



# RECASTING THE HISTORY OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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William Shakespeare, Cuthbert Burbage, Henry Condell, Thomas Evans, of London aforesaid, gentlemen, situate in the precinct of the Blackfriars, London, for the term of twenty-one years and for and under an annual rental of five pounds, fourteen shillings, and four pence;

Which particular first recited indenture of lease, just as is set forth, to the forementioned William Slye made and granted as has been abovesaid, one Cecilia Brown, executrix of the last will and testament of the same William Slye, for good considerations her thereunto moving, by virtue of her executorship aforesaid, surrendered and to him the forementioned Richard Burbage delivered up to be cancelled and made void, together with all her right and interest of and in the foresaid seventh part of the same playhouse and premises, just as by the foresaid indenture of lease and of surrender thereupon endorsed more fully may appear;

And which particular seventh part of the same playhouse and premises so to the foresaid William Slye demised, and surrendered as has been said above, afterwards was divided, demised, and reserved by the foresaid Richard Burbage to the forementioned John Hemynys, Henry Condell, the forementioned Richard Burbage and others by separate indentures of lease, all which particular indentures of lease were surrendered and delivered up to the forementioned Richard Burbage to be cancelled and made void;

The foresaid Richard Burbage, for divers good and reasonable considerations him the forementioned Richard thereunto moving, did demise and to farm let to the forementioned William Osteler all the foresaid seventh part of the foresaid playhouse and premises, just as is set forth to the forementioned William Slye and others demised, having been surrendered as is abovesaid (except just as in the foresaid first recited indenture of lease and in the foresaid five other indentures of lease first before-mentioned is excepted.)

To have and to hold the foresaid seventh part of the foresaid playhouse and premises, in the manner formerly by the foresaid indenture to the forementioned William Osteler [sic—Slye] demised (except excepted) to the forementioned William Osteler, his executors, administrators, and assigns, from the feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary [25 March, 1611.] last past before the date of the said indenture unto the end and term of eighteen years and one quarter of a year then next ensuing, fully to be completed and finished;

Yielding and paying therefor annually during the said term to the forementioned Richard Burbage, his heirs and assigns, five pounds fourteen shillings and fourpence of lawful money of England at the four chief usual feasts or terms in the year—namely, at the feasts of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, [24 June,] St. Michael the Archangel, [29 Sept.,] the Birth of the Lord, [25 Dec.,] and the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, [25 March,] or within twenty-one days next after any one of the same feast days by equal portions.

And whereas by a certain other indenture between Basil Nicholl, William Shakespeare, John Witter, John Hemynys, Henry Condell, and John Edmonds and Mary, his wife, of the one party and the forementioned William Osteler of the other party at London aforesaid in the foresaid parish of the blessed Mary-le-Bow in the ward of Cheap, London,

made, bearing date the twentieth day of February in the year of the reign of the said Lord King now of England the ninth (1611) abovementioned, it being necessarily recited.

That whereas one Nicholas Brend of West Moulsey, in the County of Surry, esquire, by his indenture tripartite, bearing date the twenty-first day of February in the year of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth, recently Queen of England, the forty-first, [1599,] for considerations in the same indenture tripartite mentioned and expressed, did demise, grant, and to farm let to these certain ones, Cuthbert Burbage and Richard Burbage of London, gentlemen, to the forementioned William Shakespeare, and to Augustine Phillips and Thomas Pope of London, gentlemen, deceased, to the foresaid John Hemynys and to William Kempe, recently of London, gentleman, deceased, all that parcel of ground just recently before inclosed and made into four separate garden plots recently in the tenure and occupation of Thomas Rurt and Isbrand Morris, diers, and of Lactanius Roper, salter, citizen of London, containing in length from east to west two hundred and twenty feet of assize or thereabouts, lying and adjoining upon a way or lane there on one [i. e., south] side and abutting upon a piece of land called The Park upon the north, and upon a garden then or recently in the tenure or occupation of one John Cornishe toward the west and upon another garden plot then or recently in the tenure or occupation of one John Knowles toward the east, with all the houses, buildings, structures, ways, easements, commodities, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any manner pertaining;

