordered by the governours of the free schoole at Dedham. Nowe my mynde ys that my sonne Henry Shearman shall have the occupying of it tearme of his life puttinge in sewertie for to pay the principall and fortie shillings a yere to their use to be bestowed in woollen and lynnyn cloathe. Item my will is that my Executors shall pay my sonne Robert use for fyve and thirtie pounde for the latter halfe yeare.

By me Oliver Pyggethelder, By me, Nathaniell Bassack.
Dated, Jan. 20, 1589/90 Codicil dated Feb. 16, 1589/90
Proved July 25, 1590 P.C.C. Drury, 51 F.D.S. 21-26

Henry^V Sherman (Henry^{VI} Thomas^{III} John^{II} Thomas^I)
Born about 1545 in Dedham Co. Essex; married June 14, 1568 in Moze, Co. Essex, Susan Lawrence who was buried Sept. 13, 1610 in Dedham England, He was buried Aug. 28, 1610 in Dedham, England.
Children: b. Dedham
Phebe bapt. May 1, 1570; m. Simon Fenn
Henry bapt. Aug. 26, 1571; m. Mary

Samuel bapt. Jan. 11, 1573; m. Philippa
 Susan bapt. Aug. 7, 1575
 Daniel m. 1st Aug. 18, 1601, Christian Chapman; m 2nd Sarah.
 Ann (probably Susan, ante); m. 1st Jan. 8, 1594/5 Anthony Whiting; m. 2nd Thomas Wilson
 Nathaniel bapt. June 19, 1580; d. June 21, 1580.
 Nathaniel bapt. July 11, 1582; m. Priscilla Anger.
 John bapt. Aug. 17, 1585; m. Grace
 Ezekiel bapt. July 25, 1587; m. 1st Rachel Alefounder; m. 2nd Anne
 Edmund m. Judith Anger
 Mary bapt. July 27, 1592

F.D.S. 27

WILL of HENRY SHERMAN, of DEDHAM, COUNTY ESSEX ENGLAND

In the name of God, Amen, the one and twentieth day of August in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and tenne, I Henry Shereman the elder of Dedham in the County of Essex, Clothier, being in good remembrance (the Lord be prayed) do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth: first I give and bequeath my soule unto Almighty God who infused it into my mortal and corrupt body and hath washed and purged it from all the defilements of sinne originall and actual with the whole Punishment therefore due unto me in and by the precious Blood of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and my body to be buried at the discretion of myne Executor.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Susan my wife all that my house wherein I now dwell and the land with the Oadhouse and all the appurtenances thereunto now belonging holding of the Manner of Dedham Hall by estimate 20 acres more or less which I had the surrender of my father, I give them to her during her natural life, and my will and meaning is that my wife shall keep the said houses in good lawful and sufficient reparacons as conveniently as she may during all her said terme and that she make no strippe nor waste upon the premises and that she leave at the end of her terme in the dwellinghouse the pannes and leads and in the Oadhouse the leads to them and to eyther of them fastened and belonging and yff my sd wife shall not keep the sd houses in repacons as aforesd and shall make strippe and waste upon the sd houses and lands at any tyme above and beyond the valewe of 20s, then my will and meaning is that my son Henry Shearman shall enter upon said houses and lands within two monethes after such edfault made and then and from thenceforth shall pay during her life to the sd Susan yearly the full summe of L16 of lawful money of England at four several times and quarters of the year the accompt for the year and every quarter thereof being made for the first day of the sd Henry Shearman his entrance into and upon the premises as aforesd and that by even and equal porcons the whole sum being divided into 4 parts. Provided that at the full end of every quarter also the sd Henry (or his assigns) shall bring the sd money as aforesd to the then dwelling house of the sd Susan and for everie default thereof whensoever it shall happen to bee shall forfeite to the sd Susan 20s.

Item: after my wives decease I give and bequeath all the aforesaid houses and land with their appurtenances with my two taynters unto my son Henry Shearman and his heires forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Henry Shearman my sonne the joyned bedstead and the bed on it as it now standeth in the guest chamber and the cubboards in the same chamber and the long table in the Hall with six joyned stools, to have them after my wife's decease and until then my will and mind is that my wife shall have the use and occupancy of them and after to leave them in ye house to my sonne Henry as aforesd bequeathed and to his heires.

Item: I give to Susan my wife six of the best of my silver spoones and to Henry my son six other silver spoones of the best next to them before to my wife bequeathed.

Item: I give and bequeath to Susan my wife the summe of three score pounds in lawful English money.

Item: I give more to Susan my wife my tapestrie coverlett, my best silver salt, 8 of my best milch kine, the bedstead in the parlor on which I used to lye with the beds on it and all things thereunto belonging with the cupboard in the same parlour and 2 chest in the same place, the one a Danske chest the other a joyned chest with a little cofer 2 needlewrought cushions in the hall and one silver cup.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sd wife fower seames of rye that is to say 2 seames presently after my death to be delivered and 2 seames more within fower monethes after both by myne Executor.

Item: My will and meaning is that my wife shall have perceive and take everie yeare during her life six loads of wood in and upon the lands at this time to me belonging and in my occupacon-- Provided that she taketh indifferently upon one part as upon another to whomsoever bequeathed and as the wood shall be of most fitt growth for that purpose with ingresse and egresse into all and every parcel of sd lands to fell and carrie the sd six loads of wood as afore bequeathed: also I give unto Susan my wife halfe my hoggs with the halfe of all my household stuffe whatsoever before unbequeathed as halfe of the linnen and draperie, halfe of the brasse pewter and dayrie vessels brewing vessels and other things fitt and needful for house keeping. All the residue of household stuffe and cattells not bequeathed my mynde and will is shalbe equally divided among all my children.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Nathaniel Shearman my sonne the house wherein now William King now dwelleth with the lands thereto belonging called Scotts by estimation 5 acres more or less with the appurtenances to him and his heires forever upon condicon that he shall pay unto my son Daniel Shearman or his heires the sum of L10 of lawful English money within 2 yeares after my decease.

Item: I give unto Nathaniel Sherman my sonne my broad loome which is now in the occupation of John Orvis of Lawford with the furniture thereto belonging.

Item: I give and bequeath unto John Shearman and Ezekiel Shearman my sonnes all those my lands which were late Doctor Shearman's called the Heckells and Goldings Acres to bee equally divided betwixt them by myne Executors, to them and