

*The Last Will and Testament  
Of Thomas Weaver  
of Hankerton  
Will Proved  
19<sup>th</sup> June 1651*



Probate Court of London  
Original reference  
Will Dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 1650

<b>Testator:</b>	Weaver	Thomas	Yeoman of Hankerton
<b>Executors:</b>	Weaver	Mary	Wife
			Sole Executrix

Beneficiaries		Relationship to testator	Other Information
Surname	Given Names		
			The poor of Hankerton
		Godchildren	
Browning	Hanna		Servant
Drake		Nieces and Nephews	Children of Edmond Drake
Drake		Nephews	Sons of Richard Drake
Drake	Edmond	Brother	
Drake	Robert	Brother	
Drake	Sarah	Niece	
Harwell	Edward		Joint Overseer
Isgate	Thomas		
Weaver	William	Not Stated	Joint Overseer
<b>Witnesses</b>			
Beale	William		
Weaver	William		
<b>Other Names</b>			

In the name of God amen The nineteenthe day of November Anno. Dom. One thousand six hundred and fifty I **Thomas Weaver** of Clotley in the Parish of Hankerton in the County of Wiltes yeoman being of good and perfect memory for the setting ordering and dispossessing of my goods and Chattell which God hath endued me withall to come & remaine amongst and upon my Wiffe and others here after named according to my meaning herein declared hoping thereby to avoyed all occasion of and contention and to maintaine laws and concord between them after my Death; I do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme Following; And first is it becometh Christian with a repentant heart for my many faults sinnes past; I yield my Soul unto all mighty God that Created me with full Confidence in his mercy, and by the meritts of my Saviour Christ; to rise at the generall day of the resurrection among his elect and chosen; my body I leave to the earth from whence it came, with such funerall as shall please my Executrix hereafter named .

Item I give unto **Sarah Drake** my brothers Daughter twentie pounds to be set forth to her best benefitt and advantage by my Executrix and overseers hereafter named within halfe a yeare after my Decease and to be payd her together with the benefitt that shall be made thereof when she shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares and twenty pounds more within one month after my wives Decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother **Edmond Drake** four pounds and my best coate; The four pounds to be equally devided betweene him and his Children; and to be payd them within one month after my wives Decease

Item I give unto my brother **Robert Drake** three pounds and my best suite of apparell; the said three pounds to equally devided betweene him and his sones; and to be payd within one month after my wives Decease; And if any one of my said Brothers or their Children happen to dye before their portions shall be due and payable, then my will is that his or her part so dying, shall remaine and come to the other then living

Item I give unto my servant **Hanna Browning** tenn shillings


Item I give to the poore of the parish of Hankerton fortie shillings to be sett forth to their use from tyme to tyme by the Churchwardens for the tyme being to four honest men uppon good securitie; shortly after my decease; and soe to remaine in a stock for them for ever, and the use thereof to be distributed every yeare by the minister and Churchwardens then being

Item I give unto **Thomas Isgate** tenn pounds to be payd within one month after my wives Decease;


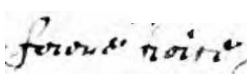
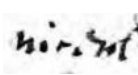
Item I give unto every one of my Godchildren twelve & over; Alsoe I define **Edward Harwell** to be one of my overseers and I give unto him tenn shillings; and also I define **William Weaver** of Myntie to be another Overseer; and I give unto him twentie shillings

Item I give unto the above named **Sarah Drake** the bedstead and the bedd, with the furniture thereof which is in the outward chamber the {beast Cattoll }? halfe of the barrells and cowles and payles

Item my Will is that if it shall please God; that the above named **Thomas Isgate** and **Sarah Drake** shall hereafter happen to marry together and become husband and wiffe; then the tenn pounds given to **Thomas Isgate** and the fortie pounds given to **Sarah Drake** as above said shall be made upp one hundred pounds to be payd to them within one halfe yeare after my wives decease. The use and occupation of all the rest of my goods and Chattell both moveable and unmoveable not before given and bequeathed my debts payd; my legacies fullfilled and my funerall expenses discharged; I leave to **Mary** my wiffe to deal upon and to ymploye her selfe therewith as need and occasions shall require for her maintenance during her Naturall life; whome I make my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament; not doubting but that she will see the same {xformed ?} in all things according to the trust in her reposed; And after my said wives decease An Inventory being taken and praised of all and singular the said goods and Chattell; the one halfe of the said goods and Chattell I give and bequeath unto the above named **Edmond Drake** and **Robert Drake** and to their Children to be devided equally amongst them; And if any one of them; or more happen to Dye before their said portions shall bee due and payable; then my will is; that his or her part soe dying shall remaine and come to the others then living by equall portions; The other half of my goods and Chattell remaining in the occupation and custody of my said Wiffe my will is that she shall give and Dispose the same either by her last will or otherwise to whome she please; according to the true intent and

meaning of these 

----- *Thomas Weaver* his marke -----

 that those words  & there once were  made before the signing & declaring hereof

Wittnesses hereunto ----- *William Beale* ----- *William Weaver* *his marke*

This will was proved at London the nineteenth day of June One thousand six hundred fiftie and one before Sir Nathaniel Brent Knt By the Oath of Mary Weaver the Relict and Executrix in this will named To whome was comitted Dower of all and singular the goods rights and Creditts of the said Deceased she being first legally sworne by virtue of a Comission well and truly to Administer the same.