Which said premises are situate, lying, and being within the parish of Saint Saviour in Southwark in the County of Surry;

And also all that parcel of land just recently before enclosed and made into three separate garden plots whereof two of the same [were] recently in the tenure or occupation of John Roberts, carpenter, and another recently in the occupation of one Thomas Ditcher, citizen and merchant tailor, of London, situate, lying, and being in the parish aforesaid in the foresaid County of Surry, containing in length from east to west by estimation one hundred and fifty and six feet of assize or thereabouts and in breadth from the north to the south one hundred feet of assize by estimation or thereabouts; lying and adjoining upon the other side of the way or lane aforesaid, and abutting upon a garden plot there then or recently just before in the occupation of William Sellers toward the east, and upon one other garden plot there then or recently just before in the tenure of John Burgram, sadler, toward the west, and upon a lane there, called Maiden Lane, toward the south; with all the houses, buildings, structures, ways, easements, commodities, and appurtenances to the last recited premises or to any part or parcel thereof belonging or in any manner pertaining, together with free ingress, egress, and regress, and passage to and for the foresaid Cuthbert Burbage and Richard Burbage and to the forementioned William Shakespeare, Augustine Phillips, Thomas Pope, John Hemynys, and William Kempe, their executors, administrators, and assigns, and to all and every other person or persons having occasion to come to them by and through the foresaid way or lane, lying and being between the premises aforesaid, mentioned to be demised as is above said, to and from the foresaid

premises mentioned to be demised as is aforesaid, and at all and every time and times during the said term below written;

To have and to hold one moiety or half part of the said separate garden plots and all and singular other the forementioned and demised premises, with all and singular the appurtenances to the forementioned Cuthbert Burbage and Richard Burbage their executors, administrators, and assigns, from the Feast of the Birth of the Lord [25 Dec., 1598,] last past before the date of the said indenture unto the full end and term of thirty-one years immediately next ensuing and fully to be complete and finished, for an annual rental of seven pounds and five shillings.

And to have and to hold the foresaid other moiety or half part of the foresaid separate garden plots and all and singular other the premises mentioned to be demised as is abovesaid, with all and singular their appurtenances to the forementioned William Shakespeare, Augustin Phillips, Thomas Pope, John Hemynys, and William Kempe, their executors, administrators, and assigns, from the feast of the Birth of the Lord [25 Dec., 1598,] last past before the date of the said indenture until the full end and term of thirty-one years immediately next succeeding and fully to be completed and finished, for an annual rental of seven pounds and five shillings;

Which particular separate amounts were payable upon the four feasts or terms in the year, namely, at the feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, [25 March,] of the Nativity of St. John

Baptist, [24 June,] of Saint Michael the Archangel, [29 September,] and of the Birth of the Lord, [25 December,] or within sixteen days next after any feast of the feasts aforesaid by equal portions, just as by the foresaid recited indenture among other things may and doth appear. [Having given the history of the shares up to this point, the Attorney now returns to the lease to Osteler, 1611.]

Upon which particular premises, or upon some part thereof, a certain playhouse, suitable for the showing forth and acting of comedies and tragedies, did exist.

Of which particular playhouse, garden plots, and premises one moiety or half part, into six equal parts and portions divided, the foresaid Basil Nicoll, William Shakespeare, John Witter, John Hemynys, Henry Condell, John Edmonds, and Mary his wife, at the time of the making of the foresaid indenture, to the foresaid William Osteler made, did have and enjoy;

Namely, the foresaid Basil Nicoll, John Edmonds, and Mary his wife had one equal sixth part thereof, the foresaid William Shakespeare had one other equal sixth part thereof, the foresaid John Witter had one other equal sixth part thereof, and the foresaid John Hemynys and Henry Condell had three equal sixth parts thereof, just as by the separate conveyances thereof made more fully may appear;

The foresaid Basil Nicoll, William Shakespeare, John Witter, John Hemynys, Henry Condell, John Edmonds, and Mary, his wife, in consideration of a certain competent sum of money to the same Basil, William, John, John, Henry, John, and

