

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the last will and testament, dated 20 June 1592 and proved 1 February 1593, of Edmund Hakluyt, brother of the geographer, Richard Hakluyt (1552?-1616).

For the testator's family, see the will of his grandfather, Thomas Hakluyt (d.1544), TNA PROB 11/30, ff. 50-1, who married, as his second wife, Katherine Trentham, sister of Richard Trentham (d.1547), the grandfather of Oxford's second wife, Elizabeth Trentham (d.1612), and the will of his father, Richard Hakluyt (d.1557), TNA PROB 11/39, f. 129.

It should be noted that the testator refers in the will below to his brother, Thomas, buried in Oxford, and that the testator's father, Richard Hakluyt (d.1557), also refers in his own will to a brother, Sir Walter Hakluyt, with connections to Oxford:

Item, I will that according to my brother Sir Walter Hakluyt's will and testament such money be bestowed upon the poor and otherwise at Oxford as his will and testament purporteth at large amounting to the sum of £6, that is to say, to the poor in the parish of St Tolle [=St Olave?] 6s 8d, and to(?) a priest of Brodeyates [=Broadgates] five marks for one year and five marks for another year to preach God's word and to pray for all Christian souls.

As noted in the will, the testator was tutor to Sir William Howard (1577-1615), son of Lord Admiral Charles Howard (1536-1624) to whom the testator's brother, Richard Hakluyt (1552?-1616), dedicated the second edition of the Principal Navigations on 7 October 1598.

RM: T{estamentum} Edmondi Hackluyte

In the name of God, Amen. I, Edmund Hakluyt of Eyton in the county of Hereford, gentleman, being in perfect health of body and good understanding of mind, do make my last will and testament in form following:

First I bequeath my soul into the hands of the Blessed Trinity, by whose infinite and unspeakable goodness and mercy I was created, redeemed, sanctified and preserved so many years in this huge sea of dangers and vale of tears, whose gracious goodness, instead of punishing my grievous sins, hath bountifully poured many benefits upon me, yea, when my father and mother forsook me and were taken from me by death even in mine infancy, the Lord took me up, the Lord cared for me, *Tibi laus tibi honor tibi gratiarum actis in secula seculorum, Amen;*

My free land in Eyton and elsewhere I give to my well-beloved brother, Mr Richard Hakluyt, and to his heirs males lawfully begotten forever;

For default of such issue male unto the issue male of Oliver Hakluyt, my brother;

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For want of such issue male to the female issue of my eldest brother;

For lack of such issue to the female issue of Oliver;

For default of such to the children of Katherine Moore, my sister;

For lack of such issue to my sister Andrews' children;

For want of such issue to the Queen and her heirs and successors forever;

My lease of five years to come of eight pounds yearly bought of Richard Cooper of Darkinge [=Dorking?] I give unto my brother, Richard, and Katherine Moore, my sister;

My stock in Ireland, between forty pounds and fifty, I would have gathered up into mine executor's hands, whereof five pounds I give unto my sister Katherine, ten shillings apiece to all her children, the like ten shillings apiece to my other sister's children, twenty shillings to my cousin, Dorothy Davyes, as a token for my thankful mind;

Also to my gentle cousin Vernon at her house I bequeath four rials to be put in a ring and given her from me;

To the sweet, courteous and honourable young gentleman Mr William Howard, son and heir to the Lord Admiral (unto whom I was tutor four years together), I bequeath as a shadow of [+a?] loving and dutiful mind forty shillings to be put into a ring with his arms to be engraven thereon, desiring him to accept of my name and to know them the rather for my sake;

My two trunks and apparel, as well satin as whatsoever else not particularly specified, together with two cloaks of silk grogram, the one black, the other peach colour lined with rich taffeta, I leave to the disposition of mine executor, praying him to bury me near my cousin, Richard Hakluyt, or by my brother Thomas in Oxford, and that he will bestow upon some small remembrance of me forty shillings, as much for some monument for my dear cousin, Richard Hakluyt, esquire;

And whereas my cousin Norwood lent [f. 135v] me certain books of the civil law which remain in the hands of William Tomkyns, vicar of Twickenham upon Thames, together with many books of mine own, I pray mine executor to see the same safely with many thanks redelivered, with full satisfaction to be made unto him for those that be wanting;

Thus I end my painful, sorrowful and wearisome pilgrimage in this vale of tears, making my loving brother, Richard Hakluyt, mine executor;

O Christ my soul thirsteth, longeth and gaspeth after thee. Receive me with those blessed arms stretched on the tree and ready to embrace everyone that seeketh salvation in thine agonies and merits. Into thine hands, Lord I commend me, body and soul. Preserve me

now and in the hour of my death. *Veni domino Jesu, veni cito et noli tardare. Amen. Alleluia.* Iunij 20 1592. By me, Edmund Hakluyt. By me, Roger Moer [=More?].

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram venerabili viro Mag^{ist}ro Will^{el}mo Lewin legum Doctore Cur^{ie} prerogatiue Cantuarien^{sis} Mag^{ist}ro Custode siue Comissario primo die mensis ffebruarij Anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo secundo Iuramento Rich^{ard}i Hackluyte f^{rat}ris dⁱc^ti Def^{uncti} et executoris in h^{uius}mo^di testamento nominatⁱ Cui commissa fuit Administracⁱo bonorum Iurium et Creditoru^m dⁱc^ti Def^{uncti} de bene et fideliter Administrand^o ad sancta dei Evangelia Iuratⁱ

[=The above-written testament was proved at London before the worshipful Master William Lewin, Doctor of the Laws, Master, Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on the first day of the month of February in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred ninety-second by the oath of Richard Hakluyt, brother of the said deceased and executor named in the same testament, to whom administration was granted of the goods, rights and credits of the said deceased, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer.]