Mary by the foresaid William Osteler before the sealing of the said indenture in hand paid, whereof the same Basil, William, John, John, Henry, John, and Mary acknowledged, the receipt at London aforesaid, in the foresaid parish of the blessed Mary-le-Bow in the ward of Cheap, London, aforesaid, did demise, bargain, sell, assign, and set over to the foresaid William Osteler, one equal seventh part and portion of the foresaid moiety and half part and portion of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and premises in and by the foresaid recited indenture of lease demised (the same moiety and half part of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and premises into seven parts and portions being divided.)

To have and to hold the foresaid seventh part and portion of the foresaid moiety or half part of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and premises, by the foresaid indenture to the forementioned William Osteler mentioned to be granted, bargained, sold, assigned, and set over, to the forementioned William Osteler, his executors, administrators, and assigns from the time of the making of that indenture for and during the residue then still to come of the foresaid term of thirty-one years by the foresaid indenture of lease granted, in such ample manner and form as the foresaid Basil Nicoll, William Shakespeare, John Witter, John Hemynys, Henry Condell, John Edmonds, and Mary his wife or any one of them the premises aforesaid had or enjoyed.

By virtue of which particular separate leases, the same William Osteler was possessed both of the foresaid seventh part of all the foresaid playhouse and

other premises aforesaid situate in the precinct of the Blackfriars, London, in the foresaid indenture of lease before specified, and also of the foresaid other seventh part and portion of the moiety of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and other premises aforesaid, in the foresaid second indenture of lease before similarly specified, situate in the foresaid parish of Saint Saviour in Southwark, in the foresaid County of Surry.

And so thereof being possessed, the same William Osteler afterwards—namely, on the 10th day of December in the year of the reign of the Lord James, now King of England, the 12th, [1614,] at London aforesaid, namely, in the parish of the blessed Mary-le-Bow, in the ward of Cheap, London, died intestate.

After whose death the administration of all and singular the goods, chattels, rights, and credits which were belonging to the foresaid William Osteler at the time of his death, by the right reverend father in Christ, the Lord George, by divine favor Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate, and Metropolitan of all England, to the forementioned Thomasina on the twenty-second day of December, in the year of the Lord one thousand six hundred and fourteenth, at London aforesaid, in the foresaid parish of the blessed Mary-le-Bow in the ward of Cheap, London aforesaid, was granted;

By force of which, both the foresaid seventh part of all the foresaid playhouse and other the premises aforesaid situate in the precinct of the Blackfriars, London, aforesaid, and the foresaid other seventh part and portion of the garden plots aforesaid, of the playhouse, and of other the premises aforesaid, situate in the foresaid parish of Saint Saviour in Southwark, in the foresaid County of Surry, specified in the foresaid separate indentures of lease aforesaid to the foresaid William Osteler as set forth granted, and all the profit thereon arising and accruing, to the same Thomasina, by virtue of the administration aforesaid, of right did belong and pertain.

Which particular separate indentures of lease, both of the foresaid seventh part of the whole foresaid playhouse and other the premises aforesaid situate in the precinct of the Blackfriars, London aforesaid, and of the foresaid seventh part and portion of the foresaid moiety of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and other the premises aforesaid situate in the foresaid parish of Saint Saviour in Southwark, in the foresaid County of Surry, after the death of the foresaid William Osteler, namely, on the foresaid twenty-second day of December, in the year of the reign of the said Lord King now of England the twelfth [1614] abovesaid, at London aforesaid, in the foresaid parish of the blessed Mary-le-Bow, in the ward of Cheap, London aforesaid, to the hands and possession of the foresaid John Hemynys merely to be safe kept did come and then still in the hands of the same John Hemynys did remain and continue, and yet still do remain and be.

And the same John Hemynys the gains, profits, and commodities both of and for the foresaid seventh part of all the foresaid playhouse and other the premises aforesaid situate in the foresaid precinct of the Blackfriars, London aforesaid, and of the foresaid seventh part and portion of the moiety of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and other the premises aforesaid situate in the foresaid parish of Saint Saviour in Southwark in the foresaid County of Surry, specified in the foresaid indentures of lease, as is set forth, from day to day increasing and

growing and to the foresaid Thomasina, after the death of the foresaid William Osteler as is set forth, belonging and pertaining, being all the estate which she the same Thomasina had to herself, by the death of the foresaid William Osteler her husband, left remaining both for her relief and maintenance and for paying the debts of the same William Osteler, amounting to a very great value from the time of the death of the same William Osteler unto the present, by color of a certain pretended grant and assignment (to the same Thomasina totally unknown) to him the forementioned John Hemynys by the foresaid William Osteler of trust made, as the same John Hemynys to the forementioned Thomasina has declared and affirmed, has received and had and them to his own private use has converted without giving any compensation therefore to the same Thomasina for the same, and those indentures of lease aforesaid from the forementioned Thomasina has detained and yet still doth detain and them to her the forementioned Thomasina to render and deliver up has utterly refused, although the same John has very frequently been required to do this by the foresaid Thomasina both after the death of the foresaid William Osteler, and after the administration aforesaid granted to her the forementioned Thomasina, as is set forth.

And the same Thomasina further in fact says that the true value of the foresaid seventh part of all the foresaid playhouse and other the premises situate in the foresaid precinct of the Blackfriars, London aforesaid, from the time of the death of the foresaid William Osteler unto the present and for the residue of the term of years in the foresaid indenture of lease thereof, to the forementioned William Osteler made as is set forth, amounts to three hundred pounds of legal money of England; and that the true value of the foresaid seventh part of the moiety of the foresaid garden plots, playhouse, and other the premises aforesaid situate in the foresaid parish of Saint Saviour in Southwark, in the foresaid County of Surry, from the time of the death of the foresaid William Osteler unto the present and for the residue of the term of years in the foresaid indenture of lease thereof, to the same William Osteler made as is set forth, amounts to three hundred pounds of legal money of England;

Yet, nevertheless, the foresaid John, very little regarding his promise and undertaking aforesaid, but plotting and basely intending the same Thomasina in this part cunningly and craftily to deceive and defraud, the foresaid six hundred pounds for the true value of the same two seventh parts of the playhouses aforesaid to the forementioned Thomasina not yet has paid nor in any way for the same satisfied, although thereunto by the same Thomasina afterwards, namely, on the fifth day of October in the year of the reign of the said Lord King now of England the thirteenth [1615] abovesaid, at London aforesaid, in the parish and ward aforesaid very often demand has been made of him.

By which means the same Thomasina the whole gain, commodity, and profit which she with the foresaid six hundred pounds would have and enjoy, to buy, sell, and lawfully bargain, if the foresaid John his promise and undertaking aforesaid in the form aforesaid had performed, is utterly deprived of and has wholly lost, whereby she says that she has received harm and has sustained damage to the value of six hundred pounds, and therefore has brought suit, &c.

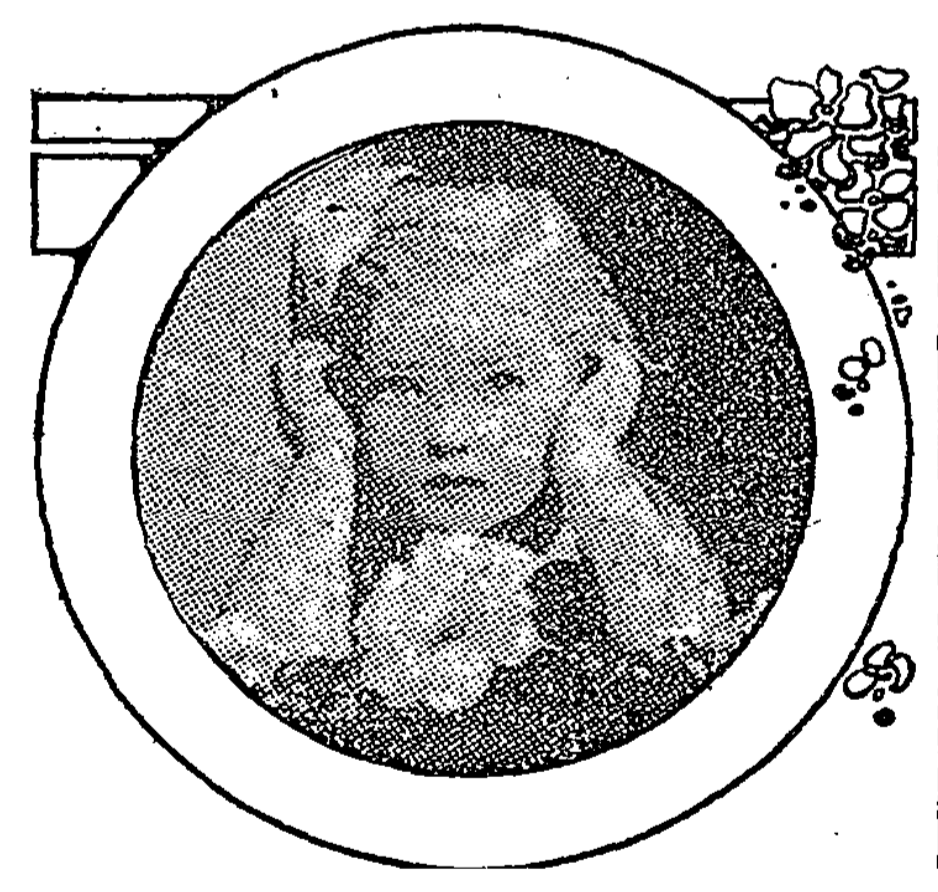
## The Girl Who Saw Peary First.

### How Ruth Howe Planned and Succeeded in Trapping the Explorer.

There's a sweet little blue-eyed miss way up on Maine's northern border who for a few moments made the great explorer Peary forget all about Dr. Cook and most everything else, in the first greeting on American soil which came lisped from childish lips while chubby hands held up to him a huge bouquet of sweet peas.

This little girl met the home-coming polar hero, literally on the threshold of the nation, as the train which brought him stopped hardly more than its length after crossing the Canadian line, in the small border town of Vanceboro. The entire community was out hours before to get a glimpse of the man who had been where it was even colder than in Vanceboro, which is said to be the coldest place in Maine, and that's some cold. The schools were dismissed and the children crowded to the station with bouquets and flags.

One of these, little Ruth Howe, had plans of her own in her pretty head. Her father is a railroad man and she had been at the station many times and knew exactly where the parlor car would stop. She knew that all the most important folks rode in the parlor car and that they came out and some of them said, "Thank the good Lord, I'm back in the United States," or words to that effect. She had it all planned out that when Mr. Peary, after being all this time away from the United States, would be quite



Ruth Howe

sure to come out on the parlor car platform to look around at the United States—of course he would. So little Ruth, looking as fresh and

sweet as the flowers she carried, picked out the spot where she thought the parlor car would stop and waited patiently. She was a good guesser, for hardly had the train come to a standstill than a big, tall man in a blue suit and looking stern and cross, Ruth thought, came out of the car, took a long, sweeping glance all around, and then stepped down, almost on Ruth's toes.

Standing on tip-toe the little girl held up her bouquet with both hands and lisped cheerily, "Welcome home, Commander Peary." The greeting was too insistent to be unheeded, and the stern visage of the explorer relaxed as he bent down and picked up the little one, bouquet and all, swinging her high above his head. "Thank you, little one, and bless you, bless you," said he as scores of children crowded around him pressing their bouquets and waving their flags. He accepted all the flowers until his arms were full.

The children asked all sorts of odd questions of him, which he answered in kind repartee, questions which the most astute newspaper men had never thought of propounding. Distinguished citizens had to wait to get a handshake. Mrs. Peary and Miss Marie looked on and smiled from the parlor car.

The Commander waived adieu as long as his train was in sight, and little Ruth Howe tossed her brown curls and declared, "I saw him the very firstest."